



December 31, 2023

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Office hours
Tue-Fri 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Divine Liturgy
Winter Schedule Begins This week
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Sunday: 5:00 PM

**Pastoral Emergencies
and anointing of the sick**
(401)722-1345

Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available before and after 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

**Sunday After the Nativity - Commemoration of the Holy Joseph, spouse of the Mother
of God, James, David & Protomartyr Stephen.**

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity

Troparion of the Resurrection (6th tone)

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead, and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body; Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Troparion of the Nativity of our Lord, (4th Tone)

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshippers learned through a star to worship You, O Sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One who rises from on high. O Lord glory to You!

Troparion of Holy Joseph (2nd Tone)

O Joseph, proclaim to David, the ancestor of Christ our God, the great miracles you have witnessed: you have seen the Virgin with child, given praise with the shepherds, adored with the wise men, and an angel of the Lord has appeared to you. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our Souls

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.

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 الميلاد باللحن الرابع

ميلادك أيها المسيح الهنا، قد أظهر نور المعرفة للعالم. لأن الساجدين للكواكب، فيه تعلموا من الكوكب السجود لك يا شمس العدل، وعرفوا أنك من المشرق الذي من العلاء. يا رب المجد لك.

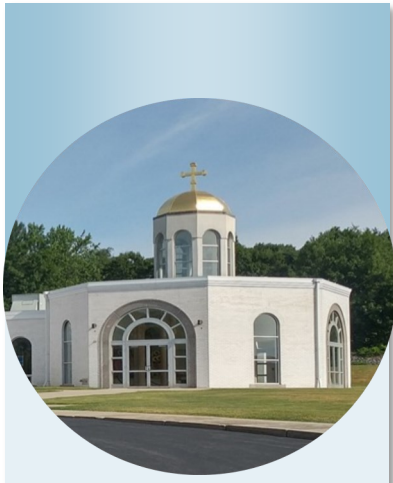
نشيد للقديس يوسف باللحن الثاني

يا يوسف ببشر داود جد الإله بالعجائب. فقد رأيت العذراء حاملاً، ومجدت مع الرعاة، وسجدت مع المجوس، وبالملك أوجي إليك. فابتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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





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>



Kondakion of the Nativity of Our Lord (3rd Tone)

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent in Essence and the earth presents a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels with the shepherds sing His glory, and the Wise Men with the Star travel on their way: for to us is born a New Child, Who is God from all eternity

Instead of the Trisagion: All of you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, Alleluia!

Epistle 2 TIM 4:5-8 Sunday before Theophany

Prokimenon (Tone 6)

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Stichon: To you, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

READING from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy: 4: 5-8

My son Timothy be watchful in all things, bear with tribulation patiently, work as a preacher of the Good News, fulfill your ministry. As for me, I am already being poured out in sacrifice, and the time of my deliverance is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have completed the course, I have kept the faith. For the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the just Judge, will give to me on that day: yet not to me only, but also to those who love his coming.

Alleluia (Tone 4)

May God have mercy on us and bless us.

Stichon: May he let his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

Gospel MK 1:1-8

Gospel: Sunday before Theophany, Mark 1:1-8 (The Preaching of John the Baptist)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before you, who shall prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight his paths,'" there came John in the desert, baptizing and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea went out to him, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and all were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "One mightier than I is coming after me, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

نشيد الختام (قنذاق العيد) بالحن الثالث

اليومَ البتول تلدُ الفائقَ الجوهر، والأرضُ تقدّمُ المغارةَ لِمَنْ لا يدنى منه. الملائكةُ مع الرعاةِ بمجدون، والمجوسُ مع الكوكبِ يسرون. لأنه من أجلنا وُلدَ طفلٌ جديد، وهو الإله الذي قبل الدهور

بدل التريصاجيون نرنم: أنتم الذين بالمسيح اعتمدتم. المسيح قد لبستم. هلولوا.

الاحد الذي قبل عيد الظهور

مقدمة الرسالة

خلص يا ربُّ شعبك، وبارك ميراثك

البيك يا ربُّ أصرخُ، ألهي لا تتصامم عني

الرسالة (2 تيموثاوس 4: 5-8)

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، تيقظ في كل شيء، احتمل المشقات، اعمل عمل المُتَبَشِّر، أوف خدمتك. لأني الآن أراقُ سكبياً، ووقتُ انحلالِي قد حضر. قد جاهدتُ الجهادَ الحسن، أتممتُ سعبي، حفظتُ الإيمان. انما يبقى الكليلُ البِرِّ المحفوظُ لي الذي سيجزيني به في ذلك اليوم الربُّ الديانُ العادل، لا أياي فقط بل جميعَ الذين يحبون ظهوره أيضاً.

هلولوا

ليُرافِ اللهُ بنا ويُباركنا

ليضيء بوجهه علينا ويرحمنا

الانجيل

(مرقس 1: 1-8)

بدءُ انجيلِ يسوع المسيح ابنِ الله، كما هو مكتوبُ في الانبياء: هاءنذا أرسلُ ملاكي امامَ وجهك يُهيئُ طريقَكَ قدامَكَ. صوتُ صارخٍ في البرية: أعدوا طريقَ الربِّ، واجعلوا سُبُلَهُ قويمَةً. كانَ يوحنا يُعمدُ في البريةِ ويكرزُ بمعموديةِ التوبةِ لغفرانِ الخطايا. وكان يخرجُ اليه كلُّ أهلِ بلادِ اليهوديةِ وجميعُ سگان اورشليم، فيعتمدون منه جميعهم في نهرِ الاردنِ معترفين بخطاياهم. وكان لباسُ يوحنا من وَبَرِ الابلِ، وعلى حقويه منطقةٌ من جلد، وكان طعامه الجرادُ وعسلُ البرِّ، وكان يكرزُ قائلاً: انه يأتي بعدي مَنْ هو اقوى مني، وانا لستُ باهلي ان احنّي وأحلِّ سِرَّ حداثته. انا عمَّدتكم بالماء، واما هو فسيعمدكم بالروح القدس.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023: SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD. HOLY JOSEPH JAMES AND DAVID. LEAVE-TAKING OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ALBERT J. KISHFY (6th Anniv.) by Nelly Kishfy & Family.
- + YOUSEF GEORGI DEEB by M/M Michael Ashkar.
- + LOUIS AGAG by Delores Agag & Family.
- + MAGEE MARTINEZ by Daad Mardelli.
- + JOHN R. ROWEY by Riad & Souhair Khoury.
- + WILLIAM T. ASERMELY by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).
- + JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA by M/M Michael O'Rourke & Family.
- + CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE by M/M Michael O'Rourke & Family.
- + LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.

5:00 p.m. VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY - FEAST OF THE CICUMCISION OF OUR LORD – ST. BASIL'S FEAST - & NEW YEAR'S DAY: SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE OF ALL PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS & BENEFACTORS OF ST. BASIL'S COMMUNITY. (AT ST. ELIAS CHAPEL)

THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024: FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD- ST. BASIL'S FEAST - & NEW YEAR'S DAY. (AT ST. ELIAS CHAPEL)

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY: SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE OF ALL PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS & BENEFACTORS OF ST. BASIL'S COMMUNITY.

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.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: DECEMBER 24, 2023: Budgets: \$7,192.00 (Envelopes: \$6,742.00; Loose: \$450.00; Candles: \$122.00; Stole Offerings: \$225.00; Building Fund: \$85.00; Christmas Offerings: \$3,225.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$332.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three years and is fully available for 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: Anyone who is planning an ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy BEFORE reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings.

Our thoughts and prayers are directed to our elderly and sick parishioners in this joyous season. We ask the Emmanuel to strengthen your faith so that you may accept His will, and may He bring you peace, joy, and health for the coming year.

2024 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available-free for the taking-at both entrances of the Church. By following the liturgical cycle of the church year and remembering the Saints each day is an excellent way to attach yourself more closely to the worshipping community that is the church.

REFLECTION: To "let go" is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being.

As an essential part of this NEW YEAR, we are all invited to return to the Father, to the communal banquet joy where divine mercy triumphs over wrong and injustice. What better way can we begin anew than by attending the Divine Liturgy and receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

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.





THANK YOU! *THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS* were magnificent! Besides the many that worshipped with us, much work of many hands was necessary. Many thanks to those who decorated the narthex and church with the trees, creches and poinsettias, and the Cultural Center which added to the beauty of the celebrations; to the choirs who beautifully raised their voices for the glory of God; to the children who performed in the pageant under the Religious Education Staff; to the Overseers of the Complex; the illustrious committee who organized the Sunday School Christmas Party; those responsible for arranging the chair & table set ups in the Cultural Center; the ushers who helped in keeping order at the services; to the altar servers, readers, and youth who minister regularly; to those who offered poinsettias; to the kitchen help and clean up crew, and the selfless assistance of every one in all facets of the Feast.

TO ONE AND ALL, OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

We wish to thank all our good parishioners and friends for their beautiful Christmas Cards, wishes, gifts, and offerings to the Church. We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the loyal and generous cooperation you have shown us throughout the **WHOLE YEAR**. May our Divine Savior, the Prince of Peace, bring you all the joys of this holy season, and bless you with health and prosperity in the coming New Year 2024. And may this New Year 2024 be the best you have ever known ---- your joy deeper, your spiritual awareness keener, and your satisfaction more abundantly.

GREETINGS PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS

As 2023 comes to an end, we would like to say “thank you” for all your support this past year; helping our church succeed both spiritually and financially. It was a strong year, with a fantastic and a culturally rich **SUMMER FESTIVAL, ANNUAL FOOD FAIR AND BAZAAR**, and a spiritual **ST. BARBARA’S CELEBRATION** to name a few. With 2024 rapidly approaching, we are looking for new fund-raising ideas, leadership in the newly elected **PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL**, and continued fellowship to continue this momentum. We understand that everyone has responsibilities, but sincerely hope you can share your talents with us. There are many ways to be involved and at varying leadership and commitment levels. Please consider lending us your skillsets in any way you can. Your Church needs your support and involvement to continue to thrive.

We welcome your ideas. Please feel free to approach any standing committee of the Council in this regard. Many thanks!

Fr. Ephrem, Fr. Joe, Deacon Edmond, Deacon Gilbert



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NEW YEAR – THEOPHANY DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 31

10:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy. (One Combined Divine Liturgy)
(at St. Elias's Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Vigil Divine Liturgy **Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – St Basil's Feast - New Years' Day**
(at St. Elias's Chapel)

Monday, January 1

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy **Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – St Basil's Feast - New Years' Day**
(at St. Elias's Chapel)

Saturday, January 6 – Feast of the Theophany

7:00 p.m. Festive Vespers Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

Sunday, January 7– Solemnity of the Theophany

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

11:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.



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Bishop François Beyrouti
Diocese of Newton for the Melkite Catholic Church in the United States of America
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my first year as your Bishop, I've been edified and inspired by the joyful solidarity and faith of our Melkite community. I have been on the road this year almost every weekend and have visited many of our over 50 communities. My goal for this year is to visit the remaining communities and to assist our communities to flourish in whatever way I can.

I'm deeply grateful for the hard work of the clergy and lay people in our communities. Christ calls each of us to serve. I have been inspired by the men and women, young and old, who serve with their whole heart. I see your dedication and share in your passion and commitment.

Soon you will receive a letter from me for this year's annual appeal. In this letter, I outline some of the steps I've heard from you that are necessary to foster vocations, strengthen the faith life of our communities, and make use of the many resources available to help us organize our communities.

I ask you to read this letter carefully, and prayerfully consider how God may call you to contribute to the many needs of our Church so our communities can be strong in the years to come.

We face many challenges today, but challenges are nothing new for our Church. Your generosity, service, and love can help strengthen our Melkite Catholic Church in the U.S. for years to come. In addition to the usual means, you can also give to this year's appeal by using the QR Code below or visit us at melkite.org/donate.

I thank you for your prayers, your consideration of this appeal, and for all you are already doing to serve God in your daily life and in the faith life of our communities. May God bless and reward you and your family for your generosity and dedication.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

+ François



Most Reverend Bishop François Beyrouti

Eparchial Bishop of Newton for the Melkite Catholic Church in the United States of America



MELKITE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF NEWTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my first year as your Bishop, I've been edified and inspired by the joyful solidarity and faith of our Melkite Catholic faithful throughout the US. I'm deeply grateful for the hard work of the clergy and lay people in our communities.

Christ calls each of us to serve. I have been inspired by the men and women, young and old, who serve with their whole heart. I see your dedication and share in your passion and commitment.

That's why I'm writing to you today. I've just sent out this year's annual appeal, which should be reaching you quite soon. **I'm asking you to consider how you might serve this year by giving to the appeal.**

During the last year, I've heard from you all about the steps that are necessary to foster vocations, strengthen the faith life of our communities, and make use of the many resources available to help us organize our communities. In the appeal letter this year, I share how I think we can take those steps together – **with your help.**

I ask you to read this letter carefully, and prayerfully consider how God may call you to contribute to the many needs of our Church so our communities can be strong in the years to come.

We face many challenges today, but challenges are nothing new for our Church. **Would you be willing to make a gift of \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford to help strengthen our Melkite Catholic Church in the US for years to come.**

In addition to the usual means, you can also give to this year's by visiting us at <https://melkite.org/donate>

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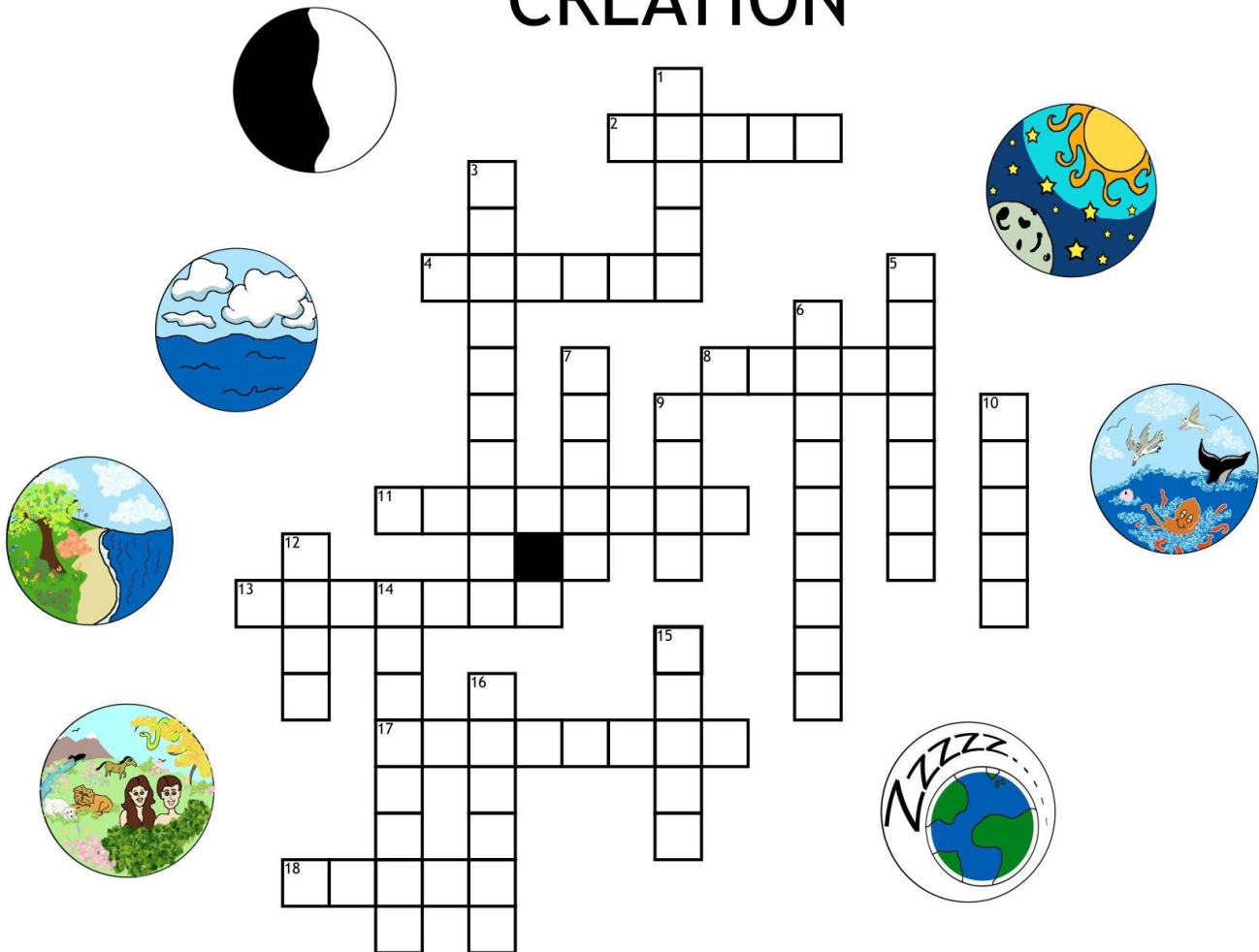
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Following Jesus Kids bulletin



CREATION



Across

2. God created me to know, love and _____ him.

4. Original sin closed the gates of _____

8. Adam and Eve sinned because they did not _____ God.

11. God asks us to care for _____

13. We sin when we choose to _____ God

17. I am God's _____ creation!

18. All people have been created in God's _____

Down

1. God created the world in _____ days

3. God is _____

5. God created the world out of _____

6. Original sin caused _____ to enter the world.

7. Sin _____ everyone

9. Everything God created is _____

10. God _____ everything and is all-powerful.

12. God gave me FREE _____ to choose to do what is good or bad.

14. The first sin is called _____ sin

15. God the Father promised to send _____, our Savior to save us from our sins and open the gates of heaven.

16. God wants me to live with him in _____ forever!

صلاة شكر وتسبيح في بداية السنة



يا رب يسوع المسيح ان سمحت لنا ان ندخل في هذه السنة الجديدة،
نطلب منك يا رب ان تجعلها سنة قداسة ونعمة وفرح وسلام ونمو في حياتنا الشخصية والعائلية والكنسية .
اعطنا يا رب يسوع المسيح تغيير حقيقي، توبة حقيقية، التزام صادق بك وارتباط وثيق بشخصك،
ارفعنا يا رب من كل ضعف، حررنا من كل عبودية، قدسنا من كل خطية،
املاً حياتنا من كل معونة إلهية ونعمة مخلصية واعطينا الشعب الحقيقي بك يا رب لانك بالحقيقة الخبز الحي،
لا تسمح يا رب بأن نعود الى خرنوب الخنازير، بل اعطنا ان نشبع بحب الحياة ...
لا تسمح يا رب ان نمضي الى كورة بعيدة حتى في داخل القلب
اذ تقنتي في داخلنا مبول باطلا ومحبة ناقصة وخطايا محددة ...
اعطنا يا رب في هذه السنة الجديدة عودة بكل القلب بكل الصدق الى شخصك المحب الخالي وقلبك الواسع الكبير .
يا رب ان عاملتنا بعدلك لا نجد امامك نعمة ولن يكون لنا خلاص ،
لكن عاملنا برحمتك يا رب اذ نصرخ اليك في كل مرة ونقول "كرحمتك يا رب وليس كخطايانا".
بارك عملك في الكنيسة يا رب ،اعط معونة خاصة لنا،
اعطنا ان نشعر بك وانت تبارك العمل وتقديس الكيان وثمر في الحياة
وتجعل الخدمة مزدهرة تصل الى كل بيت والى كل نفس وكل زوايا الحياة ..
يا ربنا اعطنا ان نثبت فيك وتثبت فينا، اعطنا ان نكرس لك هذه السنة وكل سنوات العمر،
اعطنا يا رب ان نكون لك مقدسين بالتمام وان نكون هيكل لروحك القدوس وروحك يسكن فينا.
لا تعاملنا حسب تقصيراتنا في هذا العام ، لكن عاملنا على عهود نريد ان تقدمها لك ..
لكن اسندنا حتى نستطيع ان ننقذها لاننا بدونك لا نستطيع ان نعمل شيء ..
بكل بركة باركنا وقدسنا واملأنا من سلامك .
اجعل السنة الجديدة سنة سلام على الكنيسة وسلام على بلادنا وسلام في العالم كله...
انت يا رب ملك السلام، رئيس السلام .. اجعل يا رب هذه السنة الجديدة سنة خالية من التردد،
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A Prayer for the New Year!



Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence. We confess our need for you... fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, as you remind us we are safe with you and your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed."

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



DECEMBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 كانون الأول - ديسمبر 2023	31 Sunday before Theophany الأحد قبل الظهور 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Mark 1:1-8					1 Holy Prophet Nahum 2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18 Luke 20:19-26	2 Holy Prophet Habakkuk Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 12:32-40
	3 14th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الرابع عشر بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 6:10-17 Luke 18:35-43	4 St John the Damascene Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34	5 St Sabbas the Sanctified Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 11:27-30	6 St Nicholas of Myra Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23	7 St Ambrose of Milan Titus 1:5-14 Mark 21:28-33	8 Prep of Maternity of Anne, grandmother of our Lord Titus 1:15-2:10 Mark 2:23-28	9 Maternity of Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21
NOVEMBER 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	10 10th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد العاشر بعد عيد الصليب Colossians 1:12-18 Luke 13:10-17	11 St Daniel the Stylite Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19 Mark 8:11-21	12 St Spyridon of Trimythus Ephesians 5:8-19 John 10:9-16	13 St Eustrates and his companions Hebrews 5:11-6:8 Mark 8:30-34	14 St Thyrces and his companions Hebrews 7:1-6 Mark 9:10-15	15 St Eleutherios 2 Timothy 1:8-18 Mark 2:23-3:5	16 Holy Prophet Haggai Ephesians 2:11-13 Luke 14:1-11
JANUARY 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	17 Holy Ancestors of Christ أحد الأجداد القديسين Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 14:16-25	18 St Boniface Hebrews 8:7-13 Mark 9:42-10:1	19 St Boniface Hebrews 9:8-23 Mark 10:2-12	20 Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord Hebrews 10:1-18 Mark 10:11-16	21 St Juliana of Nicomedia Hebrews 10:35-11:7 Mark 10:17-27	22 Paramony Fast صوم البارامون Hebrews 11:8-16 Mark 10:24-32	23 Saturday before the Nativity السبت الذي قبل الميلاد Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 13:19-29
 24 Paramony of Christmas Genealogy of Christ أحد نسب السيد المسيح Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40 Matthew 1:1-25	25 Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ ميلاد سيدنا يسوع المسيح Galatians 4:4-7 Matthew 2:1-12	26 St Joseph the Betrothed Synaxis of the Theotokos Hebrews 2:11-18 Matthew 2:13-23	27 St Stephen Hebrews 2:11-18 Matthew 2:13-23	28 Holy Martyrs of Nicomedia James 1:19-27 Mark 11:27-33	29 Holy Innocents of Bethlehem James 2:1-13 Mark 12:1-12	30 Saturday after the Nativity السبت بعد الميلاد 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Matthew 12:15-21	

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday at 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

The Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$329,240



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 55%

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

Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, awaiting additional estimate.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



Parking Lot Sealing: Project completed at both Rectory & Church, final cost \$14,000.



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Exterior/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



Security Cameras/Door Upgrades: Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Electrification of doorway proposal received, pending completion.



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,665.

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.



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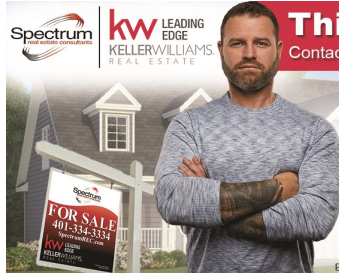
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