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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross

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Saturday 3:30–4:30 P.M.,
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Baptisms: Please arrange with the pastor.

Marriages: a notice of at least 6 months should be given to the pastor, before the proposed wedding date to arrange for the required interview and instructions.

Antiphon Prayer

Christ God, enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit, when You extended Your arms on the Cross, You attracted the whole world to Your knowledge. Illumine us today by its light. Sanctify us by its power. Comfort us by its Exaltation. And make us worthy to partake of Your divine glory. For You are our salvation, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Troparion of the Resurrection (7th Tone)

You destroyed Death by Your cross. * You opened paradise to the thief. * You changed the weeping of the myrrhbearers, * and commanded Your apostles to proclaim * that You, have risen O Christ God, * granting to the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST (Tone 1)

"O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting peace to the world. And preserve Your community by the power of Your Cross."

Kontakion of the Feast (Tone 4)

O Christ God, who chose by Your free volition to be elevated upon the holy cross, grant Your mercies to Your new people who are called by Your name. In Your power gladden the hearts of our public authorities. Strengthen them in every good deed so that Your true alliance may be for them a weapon of peace and a standard of victory.

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS: Hirmos of the 9th Ode of the Feast (Tone 8)

O Mother of God, you became a mystical paradise when without tilling you brought forth Christ our God by Whom the life-giving tree of the Cross was planted on earth. Wherefore we deeply bow before this Cross which is exalted today, and we magnify you.

EPISTLE: Gal 2:16-20

PROKIMENON: Ps.103: 24, 1 (Tone 4)

How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Stichon: Bless the Lord. O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها المسيح الإله، يا من علّق على الصليب حُبّاً لنا، طَهَّرنا من خطايانا. وطلّنا بالإيمان. ثَبَّتْنا بالرجاء. وأحزم نفوسنا بمحبة صليبك، لكي نصبح هياكل لروحك القدوس لأنك أنت نورنا وحياتنا، ولك أن تُخلّصنا، أيها المسيح الإله، وإليك نرفعُ المجد والشكر والسجود، وإلى أبوك الأزلي وروحك القدوس، الصالح والمحيي، الآن وكل أوان...

نشيد القيامة باللحن السابع

لاشيء بصليبك الموت، وفتحت للحي الفردوس، وحولت نوح حاملات الطيب الى فرح، وأمرت رسلك أن يكرزوا مبشرين بأنك قد قمّت، أيها المسيح الإله، مانحاً العالم عظيم الرحمة.

نشيد الصليب الكريم المقدس باللحن الاول
خلص يا رب شعبك وبارك ميراثك مانحاً العالم السلام، واحفظ بقوة صليبك رعيتك.

قنداق الختام لرفع الصليب (اللحن الرابع)

يا مَنْ رُفِعَ على الصليب طوعاً، ايها المسيح الإله، امنح رأفتك لشعبك الجديد الملقب باسمك. فرحٌ بقدرتك ملوكنا المؤمنين. مانحاً إياهم الغلبة على محاربيهم. لتكن لهم نُصْرَتُكَ سلاح سلامٍ وشعار انتصار.

النشيد لوالدة الإله باللحن الثامن

يا والدة الإله، انت الفردوس السري، اذ انك انبتت المسيح بغير فلاحه، الذي به نُصِبَتْ في الارض شجرة الصليب الحامل الحياة. فالآن نسجد له مرفوعاً، وإياك نعظم.

رسالة الاحد الحادي والعشرون بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

ما اعظم أعمالك يا رب، لقد صنعت جميعها بحكمة

بارك يا نفسي الرب، أيها الرب إلهي لقد عظمت جداً

الرسالة (غلاطية 2: 16-21)





Our church organizations:

MAYA: organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra. <https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.

www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and support s vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States. <https://melkite.org/namw>



BRETHREN, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence, we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means. For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me.

ALLELUIA: Ps.44: 5, 8 (Tone 4)

String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

Stichon: You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

The Holy Gospel

Sunday after the Holy Cross, Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

يا إخوة، لعلنا بأن الإنسان لا يُبرَّر بأعمال الناموس، بل إنّنا بالآيمان بيسوع المسيح، نحنُ أيضًا آمنًا بالمسيح يسوع، لكي نُبرَّر بالآيمان بالمسيح لا بأعمال الناموس. إذ لن يُبرَّر بأعمال الناموس أحدٌ من ذوي الجسد. فإن كُنّا، ونحنُ طالبون التبرير في المسيح، نوجدُ نحنُ أيضًا خطأ، أفَيكونُ المسيحُ خادماً للخطيئة؟ حاشى. فإن عدتُ أبني ما قد هدمتُ، جعلتُ نفسي متعدياً. لأنني بالناموس مُتُّ للناموس، لكي أحيأ لله. اني مصلوبٌ مع المسيح. وأنا حيٌّ، لا أنا بعدُ، انما المسيحُ حيٌّ فيّ، وما أحيأه الآن في الجسد، أنّما أحيأه في الايمان بابن الله، الذي أحببني وبذل نفسه عني

هلوليا

إِسْتَلِّ وَسِرْ الى الامام، واملِكْ في سبيل الحق والِدَعَةِ والِبَرِّ، فتهديك يمينك هدًى عَجِيْباً أَجَبَبْتَ الْبِرَّ وأَبْغَضْتَ الْإِثْمَ، لذلك مسخك الله بدهن البهجة أَفْضَلَ من شركائك

الانجيل المقدس

(مرقس 8: 34 الى 9: 1)

قال الرب. مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَتَّبِعَنِي، فَلْيُنْكَزْ نَفْسَهُ وَيَحْمِلْ صَلِيبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعَنِي. لَأَنْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفْسَهُ يَهْلِكُهَا وَمَنْ أَهْلَكَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي وَمِنْ أَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ فَذَلِكَ يُخَلِّصُهَا. فَإِنَّهُ مَاذَا يَنْقُذُ الْإِنْسَانَ لَوْ رَزَحَ الْعَالَمَ كُلَّهُ وَخَسِرَ نَفْسَهُ؟ أَمْ مَاذَا يُعْطِي الْإِنْسَانَ فِدَاءً عَنْ نَفْسِهِ. لَأَنْ مَنْ يَسْتَجِي بِي وَبِكَلَامِي فِي هَذَا الْجِيلِ الْفَاسِقِ الْخَاطِئِ، يَسْتَجِي بِهِ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ أَيْضاً مَتَى آتَى فِي مَجْدِ أَبِيهِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْقُدِّيسِينَ. وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الْقَائِمِينَ هَهُنَا لَا يَذُوقُونَ الْمَوْتَ حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ آتِياً بِقُوَّةٍ.





Divine Liturgy Intentions



TODAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020. SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. ALBERT WEHBY** by the community St. Basil's.
- + **REV. ALBERT AZRAK** by Mrs. Josephine Nassaney.
- + **JANE DIOHEP MURRAY** by Douglas & Jeanne Allam.
- + **JOHN DURNIN, JR.** by Maryjoan & Stephen Walsh.
- + **FREDY RAHEB** by Joe & Connie Fayan.
- + **JULIETTE AZAR MARCOUX (16th Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **HON. LOUIS E. AZAR, ESQ.** by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by The Senno Family.
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **BARBARA FAGER** by Charles & Francine Robat & Family.
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **ROSE B. KAHLA** by her brother George Kahla.
- + **LENA AZAR DAME** by Elias & Barbara Deeb
- + **LORICE H. SENNO** by Robert & Catherine Sloan, Jr
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **WAYNE LACY** by Shirley Moon Lemay.
- + **VINCENT H. CAPALDI, JR.** by Dennis C. Dakake.
- + **SADIE B. TAGER** by Dn. Dr. Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **JOSEPH BERETTA, SR. & ADRIANNE BERETTA** by the Family.
- + **ANN BERETTA MORFILI & NORMAN BERETTA, JR.** by the Family.

11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MARY WAKIM TAHHAN** by Bishara Tahhan & Family.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR** by Najat Khoury Madour.
- + **YUSEF AGHIA** by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **RIZKALLAH DEKKI** by Rob & Chantnl Deckey Simon.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Georgette S. Saggal.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Bob & Lydia Gaboriault.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by M/M George Mardo.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by Laila Raheb.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by Marie & George Ghazal.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Dr. & Mrs. Roland Ghanem.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Vincent & Barbara Soucar.
- + **YOUSSEF MADOUR** by Jane Jabren..
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Mrs. Janet Charchafiah.
- + **MARK HADDAD** by MM Wayne Rawan & Family.
- + **AMANDA ROWEY** by Anthony Rowey, Jr.
- + **SAMUEL G. RAHEB** by Jihad & Salam Khouri.
- + **MARJORIE & ANTHONY TAGER** by the Family.
- + **HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by M/M Joseph Saggal.

For the well-being, health, protection and salvation of the servants of God; Archdeacon George Yany, Steve Sarkis, Sally Gravino, Francine Robat and Frederick & Linda Koussa.



Prayer for the dead

O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

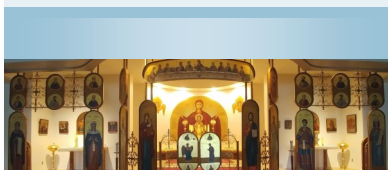




O Jesus, Who has said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened," through the intercession of the Theotokos, Your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said, "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you," through the intercession of the Theotokos Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask your Father in your name that my prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass away," through the intercession of the Theotokos Your Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted.



ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: Sept. 6, 2020: Budgets: \$6,726.00; Building Fund: \$75.00; Addtl Beirut, Lebanon: \$100.00. Stipends: \$250. 00: Candles: \$69.00; Add'l Cemetery: \$60.00.

Anyone interested in reading the Epistle in English or Arabic at the Liturgies should contact Father Joe as soon as possible. If you so desire, you must register your name, or you will not be included in the schedule.

Please be advised that the weekly bulletin has not been printed due to the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, but presently, information is available online, church Facebook page and on you-tube.

Saturday, September 12, and Sunday, September 13, we began a new Liturgy schedule: Saturday at 5 p.m., and Sunday, at 11 a.m. Weekday Liturgies, Tuesday through Friday will be celebrated at 8 a.m. in St. Elias' Chapel. Please pass on this schedule to all relatives and friends and to all who frequent our church from time to time.

HEARTFELT THANKS: We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our Community of St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church for the generous contributions amounting to \$3,000.00, as we stand together in prayer for the victims of the massive explosion in Beirut, Lebanon. BEIRUT, GOD IS WITH YOU! O God have mercy on our beloved Beirut, and on its heart-broken people. Do not hide your face from us! What is impossible to man, is possible to God. If God is with us, who can be against us? Amen!!!

REFLECTION: The wise understand by themselves; fools follow the reports of others.

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: The three Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist are always celebrated together in one ceremony. One month notice is required and one baptismal preparation meeting is required with the pastor.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSIONS: In one way or another, we have neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. No matter what we have done, we can always return home. Available weekly one hour before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING: Six month notice, an initial meeting with the priest, marriage preparation sessions are required. You must be an active member of the parish.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING: Available for anyone who is ill. Please contact Fr. Ephrem

IN GOOD STANDING: For your Pastor to sign letters of recommendation, family and student school related papers, character reference or any civil document for a registered parishioner, one must be in good standing with the Church, spiritually and giving noticeable TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE on a regular and continuing basis to our parish.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). However, it is appropriate to offer a gift of thanksgiving. Following are the suggested offerings to the Church for parishioners who request pastoral services. Liturgy \$10.00; 40-Day Memorial \$35.00; Baptism \$75.00; Wedding \$300.00; Funeral \$300.00.

Sacrifice!

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PASSAGES that we find in one of the Gospels but not in the others. The raising of Lazarus, for example, is recorded only in John. The birth of John the Baptist, certain of the Lord's parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet are found in only one Gospel, not the others. It may be that the people who first witnessed one of these events or heard a certain teaching were important to the local community and emphasized it in their preaching. Thus this episode found a place in the Gospel written in that community.

This is not the case for the Lord's call for anyone who would seek to be His follower to *"take up his cross and follow me"* (Mk 8:34). This teaching is found in each of the four Gospels, suggesting that it was important to the first Christians throughout the early Church. One could not be a Christian without carrying one's cross, they all affirmed, but what does this key passage mean? What is one's cross? Is it one's spouse, or one's rheumatism, as is often held, or is it something more?

In the ancient world, the cross was a symbol of shame reserved for executing the least important members of society. From about the sixth century BC until the practice was abolished by the Emperor St Constantine the Great in the fourth century AD, crucifixion was the "preferred" method of executing slaves, captives and the worst criminals who had no rights in the ruling culture. The painful nature of this punishment is the source of our English word *excruciating*.

For Christians, the cross quickly became the symbol of sacrifice, of self-giving in imitation of Christ. As Christ's sacrifice on the cross was the moment of His glorification, so the Christian's sacrifice would be seen as the time of his or her exaltation with Christ as well.

Sacrificing One's Life

The first Christians were acutely aware that they might be called to follow Christ to a literal cross, sacrificing their lives as He did. Thus the apostolic brothers Peter and Andrew and some others were actually crucified by pagan authorities. Countless others since then have met their deaths in a host of ways. Practically every day we commemorate martyrs among the saints. This week alone we honor several martyrs of the Roman persecutions: the Great Martyrs Euphemia (9/16), Eustathius and his family (9/20) and a dozen others. Local Churches may also commemorate other martyrs from the Persian, Arab, Turkish or Communist persecutions.

For the followers of Christ, martyrdom is never very far away. Christians today in many parts of Asia and Africa are giving up their lives rather than deny their faith in Christ their Savior. The demise of militant atheistic Communism was followed quickly by the rise of militant Islamism and even militant Hinduism and ultra-Orthodox Judaism as these peoples strive vainly to purify their cultures from foreign influences. Recently a watchdog group in Europe concluded that more than 100,000 Christians are killed each year "because of some relation to their faith."



Sacrificing One's Self

As Christ's death was the consequence of His assuming our whole nature, the sacrifice of blood-martyrdom is inseparably tied to the martyr's witness to Christ. The very word *martyr* means witness, a witness made at the cost of one's life. The Gospel indicates another kind of witnessing unto death in this passage, when Christ says, *"let him deny himself and take up his cross..."* (Mk 8:34). In addition to our physical life which may be sacrificed in blood-martyrdom, we also have an inner life: the life of our ego. We want do this, own that, eat or drink this. We can satisfy every urge that our material resources allow, or we can deny ourselves to witness to Christ. This is the heart of *asceticism*, whether in its institutional expression (monasticism) or in the call of every Christian to place God and others first in our lives.

In no previous age has the average person been more able to avail himself of entertainments every day. In our society the stuff of popular

entertainment is sin: greed, lust, violence and the rest. It permeates TV, sleazy movies, the Internet and even commercials. It appeals to the voyeur and the gossip in us. The follower of Christ is called to put aside these entertainments, dying to internet porn, celebrity gossip, and whatever else is *"of the earth."*

Our economy is built on consumerism: buying the newest, biggest whatever – simply because we can. Commercials would have us believe that doing so will make us happy and fulfilled. The message of dying to self, on the other hand, calls us to live simply that others may simply live. Our immediate concerns, our convenience, and the welfare of those closest to us often blind us to the needs of the wider Church and the world around us. Can dying to self also involve putting to death the parochialism of our everyday lives?

It often happens, as St Augustine noted, that our cross drags us along, rather than we carry it. We find the precepts of the Gospels burdensome rather than life-giving, and we observe them only out of a sense of obligation. When we do take up the cross, the Fathers remind us, we need to keep our eyes upon Christ whom we are but following. In the words of Caesarius of Arles, "To what place are we to follow Christ, if not where He has already gone? We know that He has risen and ascended into heaven; there, then, we must follow Him. There is no cause for despair – by ourselves we can do nothing, but we have Christ's promise... Human sin made the road rough; Christ's resurrection has leveled it. By passing over it Himself, He transformed the narrowest of tracks into a royal highway" (Sermon 159, 6).

Come, O people and behold a most glorious wonder – let us worship the power of the Cross. A tree brought about death in paradise, but this tree has caused life to blossom forth, for the sinless Lord was nailed to it. Receiving incorruption from it, all you nations, let us cry: You who abolished Death by the cross and freed us, glory to You!

Exapostilarion of the Feast



SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Beginning of the Liturgical Year 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 4:16-22	2 St Mamas 2 Corinthians 13:3-13 Mark 4:35-41	3 St Anthimos of Nicomedia Galatians 1:1-3,20-24, 2:1-5 Mark 5:1-20	4 Holy Prophet Moses Galatians 2:6-10 Mark 5:22-24,35-6:1	5 Holy Prophet Zechariah, father of St John the Forerunner 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 23:1-12
6 14th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الرابع عشر بعد العنصرة 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Matthew 22:2-14	7 Preparation of Nativity of the Theotokos Galatians 2:11-16 Mark 5:24-34	8 Nativity of the Theotokos ميلاد والدة الإله Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	9 Sts Joachim & Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	10 Sts Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora Galatians 3:23-4:5 John 3:16-21	11 St Theodora of Alexandria Galatians 4:8-21 John 12:19-36	12 Saturday before Holy Cross Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 Matthew 10:37-11:1
13 Preparation of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Galatians 6:11-18 John 3:13-17	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross رفع الصليب المقدس 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-35	15 St Nicetas Galatians 5:11-21 Mark 7:5-16	16 St Euphemia 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50	17 St Sophie and her daughters Ephesians 1:1-9 Mark 7:24-30	18 St Eumenios of Gortyna Ephesians 1:7-17 Mark 8:1-10	19 Saturday after Holy Cross 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5 John 8:21-30
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Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.

As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected

and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with our priests and spiritual care givers. May they know that they are loved and cared for.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

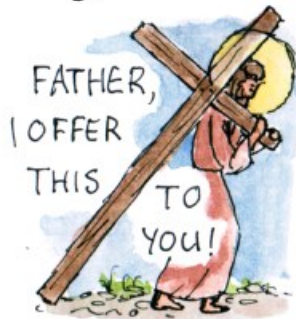
Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

FOLLOWING JESUS—KIDS BULLETIN



If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is only a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples? Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

COVID-19 Updates

AS WE GATHER

please note the following



REMAIN AT HOME IF...

Remain at home and self isolate if you are feeling sick. Please use the self-assessment tools at www.alberta.ca before attending.



PHYSICAL DISTANCE

Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres (6 ft) between people who are not from the same household, at all times.



WEAR A MASK

Wear Non-Medical Mask. Sanitize your hands before and after wearing or adjusting your mask.



SANITIZE

Please sanitize your hands before entering or exiting the church. Sanitizing stations are available in the church.



CHILDREN

Children should remain with their parents or guardians at all times.



General Guidelines

- ❖ Temporary maximum capacity is 150 Parishioners!
- ❖ IF you are sick, have been identified to be in a high-risk group or are over the age of 65 PLEASE stay home!
- ❖ A Face Covering is **REQUIRED** at all times once you enter the Church.
- ❖ Parishioners must Enter from the main glass doors by the fountain and Exit from baptistry doors.
- ❖ Prior to entering all visitors will have their temperature taken. Your temperature must be **BELOW** 100 degrees Fahrenheit to enter.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available- You are encouraged to use it when you are not able to properly wash your hands.
- ❖ Collection boxes will be at the entrance of the church, baskets will NOT be circulated during the liturgy.
- ❖ We are suspending the use of Liturgy books and printing of bulletins.
- ❖ Please follow the signs and direction of the ushers during Communion.
- ❖ Congregating of ANY kind will not be allowed!

Family Seating Guidelines

- ❖ Upon request, we will make every effort to seat family members who live in the same home together.
- ❖ You must arrive as a family in order to sit together.
- ❖ We will NOT hold seats for late arriving family members.
- ❖ ALL seats will be assigned by the ushers
- ❖ Once seated, your seat CANNOT be moved.

Phase III Revised: Picking Up Speed

Public health guidance must still be followed: Mask-wearing, social distancing, sanitation and screening are key to stopping the spread of COVID-19. Setting-based public health protocols (table spacing, etc.) from Phase II remains in effect for Phase III.

	Social gatherings	Public events and venues of assembly	Other places of public interaction (businesses, cultural institutions, outdoor recreation)
Examples include	Weddings, parties, networking events	Performances, festivals, religious services	Retail, restaurants, gyms, museums, close-contact business, office-based businesses, parks, beaches
Limits for indoor settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 25 people Exception: Social gatherings with licensed catering can have 50 people The smaller the group, the lower the risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 125 people Up to 66% capacity with 6-foot spacing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor venues operating at a percent capacity in phase 2 can increase up to 66% capacity with 6-foot spacing Indoor venues operating at a square footage capacity in phase 2 can increase up to 1 person per 100 square feet with 6-foot spacing
Limits for outdoor settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 50 people Exception: Social gatherings with licensed catering can have 100 people The smaller the group, the lower the risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 250 people 4th of July celebrations subject to beach/park rules. Plans for July 4 required above 250. Masks must be worn. Social distance must be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-foot distancing and all other public health guidance must be followed

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