



September, 18th, 2022

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Pastoral Emergencies and anointing of the sick

(401)722-1345

Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available before the Divine
Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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

Troparion of the Resurrection (6th tone)

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the
guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the
Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled
Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin
O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory
to you.

Troparion of the Holy Cross

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

Troparion of St Basil

Your voice has sounded all over the earth, that accepted
your preaching. You gave a divine explanation of doctrine,
and made clear the nature of creatures, and set a rule of
life for men. Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with
Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kondakion of the Holy Cross

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.

نشيد القيامة باللحن السادس

إن القوات الملائكية ظهرت على قبرك، والحراس صاروا
كالأموات، ومريم وقفت عند القبر، طالبة جسدك الطاهر.
فسلبت الجحيم ولم تنلك بأذى، ولاقيت البتول واهباً
الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الأموات، يا رب المجد لك.

نشيد الصليب الكريم المقدس باللحن الاول

خلص يا رب شعبك وبارك ميراثك مانحاً العالم السلام،
واحفظ بقوة صليبك رعيتك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبِلت كلامك،
الذي به بنيت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة
الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب البار ذو
الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص
نفوسنا.

قنداق الختام لرفع الصليب (اللحن الرابع)

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





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 supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.
<https://melkite.org/namw>



Epistle: Gal 2:16-20 Sunday after the Holy Cross, Galatians 2: 16-21

PROKIMENON (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

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 (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.

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."

Hymn to the Theotokos Hirmos of the 9th Ode of the Feast

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.

رسالة الاحد الحادي والعشرون بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

ما اعظم أعمالك يا رب، لقد صنعت جميعها بحكمة

باركي يا نفسي الرب، أيها الرب إلهي لقد عظمت جداً

الرسالة (غلاطية 2: 16-21)

يا إخوة، لعلنا بأن الإنسان لا يُبرَّر بأعمال الناموس، بل انماً بالإيمان بيسوع المسيح، نحن أيضاً آمناً بالمسيح يسوع، لكي نُبرَّر بالإيمان بالمسيح لا بأعمال الناموس. إذ لن يُبرَّر بأعمال الناموس أحد من ذوي الجسد. فإن كنا، ونحن طالبون التبرير في المسيح، نوجد نحن أيضاً خطاة، أفأكون المسيح خادماً للخطية؟ حاشي. فإن عدت أبني ما قد هدمت، جعلت نفسي متعدياً. لأني بالناموس مُت للناموس، لكي أحيأ لله. اني مصلوب مع المسيح. وأنا حي، لا أنا بعد، انما المسيح حي في، وما أحيأ الآن في الجسد، أنما أحيأ في الإيمان بابن الله، الذي أحيتي وبذل نفسه عني

هللوا

استل وسير الى الامام، واملك في سبيل الحق والدعة والبر، فتهديك يمينك هدفاً عجيبة

أحبت البر وأبغضت الإثم، لذلك مسحك الله بدهن البهجة أفضل من شركائك

الانجيل (مرقس 8: 34 الى 9: 1)

قال الرب. من أراد أن يتبعني، فلينكر نفسه ويحمل صليبه ويتبعني. لأن من أراد أن يخلص نفسه يهلكها ومن أهلك نفسه من أجلي ومن أجل الإنجيل فذاك يخلصها. فإنه ماذا ينفع الإنسان لو ربح العالم كله وخسر نفسه؟ أم ماذا يعطي الإنسان فداءً عن نفسه. لأن من يستحي بي وبكلامي في هذا الجيل الفاسق الخاطي، يستحي به ابن الإنسان أيضاً متى أتى في مجد أبيه مع الملائكة القديسين. وقال لهم: الحق أقول لكم إن بعض القائمين ههنا لا يدوقون الموت حتى يزوا ملكوت الله أنياً بقوة.

النشيد لعيد لولادة الاله باللحن الثامن

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



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.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022: SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS. FATHER EUMENIUS, BISHOP OF GORTYNA IN CRETE.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **CATHERINE KANDO** by Elias & Barbara Deeb.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Holly Lazieh.
- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by his wife Mary Ann Asermely & Family.
- + **RAYMOND ABRAHAM (Norwich, CT)** by his cousin, Father Joe.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by M/M Paul Attar.
- + **HON. JUDGE DEEB SARKAS** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Weedad, Andy, Peter Kawa & Families.
- + **RAYMOND ABRAHAM (Norwich, CT)** by his cousin, Father Joe.



مستحق! !Worthy! Axios!



NEW BISHOP NAMED! AXIOS! Bishop Nicholas Samra is happy to announce that His Holiness, Pope Francis, has given his assent to the canonical election of Father Francois Beyrouiti as the 6th Eparchial Bishop of Newton for the Melkite Greek Catholics in the United States. Father Francois, 51 was elected on June 23, 2022, by the Melkite Synod held at the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome, Italy. Aterna (list of the nominated) of 3 names was sent to the Dicastery of the Eastern Churches and Pope Francis confirmed the election. The announcement was made on Saturday, August 20, 2022, by His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East for Melkite Greek Catholics.

The schedule for the episcopal ordination and installation of the Most Rev. Francois Beyrouiti is as follows:

October 12, 2022 (Wednesday)

St. Anne Melkite Catholic Co-Cathedral, North Hollywood, CA.

11:00 a.m. – Luncheon for all Clergy and the Beyrouiti Family.

2:00 p.m. – Pontifical Divine Liturgy with Ordination of a Bishop.

A receiving line on the cathedral grounds will follow the Divine Liturgy for all those not attending the evening gala. Gratis status applies to all attending bishops, and Eparchy of Newton priests, deacons, monks, and nuns (active or retired). Clergy family members and non-Newton priests, deacons, monks, and nuns require tickets. \$75.00

October 19, 2022 (Wednesday)

Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral, West Roxbury, MA (Boston)

11:00 a.m. – Luncheon for all Clergy and the Beyrouiti Family.

2:00 p.m. Installation Divine Liturgy.

Gala Reception – in the Cathedral Hall following the Liturgy. Gratis status is the same as above, October 12th.

Patriarch Joseph Absi will be with us for these wonderful events. As a side note, the weekend of October 15, 16, His Beatitude, Bishop Samra, and Bishop Beyrouiti will be in Warren, MI for the 100th (102 thanks to COVID) Anniversary of Our Lady of Redemption Parish.

God bless this exciting time for our Eparchy!

Saint Basil the Great

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KEEP THIS DATE OPEN
INSTALLATION AND ENTHRONEMENT OF THE MOST REV. FRANCOIS BEYROUTI
6th Eparchial Bishop of Newton

Grand Banquet, Wednesday, October 19, 2022, following the 2 p.m. Divine Liturgy, Annunciation
Melkite Greek Catholic Cathedral, 7 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132

Tickets \$75.00 per person

Reservations for the Reception and Banquet are on a first come, first served basis with a maximum limit of 400 people. The deadline for tickets for the Banquet is October 10th. Make checks payable to "Diocese of Newton".

We would like to see a large number from our Parish in attendance, and we urge all organizations to participate in this celebration, to show our love and respect to our newly designated spiritual leader.

Complimentary Coach Bus Transportation will be provided, if a good number of parishioners show enough interest. Please fill out the ticket form in the bulletin to estimate the count for the bus as soon as possible with your remittance of \$75.00 before September 30th, and mail it to 111 Cross St, Central Falls, RI 02863.

Bus departure will be at 12:00 Noon from the church parking lot and departure from the Cathedral to Rhode Island will be immediately after the Banquet.

What's on the Menu for Boston?

Appetizers: (on tables): Hummus, Tabouli, Meatless Grape Leaves.

Dinner: Salad, rolls and butter, chicken marsala, baked haddock, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Dessert: Assorted pastries.

Drinks: Free coffee, tea, water.

Cash Bar: Soda, beer, liquor.



TICKET ORDER FORM BOSTON GRAND BANQUET

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Make checks payable to "Diocese of Newton"

Only 400 tickets available

GRAND BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

Name

Address

Telephone Email

Number of Tickets

Payment: Number of Tickets X \$75.00 =

Kindly remit reservations and payment before October 10 to:

Grand Banquet

Diocese of Newton

3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132



SACRIFICIAL GIVING: September 11, 2022: Budgets: \$3,533.00: Envelopes: \$3,464.00, Loose: \$69.00; Candles: \$80.00; Stole Offerings: \$1,130.00; Building Fund: 20.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$50.00; St. Vincent de Paul Society \$1,425.00 From Kenneth & Ann Sabbagh; Cemetery: \$130.00; Sunday School Registration: \$825.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS**, please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. **PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES!** A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

PLEASE NOTE: Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in the parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00. Weddings: \$300.00; Baptisms: \$100.00.

Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar to the customs of Spiritual Bouquets, Perpetual Mass Enrollments & Memorial Cards, as in Chapels, Shrines, & Monasteries. May the memories of our beloved deceased rest in peace & be eternal. Many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these canonical guidelines and restrictions.

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. Did we ever consider that some of us might not be in good standing and may need to change that?

I AM YOUR REMINDER ANGEL. I WAS ASSIGNED TO WATCH OVER YOU. To be a real member of the parish goes beyond having one's name on the mailing list. It consists of love, involvement and commitment in living the Faith within your parish. The giving of oneself is a sacrifice to which we are called. The areas of TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE are evidence of one's real membership in the Church. Won't you be an angel too and make up your donations and support while you were away. I will continue to watch over you and your Church!

DO YOU FEEL THAT TOO MUCH INVOLVEMENT/COMMITMENT IS BEING ASKED OF YOU? Or rather, do you think that it might be beneficial to thank God that someone is continually asking to maintain what **you** have and what **your children** will hopefully have one day, God willing? By the way, God wills it! **How about you? THANK YOU** to all who understand and appreciate what CHURCH is all about! You yourselves are so much appreciated here!

ANY NEEDS, THOUGHTS, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS, SUGGESTIONS, ETC. that you may have, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Council or Clergy immediately. Explanations/Corrections/ Discussions/ Changes will never be made unless all bring these concerns to us. Let us remain the united and caring community that we are!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: is an annual observance which is nationally observed **TODAY**, September 18, 2022. However, late registrations will take place today in the classroom and the teachers will emphasize the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians, the beginning of our religious education program.

The Annual Barbecue for the Sunday School Children and their Family will take place **TODAY**, September 18th, following the Divine Liturgy.

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
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be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
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O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
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of the Theotokos Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.





Dear Parishioners: The Fall Season begins Thursday, September 22, 2022, and we hope and pray you had a safe, healthy and pleasant summer. We now look forward to your presence at Divine Liturgy and the upcoming events, and returning now with full vim, vigor, and vitality.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: Traditionally referred to as Extreme Unction or Last Rites, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was previously most commonly administered to the dying, for the remission of sins, and the provision of spiritual strength and health in modern times, however, its use has been expanded to all who are gravely ill or about to undergo a serious operation.

The Church stresses a secondary effect of the sacrament: to help a person recover his health. Like Confession and Holy Communion, to which it is closely linked, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as it is necessary.

It is the Pastor's desire to provide the Sacraments or pastoral visits to our parishioners. Because the Federal Privacy Act HIPPA will not allow to respond if requests are made by friends or some other non-family member, it is important that the patient or a family member let the Pastor or one of the Deacons know when they are needed. When you or a family member are hospitalized or are homebound and are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please phone the church number at 401-722-1345 to arrange for a visit. It is also recommended that the family to inform the hospital or nursing home upon admission that the patient desires a visit from the Church.

If you anticipate a hospital stay or have a serious health problem, please ask Father Ephrem for the Sacrament following Divine Liturgy or contact the office as soon as possible. Although it is sometimes impossible to anticipate the need, waiting until the last minute could result in no priest being available or no time for the priest to arrive. Remember only a priest may provide this Sacrament as it includes remission of sin as well as healing.

The Sacrament of the Sick is a Sacrament of healing and should occur early in an illness when possible so that the patient will be able to participate in it.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST CLUB OPENED FOR ANOTHER SEASON ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2022: George Ghazal, chairperson, with the assistance of the dedicated volunteers who have offered their services since the inception of the Club. This social hour every Sunday morning allows for more fellowship which is very important to the life of the Church. Remember a community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.

SEPTEMBER 23: CONCEPTION by Elizabeth of the honorable and glorious Prophet, the forerunner JOHN THE BAPTIST: John holds an important place in the mystery of our salvation. He is the forerunner of the Savior; he came with the spirit and zeal of the Prophet Elias to designate the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and to prepare hearts so that they could receive the light of the Son of God through the baptism of penance he preached. His conception in his mother's womb is then the dawn of our salvation.

OPEN SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday September 23, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center. The purpose of this Committee is to bring people together as a community at social events. It allows all of us to enjoy the spirit and joy of being together. It also brings good will to all and gives everyone a chance to know one another. Through these Church social activities, we become more aware of our surroundings and make hospitality a way of life at our parish. The Committee's responsibility is to plan or oversee parish social events. The sole purpose of this meeting is to give a report on the past Eid-il-Saydeh Festival, the upcoming St. Barbara Traditional Feast, New Year Celebration Hafila and any other functions. The Committee is made up of faithful fun-loving parishioners and is always looking for new members. Being a part of the Social Committee means working with a team of members with whom you spend time with, laugh with while preparing events, and to get to know.

God has gifted each of us in different ways. The following gifts are valuable when considering the choice of members for the role of the social committee: **administration, discernment, and hospitality.**

We look forward to seeing you at this meeting next Friday. COME ONE! COME ALL!

O Jesus, Who has said,
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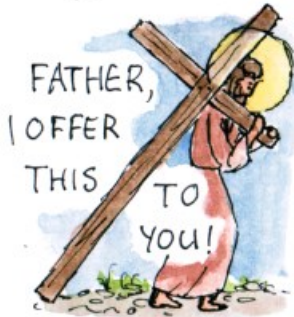
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Following Jesus Kids bulletin



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.

EMBRACING THE CROSS IN YOUR LIFE

Imagine Jesus looking you in the eye and saying the following words:

“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk 9:23).

“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple” (Lk 14:27).

Those are the stark words Jesus spoke to the original disciples. And it floored them. Pick up your cross?

Christians today have a comfortable familiarity with the image of the cross: We have crosses in our churches, some people have crosses hanging in our homes and some even wear crosses as jewelry around their necks. But that was certainly not the case in Jesus’ day. In fact, in the first-century Roman world, the whole idea of the cross was completely abhorrent. The cross was the Roman Empire’s most dreadful instrument of torture, humiliation and execution. The famous ancient Roman orator Cicero once said, “The very word ‘cross’ should be far removed not only from the person of a Roman citizen but from his thoughts, his eyes and his ears.” You didn’t even want to think about the cross.

That’s what makes Jesus’ statement so startling. For Jesus to tell his disciples to pick up a cross and follow him would have been as shocking as him telling people in the modern world to pick up their electric chairs or pick up their guillotines and follow him. Of all the images Jesus could have used to depict discipleship, why would he choose this most horrific one? Noah got a rainbow. Moses got a burning bush. The Magi got a star in the sky. Why do Jesus’ disciples get a cross?

Because, as we will see, it’s only through the cross that we find our ultimate fulfillment in life and experience what we’re made for: the total, perfect, self-giving love of God himself.

When you are on mission for the Gospel, you should expect trials, roadblocks, obstacles, rejection. Don’t be surprised when mission requires a lot of your time and energy, when people misunderstand you, when people turn down your invitations or turn away from the Gospel. All this happened to Jesus, so you shouldn’t expect anything less. After all, Jesus promised the cross, not comfort. But why?

It all has to do with his love. For Jesus, the cross is much more than a form of execution. It’s ultimately his fullest revelation of God’s inner life, which is all about total self-giving love: “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8). For all eternity, the Father loves the Son and gives himself totally to the Son. The Son in return loves the Father, giving of himself completely to the Father, holding nothing back. And this bond of love between the Father and the Son is the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. God’s inner life as the Trinity is all about perfect, infinite, self-giving love.

But what happens when the Eternal Son of God enters time and space and takes on human flesh in Jesus Christ? He continues doing what he has done for all eternity: giving himself in love totally to the Father. But in Christ, the



Son’s infinite divine love is now expressed in finite human nature. That’s like putting a rubber balloon up to a water hydrant: the balloon is going to explode. When infinite love expresses itself in our limited, finite humanity, it will involve suffering, sacrifice, death: “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (Jn 15:13).

Through the cross, God reveals himself most fully, his very inner life, which is

love. And in the process, he shows us what we’re all made for. The God who is love made us in his own image and likeness. We, therefore, are made to live like God, which involves loving like God loves. So much did God desire to make this clear for us that he took on human flesh in Jesus Christ and showed us what his perfect love looks like: total self-giving love. That’s what we’re made for. We are made for the cross. In other words, we are made to give our lives completely as a gift like Jesus did for us on Calvary.

There are many ways we can express our love through little acts of self-denial. The more we pick up our cross daily and follow Jesus, the more we will become like him and love like him. This is how we know that we are truly living as disciples (being “in earnest,” as Cardinal Newman calls it): We are willing to embrace the cross.

As you seek to take on a new disposition toward self-denial and learn to embrace the crosses in your own life, the first step is to do some reflection. Set aside some time for prayer in which you examine the crosses in your life and reflect on how Jesus might be asking you to respond to them. Consider the following questions:

- In what ways is your spiritual life or your mission still focused on self, rather than on surrendering to Christ?
- Is your mission driven by love or by what you get out of it?
- Do you maintain relationships with those who are different from you or who may misunderstand your faith? Or do you choose to associate with those who are similar to you?
- When you encounter challenges in mission (people don’t come to Bible study, people say no to the Gospel or to an invitation), do you get discouraged or tempted to give up? Or do you persevere and offer up the trials for love of souls?
- Do you attempt to hide from persecution or rejection, or do you continue to pursue others with a heart of love?
- Do you pray more for the various situations you want Jesus to change, or do you bring the darkened areas of your own heart to Jesus and allow him to transform them as he desires?

After your reflection, choose one way you can embrace these crosses and set a goal for how you will do that every day.

احمل صليبك.. كن مصلوباً لا صالِباً



قال الرب

+ "إن أراد أحد أن يأتني ورائي فليترك نفسه ويحمل صليبه كل يوم ويتبعني. فإن من أراد أن يخلص نفسه يهلكها، ومن يهلك نفسه من أجلي (ومن أجل الإنجيل) يجدها (فهو يخلصها). لأنه ماذا ينتفع الإنسان لو ربح العالم كله وخسر نفسه، أو ماذا يعطي الإنسان فداءً عن نفسه." (مت 16: 24-26، مر 8: 34-38، لو 9: 23-25)

الالتزام الأول: إنكار الذات:

ولماذا إنكار الذات، أي

إزاحتها من المشهد؟ ذلك، حتى يكون المسيح الكل في الكل، الأول والآخر، محبوباً مُطاعاً أكثر من النفس وأكثر من الأهل والعالم كله. ففي حضور الذات ومن ينتسب إليها لا يوجد مكان لله. وفي إرضاء الذات وإكرامها والإصغاء لمطالبها والركض بها إلى فيض الخلاعة والفساد، وتخليصها من شركة الألم وعبور الباب الضيق، ضياعها وهلاكها؛ بينما من يرفض شهواتها ويحطم كبرياءها وينفي عنها اكتفاءها وانكفاءها على ما لها ولا مبالايتها بالآخر، هو في الحقيقة يحفظها من الضياع ويستبقها إلى الأبد.

وفي الحياة المسيحية العملية، فإن التوبة والقداسة والخدمة وطاعة الوصية تبدأ وتستمر وتتمو بإنكار الذات. وحضور الذات وتألقها، إما أن يُعطى كل اتجاه نحو الله، وإما أن يزيّف الحياة كلها. ف تبقى الذات نشطة، ولكن تنتكر تحت عباءة رقيقة من التظاهر بالعبادة لإرضاء الناس، أو تنسب لها كل العمل الروحي لا للنعمة. ونتيجة هذا البر الذاتي دائماً صفر. فهو جهاد فاشل لا طائل من ورائه دون اكتشاف مصدر التغيير والقوة وهو الروح القدس.

الالتزام الثاني: حمل الصليب:

هذا الالتزام يرتبط ارتباطاً وثيقاً بالالتزام السابق: فمن يحب نفسه لن يقبل حمل الصليب أو يحتمله، ولن يقتنع بضرورته وسيجتهد أن يقدّاه بكل وسيلة.

- والمعنى المباشر لحمل الصليب هو قبول الألم والعار والاضطهاد والظلم بأنواعه من أجل المسيح والكنيسة حتى إلى بذل الحياة ككل شهيد. وكان المحكوم عليه بالصليب يحمل صليبه إلى مكان تنفيذ العقوبة، وهو ما جاز به الرب نفسه: "فخرج وهو حامل صليبه" (يو 19: 17). والمؤمن وهو يحمل صليبه يُشارك الرب الذي تألم مظلوماً ولم يفتح فاه (إش 53: 7)، "وأكمل نقائص شدائد المسيح في جسمي لأجل جسده، الذي هو الكنيسة" (كو 1: 24)، "لأعرفه وقوة قيامته وشركة الأمانة مُنتشِبها بموته لعلي أبلغ إلى قيامة الأموات" (في 3: 10 و11). فالذين يتفادون الاضطهاد من أجل المسيح ويهربون منه طالبين اللجوء إلى حيث الراحة، ينكرون الإيمان وينسحبون من تبعيتهم للمسيح مهما قالت أوراقيهم غير ذلك.

- والقديس بطرس هو أيضاً عاش مُقاتلاً شجاعاً لم تهزمه أسوار السجن ولا جلدات الجلادين، وقاد الكنيسة الوليدة في أورشليم واليهودية والسامرة، وبشر الأمم أيضاً، وكتب للمؤمنين مُشجّعاً على احتمال الآلام تمثلاً بالرب (1بط 2: 19 و21)، وانتظاراً لمجيئه لتمجيد قديسيه، وحمل الصليب حتى روما حيث سلّم أنفاسه الأخيرة مصلوباً منكس الرأس. فهو نفذ الوصية بقبول الألم والجهاد ضد الخطية وضد محبة العالم الحاضر حتى الموت.

- وحمل الصليب يعني أيضاً التخلي عن رفاهة الحياة ومحبة المال وتعظيم المعيشة، وبذّل المغالاة في التمتع يكون السعي لسدّ حاجة المعوزين اقتساماً للخيرات، ومشاركة المرضى (1) ومنكوبي اضطرابات الطبيعة والمجاعات وغيرها، بالخدمة والتبرّع السخي برهنا لصِدْق الإيمان. لقد صار الصليب بالفعل رمزاً لشركة الألم مع المسيح ومع الآخرين (2).

- كما يعني حمل الصليب أيضاً احتمال المرض الطويل وألم الجسد وضعفه والتجارب الثقيلة كشركة مع المسيح في آلامه بشكر وصبر دون تذمّر أو دمدمة وكندبير إلهي يقصد نمو الإيمان والتوبة وضهور الميول الجسدية: "فإن من تألم في الجسد كُفّ عن الخطية" (1بط 4: 1). وأيوب الصديق في محنته الهائلة وصبره واحتماله يُقدّم نموذجاً من العهد القديم لحمل الصليب بتسليم كامل لمشيئة الله، حتى صار مثلاً في العهد

الجديد: "ها نحن نُطوّب الصابرين. قد سمعتم بصبر أيوب، ورأيتم عاقبة الرب" (يع 5: 11). والرسول بولس تضرّع كثيراً من أجل "شوكة في الجسد"، ولكن طُلب إليه أن يحتملها، وسمع رسالة لكل من يجتازون مثل ضيقته: "تكفيك نعمتي لأن قوتي في الضعف تكمل." (2كو 12: 9)

- ويتصل بالمعنى السابق أيضاً احتمال رفيق الحياة أو القريب (شياً أو شاباً أو طفلاً) المريض أو المُعاق أو فاقد العقل أو المنحرف. وبعض هذه الآلام أفسى احتمالاً مما لو كانت في الإنسان نفسه. والتعايش معها

خاصة لو امتدت طويلاً محنة قد يهون معها الموت. ولكن استحضار شركة الصليب مع المسيح هنا تملأ النفس بروح الطاعة والتسليم "ليمن يقضي بعدل" (1بط 2: 23)، والثقة في أن هذه الآلام ليست منسية قدام الله، وسياتي اليوم الذي يُكافأ فيه من صبروا إلى المنتهى (مت 24: 13).

- وبالنسبة للخادم في خدمته، فإن حمل الصليب هو بذل نفسه من أجل مخدميه صلاةً وجهداً وقتاً واحتمالاً وصبراً وافتقاراً وملاحقةً للشاردين والمقاومين لإعادتهم إلى الحظيرة، والاهتمام بالبعيد والقريب، والغريب والضعيف، والاتضاع حتى إلى غسل الأقدام طاعةً لوصية السيد.

الالتزام الثالث: يترك كل ما له:

نحن لا نستطيع أن نتبع إلهاً ونحن نحمل معنا أثقالنا: محبتنا لذواتنا ولميول جسدنا وللعالم والمال والأشياء. وكان ترك التلاميذ الأوائل للسفينة الممتلئة بالسمك الكثير وللأهل ليتبعوا يسوع (مت 4: 20 و22، مر 1: 18 و20، لو 5: 11)، وترك لاوي مكان الجباية (مت 9: 9، مر 2: 14، لو 5: 28)، وترك السامرية لجرتها (يو 4: 28)؛ رمزاً للتخلي عن الماضي الشرير (أو المضاد للإيمان) أي للتوبة وتحول توجّه الحياة نحو المسيح. فتغيير الحياة شرط واضح لنصير ضمن خاصة الرب أي تلاميذه. والشباب الغني، الذي استكثر أن يتخلى عن أمواله ويؤزّعها على الفقراء (3)، أخفق أن يتبع الرب (حامل الصليب)، رغم نيته الطيبة، لأنه أحب أمواله أكثر (مت 19: 16-22، مر 10: 17-22، لو 18: 18-23). والقديس بولس، عندما تبع يسوع، خسب موقعه المرموق في الجماعة اليهودية وكل التزامه الناموسي واضطهاده للكنيسة، وهو ما كان له ربها وكرامتها؛ خسارة ونفاية من أجل فضل معرفة الرب وبزّه وربحه (في 3: 8-4).

والذين يريدون "خدمة السيّدين" باعتبارها الحل الوسط المريح الذي يتيح لهم إرضاء ذواتهم وتخدير ضمائرهم بالتدينّ الشكلي، هي مرفوضة من قِبَل الرب لأنها حل محكوم عليه بالفشل (مت 6: 24)، وطريق لا يؤدي إلا إلى الضياع. فامرأة لوط خرجت من سدوم مع عائلتها، ولكن سدوم ظلت في قلبها، وكانت النتيجة وبالأعلى عليها (تك 19: 26). وبنو إسرائيل، الذين خرجوا من أرض مصر بذراع رفيعة، ظل اشتياقهم لا إلى أرض الموعد، وإنما إلى أرض العبودية، فبادوا جميعاً في البرية ولم يدخل منهم كنعان

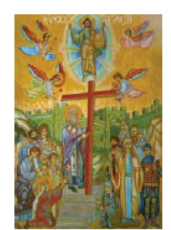
عندما تكلم الرب عن صعوبة دخول المتكلمين على أموالهم إلى ملكوت الله، وأن أبسر منه مرور جمل من ثقب إبره، بُهت التلاميذ جداً قائلين: "إذاً من يستطيع أن يخلص"، فقال لهم يسوع: "هذا عند الناس غير مستطاع، ولكن عند الله كل شيء مستطاع" (مت 19: 26-23، مر 10: 23-27، لو 18: 24-27). فالمسيح مسئول عن تبعه، وهو الذي بنعمته يسند إيمانه وجهاده واحتماله وصبره وتوبته وعبادته وخدمته. وبحسب كلماته فنحن بدون له نقرر أن نفعل شيئاً (يو 15: 5). ومعلمنا بولس يهتف: "استطيع كل شيء في المسيح الذي يُقوّيني" (في 4: 13). والقديس بطرس يحثنا أن نلقي رجاءنا بالتمام على النعمة (1بط 1: 13). والذين يُنادون باستحالة حياة القداسة وتبعية الله هم صادقون إذا كان الاعتماد في ذلك على الإرادة وحدها وضبط النفس الذاتي، فهذا بالفعل طريق مسدود نهايته الفشل واليأس؛ ولكن المسيح الذي دعانا لنتبعه، هو الذي يمسك بأيدينا ويقودنا في موكب نصرته، وهو إذ كان يقول: "احملوا نيري عليكم" (مت 11: 29) ويصفه أنه هين، فذلك لأنه حالماً نقبل بالنية حمل نيره يأتي هو ليحمل العبء كله عنا.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER



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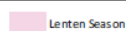
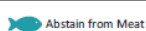
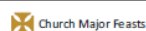
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Beginning of the Liturgical Year 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 4:16-22	2 St Mammas 2 Corinthians 11:5-21 Mark 4:1-9	3 St Anthimos of Nicomedia 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 Matthew 22:15-22
4 13 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد عشر بعد العنصرة 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Matthew 21:33-42	5 Holy Prophet Zechariah 2 Corinthians 12:10-19 Mark 4:10-23	6 The Miracle by Archangel Michael at Colossus Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 10:16-21	7 Preparation of Nativity of the Theotokos 2 Corinthians 13:3-13 Mark 4:35-41	8 Nativity of the Theotokos ميلاد والدة الإله Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	9 Sts Joachim and Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	10 Saturday before Holy Cross 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 Matthew 10:37-11:1
11 Sunday before Holy Cross الأحد قبل الصليب Galatians 6:11-18 John 3:13-17	12 Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos Galatians 2:11-16 Mark 5:24-34	13 Preparation of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Hebrews 3:1-6 John 12:25-36	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 3:23-4:5 Mark 6:30-45	16 St Euphemia 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50	17 Saturday after Holy Cross 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5 John 8:21-30
18 Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد بعد الصليب Galatians 2:16-20 Mark 8:34-9:1	19 Sts Trophimos, Sabbatios and Dorymedes Galatians 4:28-5:10 Luke 3:19-22	20 Sts Eustathios, Theopista, Agapios and Theopistos Galatians 5:11-21 Luke 3:23-4:1	21 Leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Galatians 6:2-10 Luke 4:1-15	22 St Phocas of Sinope Ephesians 1:1-9 Luke 4:16-22	23 Conception of St John the Forerunner Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 1:5-25	24 St Thecla, Woman Protomartyr 1 Corinthians 10:23-28 Luke 4:31-36
25 1 st Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الأول بعد الصليب 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 5:1-11	26 Passing of St John the Apostle 1 John 4:12-19 John 19:25-27, 21:24-25	27 St Callistratos and his companions Ephesians 2:19-3:7 Luke 5:12-16	28 St Chariton Ephesians 3:8-21 Luke 5:33-39	29 St Cyriacos Ephesians 4:14-17 Luke 6:12-19	30 St Gregory of Armenia Ephesians 4:17-25 Luke 6:12-19	



SUNDAY SCHOOL



In the spirit of prayerfulness and in oneness of thought, Fr. Joe and I would like to express our very sincere thanks and deep appreciation for making the Sunday School Program successful over the years, and shining the light of Christ through you to show each child God loves them just as they are.

We have been deeply touched and impressed by the teachers and parents' generosity and willingness to do whatever it takes to make the past year a success for our children despite the difficulties that we faced because of Covid-19.

We are very grateful to all of you for taking the time and making the effort to make the Sunday School Program possible.

Together we are building the foundation upon which we will build St. Basil's future, 100 years on. What a wonderful blessing you all are to our community.

Kindly, fill out the new Registration Form for this Sunday School Year according to the grade of your child.

- Pre-K <https://bit.ly/3z1RNk8>
- Kindergarten <https://bit.ly/3suJv1U>
- 1st Grade <https://bit.ly/3syyqNh>
- 2nd Grade <https://bit.ly/3mem8sq>
- 3rd Grade <https://bit.ly/3mfh9Yn>
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ST. BASIL
LINCOLN, RI

15 Skyview Drive, Lincoln, RI

Food Fair

Saturday, October 15, 10 am - 6pm

Sunday, October 16, 10 am - 4pm

Holiday Wreaths • Penny Social • Raffles

Syrian Food

**Syrian food sold in bulk
and individual dinners**

**Syrian String Cheese • Syrian Pastry
Candy • Meatball Sandwiches**

**Come and Enjoy our delicious food and
sweets with family and friends**

We accept credit cards (\$5 min)

We are following CDC covid guidelines

A top-down photograph of various baking ingredients on a dark wooden surface. In the top left, there is a wedge of yellow cheese, some green basil leaves, and a cracked brown egg. A wooden rolling pin lies horizontally across the top center. To the right of the rolling pin are two more whole brown eggs. In the bottom left, a small portion of a wooden-handled knife is visible. The background is a rustic wooden table with some flour scattered on it.

FOOD FAIR BAKING SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Mamool – Thursday, September 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

Ka'ta – Saturday, October 1, @ 10:00 a.m.

Ba'lawa – Saturday, October 8, @ 10:00 a.m.

ST. BASIL'S FOOD FAIR DONATIONS NEEDED!

The committee is asking for your help with donations of goods, services, and gift cards/certificates for our church's **FOOD FAIR**. Many of these items (new/unused/not expired please) could be found in your cupboards, closets, etc. Also many items may be free with coupons, purchased at any dollar store, or donated by many local businesses .

Just a few donation ideas include hand-knitted/crocheted/hand made crafts, jewelry, small appliances, artifacts, toys, games, spirits, CD's, sports memorabilia, household, gardening, electronics, auto, travel, services, stationary, holiday/seasonal non-perishable foods, gift items (eg. Baby, pets, wedding, entertaining, etc.) **Especially welcomed are gift cards/certificates, event tickets, theme gift baskets, or items to place in baskets.**

Here some examples of donations/baskets. Get creative and make it a family event!

***HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**-Autumn, Winter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, paper goods, decorations, candles, candy, stationary, cookies, picture frames, photo albums, tickets to holiday events.

***MAKINGS FOR HUMMUS**-Cans of garbanzo beans, tahini, crackers/pita chips, lemon juice, oil, salt, cumin, paprika, parsley flakes, serving spoons/bowls, recipe, etc.

***LOTTA JAVA**-Tea, coffee singles, cocoa, creamer, sugar, cookies, coffee pot, teapot, gift card to coffee shop, etc.

***A DAY AT THE BEACH**-Sunscreen, beach towels, blanket, umbrella, sunglasses, cooler, flip flops, beach snacks, restaurant gift cards, overnight stay at the beach, etc

***CHOCOLATE LOVER**-Chocolate candies, drinks, mints, nuts, cake mixes, chocolate cookies assortment, cookbooks, etc.

***SNACK ATTACK**-Chips, nachos, dips, salsa, soda, bowls, paper goods, movie cd's, game assortment, etc.

***WINE AND CHEESE**-Wine, wine opener, ice bucket, glassware, snacks, napkins, plates, assorted non-refrigerated cheeses, crackers, dips, event tickets, etc.

***BREAKFAST BOWL**-Assorted cereals, bowls, spoons, instant oatmeal, pop tarts, breakfast bars, cocoa , tea, etc.

***NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**-Assorted boxes of theater candy, microwave popcorn packages, movie tickets, gift card to a restaurant, etc.

***SPORTS**-Sports cards, sports equipment, any sports item with team logo, tickets to any sports event, etc.

***ITALIAN**-Pasta sauce, assorted boxes of pasta, jar of garlic, olive oil, breadsticks, wine, utensils, paper goods, seasonings, non-refrigerated grated cheese, cookbook, etc.

***HEALTH/BEAUTY**-Shampoo, conditioners, shower caps, lotion body splashes, hand lotions, sanitizers, hair accessories, combs, brushes, shower gels, soaps, candles, small hair/shaving appliances, etc.

***KITCHEN HELPERS**-Dish towels, washcloths, sponges, cleansers, dish detergents, potholders, cookbooks, aprons, cooking utensils, mixing bowls, casserole dishes, serving dishes, small appliances, etc.

ALSO DONATIONS OF EMPTY BASKETS/ CONTAINERS, TISSUE PAPER, SCOTCH TAPE, AND CLEAR BASKET WRAPPING WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

You may give your gift donation to any committee member. All donations should be submitted by October 9th, 2022. For more information contact St. Basil Rectory 401-722-1345

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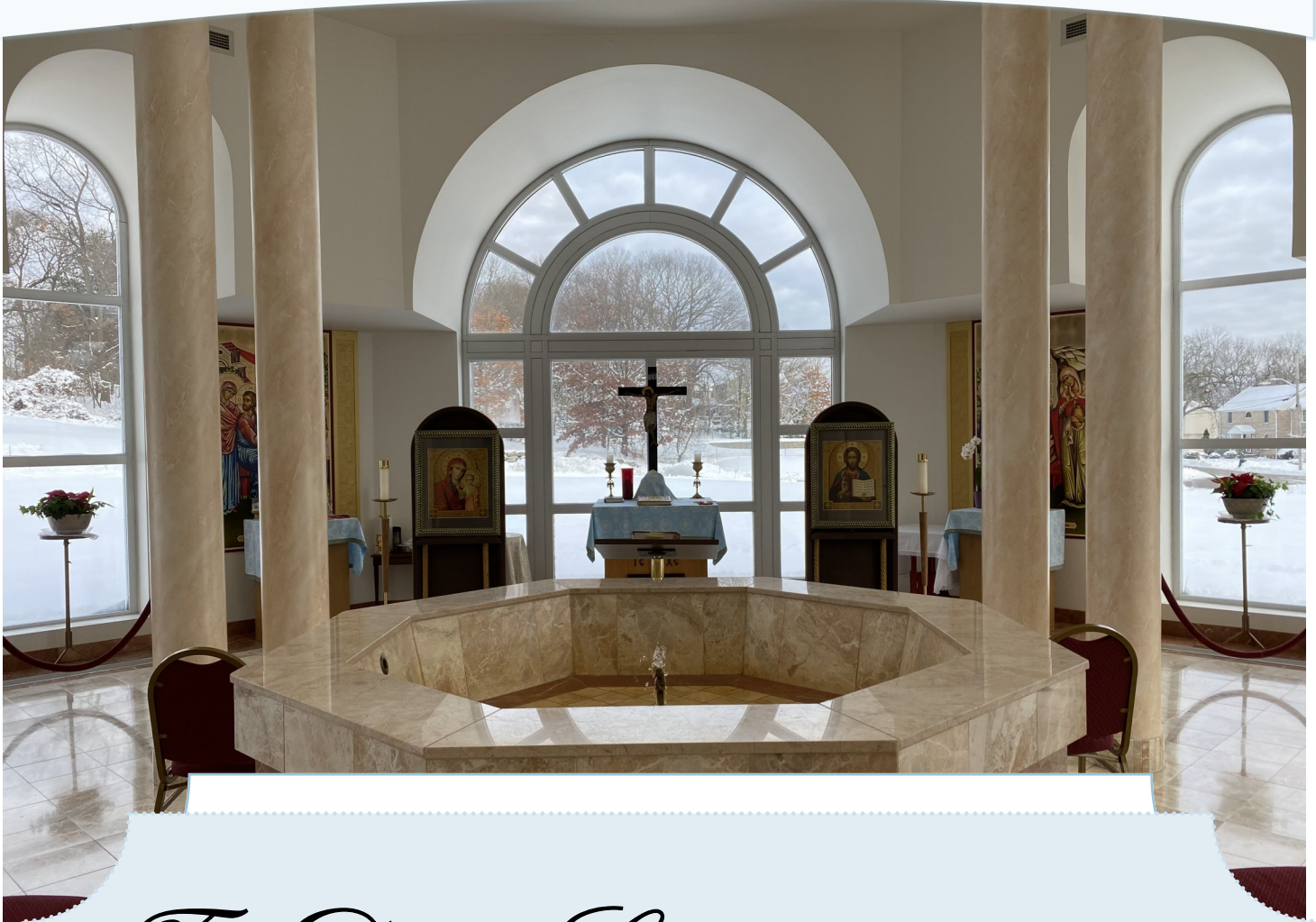
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Please respond by October 1st, 2022. Thank you for your support.

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy is celebrated

At St. Elias Chapel

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Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 am

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 9:00 am - 11:15 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
Tuesday to Friday before or after the Divine Liturgy.

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$381,000



Contribution Ranges: \$20 to \$50,100

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 45%

"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"
-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



Roof Repair: Contract Signed - March 2022, estimated cost \$400,0000, project started June 2022, awaiting completion



Mold Remediation: Proposals received, no remediation necessary, estimated cost \$0



Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (Carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway)



Parking Lot & Walkway Repairs: Proposals received, asphalt estimated cost \$14,000, awaiting walkway quotes



Interior Repairs: Partial proposals received, estimated cost \$6,000



Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Repairs: Reviewing needs and potential options



Exterior/Masonry Repairs: Reviewing needs



Door Upgrades: Awaiting proposals

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts, we do not expect everyone to support with the same amount...*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign, if you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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