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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Sunday

English 9:00 AM

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Religious Education

Sunday 10:00 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



Sunday after Theophany

الاحد بعد عيد الظهور

Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, glory to you.

Troparion of Theophany (1st Tone)

At your Baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was revealed: for the Father's voice bore witness to you by calling You his Beloved Son, and the spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God who have appeared to us, and enlightened the world, glory to You.

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 Theophany

Today You have appeared, O Lord, to the universe and Your light, O Christ our God, has been impressed upon us who sing to You with full knowledge: You came and appeared, O Inaccessible Light.

طروبارية القيامة باللحن الثامن

انحدرت من العلاء ايها التحنن، وقبلت الدفن ثلاثة
أيام، لكي نعتقنا من الآلام، فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا، يا رب
المجد لك.

طروبارية عيد الظهور باللحن الاول

في اعتمادك يا رب في نهر الاردن، ظهر السجود
للتالوث، فإن صوت الآب تقدم لك بالشهادة، مسمى
أباك ابناً محبوباً. والروح بهيئة حمامة يؤيد حقيقة
الكلمة. فيا من ظهر وانار العالم، ايها المسيح الاله
المجد لك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطلقك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت كلامك،
الذي به بنيت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة
الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا ايها الآب البار ذو
الكنهوت الملوحي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص
نفوسنا.

نشيد الختام (القنداق) لعيد الظهور باللحن الرابع

اليوم ظهرت للمسكونة يا رب، ونورك قد ارتسم
علينا، نحن مسيحيك عن معرفة. لقد أتيت وظهرت
ايها النور الذي لا يذنى منه.





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 Eph 4:7-13 Prokimenon (Tone 1)

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians:

Brethren, to each one of us the grace was given according to the measure of Christ's bestowal. Thus it says, Ascending on high, he let away captives; he gave gifts to men (Ps.61:19). Now this ascending, what does it mean but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended, he it is who ascended also above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he himself gave some men as apostles, and some as prophets, and others as pastors and teachers, in order to perfect the saints for a work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the deep knowledge of the Son of God, to perfect manhood, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ.

Alleluia (Tone 5)

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: For you have said, "My kindness is established forever."

In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-17 Sunday after Theophany

At that time, When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

الاحد الذي بعد الظهور مقدمة الرسالة

لتكن يا ربُّ رحمَتُك علينا، بحسبِ إتناكنا عليك
 ابتهجوا أيها الصديقون بالربِّ، بالمستقيمين يليقُ
 التسبيح

الرسالة (أفسس 4: 13-7)

يا إخوة، لكل واحدٍ منا أعطيتِ النعمةُ على مقدارِ
 موهبةِ المسيح. لذلك يقول: لما صعدَ إلى العُلى
 سبى سبياً وأعطى الناسَ عطايا. فكُونُ صِدِّقاً هل
 هو إلا أنه نزلَ أولاً إلى اسافل الأرض؟ فالذي
 نزلَ هو نفسُهُ الذي صعدَ أيضاً فوقَ السماواتِ
 كَيْلَهَا ليملأ كُلَّ شيءٍ. وهو الذي جعلَ بعضاً رُسلًا
 وبعضاً أنبياءَ وبعضاً مُبشِّرين، وبعضاً رعاةً
 ومعلمين لأجلِ تكميلِ القديسين، لأجلِ عملِ
 الخدمة، لأجلِ بِناءِ جسدِ المسيح، إلى أن ننتهي
 جميعنا إلى وحدةِ الإيمانِ ومعرفةِ ابنِ الله، إلى
 رجلٍ كاملٍ، إلى مقدارِ قامةِ ملءِ المسيح.

هلوليا

بمراجمتك يا ربُّ ارنمُ إلى الابد، إلى جيلِ فجيل
 أعلنُ حقكُ بفي

لأنك قلت: إن الرحمة تُبنى إلى الابد، وفي
 السماواتِ يُهَيَّأُ حقكُ.

انجيل الاحد الذي بعد عيد الظهور

الانجيل (متى 4: 12-17)

في ذلك الزمان، لما سمع يسوعُ ان يوحنا قد
 أسلم، انصرفَ إلى الجليل. وترك الناصرة وجاءَ
 فسكنَ في كفر نحوم التي على شاطئ البحر، في
 تخوم زبولون ونفتاليم، ليتِمَّ ما قيلَ بأشعيا النبي
 القائل: أرض زبولون وأرض نفتاليم، طريق البحر
 عبر الأردن جليل الأمم. الشعبُ الجالسُ في
 الظلمة أبصرَ نوراً عظيماً، والجالسون في بقعة
 الموت وظلاله أشرقَ عليهم نور. ومنئذٍ ابتدأَ
 يسوعُ يكرِّرُ ويقول: توبوا فقد أقترَبَ ملكوتُ
 السماوات.





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

TODAY, JANUARY 9, 2022: SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY. COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY MARTYR POLYEUCTUS.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Steve & Maryjoan Walsh.
- + **FREDERICK KOUSSA** by Sandra Longtin.
- + **EMILY NOURY (Birthday Remem.)** by her nieces and nephews.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Michael Koussa.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIK** by Jane Jabren.
- + **LILLIAN NASSANEY** by Mrs. Josephine Nassaney.
- + **JEANNETTE BEATON** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **GEORGE DECKEY (2nd Anniv.)** by Robert & Chantal Deckey Simon & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Jan & Steve Detore.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Micheline Ghanem.
- + **ELIE, SOPHIE, FADIA HALA ASHKAR** by Malakeh Chaghouri.
- + **JOSEPH WARD (Valencia, Venezuela)** by M/M Craig Kishfy & Family.
- + **PROF. DR. GANEM HANA** by Najib & Seda Hana & Family.
- + **IBRAHIM HANA** by Najib & Seda Hana & Family.
- + **GATAS AL SHIEKH** by Najib & Seda Hana & Family.
- + **ELIAS CHALHOUB** by George & Therese Chalhoub.
- + **GEORGET FARAH CHALHOUB** by George & Therese Chalhoub.
- + **EDWARD CHALHOUB** by George & Therese Chalhoub.
- + **GEORGE BASSALEH** by George & Therese Chalhoub.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 2, 2022: Budgets: \$2,991.00: Envelopes: (\$2,990.00, Loose: \$1.00); Stipends: \$250.00 Candles: \$96.00; Fuel: \$216.00; Building Fund: \$185.00; Additl Melkite Support: \$10.00; Initial Offerings: \$110.00. Addit'l Christmas Offerings: \$95.00; Cook books: \$180.00.

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 YouTube.

TODAY, JANUARY 9, 2022, there will be a special collection taken up for the **UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT OF THE CEMETERY.** Please contribute generously for the peaceful repose of our loved ones who have gone before us to eternal life in the Hope of the Resurrection.

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.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Liturgies more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Liturgies must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received. (Canon 955 #2). Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since 1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g. every day clergy attire, stipends (Liturgy Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

All Liturgy offerings received from Funerals, which exceed more than one year, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund and placed on the altar and remembered similarly 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 guidelines and restrictions.

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

FATHER DAN UPDATE: Dear loved ones, family and friends: Personally, I have much to be thankful for this past year. Eight months after my cancer operation, there is no sign of a return of sarcoma. The hole left by the removal of the tumor and calf muscle is almost closed. And I am now doing ministry here at our Tewksbury residence and in local parishes. I have been able to accept more responsibilities within the community, including driving my brothers to local appointments and solving computer and loud-speaker problems. I have been giving monthly conferences and have been asked if I could start up again weekly talks as I did before going to White Earth. Until the provincial gives me an assignment, I shall be serving here. I may not know my future, but I do know God is with us. I love you all and keep you present in my prayers morning and night. And, even if Covid keeps getting in the way of free travel, you are always with me. May your Christmas not only be merry, but blessed, full of Christ Child's graces, and the New Year under the promised protection of our Blessed Mother. - *Father Dan.*

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
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O Jesus, Who has said,
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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.





CHANGE OF ADDRESS: All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, please remember to inform the church office at (401) 722-1345. Please also be sure to update new telephone numbers because **there is a cost that the Church has to absorb which adds up slowly but surely.**

BLESS GOD WITH THE GIFTS WITH WHICH HE HAS BLESSED YOU! Those parishioners, who are not worshipping here each week or do not support their Parish on a regular and consistent basis, are really hurting their Parish physically, spiritually, socially, and financially.

PARISHIONERS who miss Sunday attendance at Liturgy for several weeks are missed and unfortunately hurt themselves and the parish on many levels. Welcome Back to our parishioners who have been away. Your parish hopes that you will remember your responsibilities.

2022 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available – free for the taking – at the entrance 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.

Our thoughts and prayers are directed to our elderly and sick parishioners and friends 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 New Year.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: 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 2022. And may this New Year 2022 be the best you have ever known ---your joy deeper, your spiritual awareness keener, and your satisfaction more abundant.

Father Ephrem, Father Joe, Deacon Edmond, Deacon Gilbert

REFLECTION: *The message of Christ, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," echoes through the ages to us. The Lord is looking for those who will proclaim this message for Him.*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who voluntarily welcome visitors to our church by inviting them to the Cultural Center and/or sitting with them during Coffee Hour or inviting them to visit again. You are good apostles of & for our church! If God willing, our Parish grows, it will be because of these actions.

May we all remember to be thankful for everything that we have and be always ready to display that gratitude honestly & fairly!

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التوبة



في المقطع الإنجيلي من بشارة القديس متى الذي تقرأه الكنيسة في هذا اليوم الانطلاقة الفعلية لبشارة الرب يسوع في العالم، "ومنذئذ ابتداء يسوع يكرز ويقول: توبوا فقد اقترب ملكوت السموات" (متى 4:17). ويأتي هذا بعد أن تعمد يسوع المسيح في نهر الأردن على يد القديس يوحنا المعمدان. والشهادة التي أتت من السماء قائلة: "هذا هو ابني الحبيب الذي به سررت"، وبعد انتصاره على إبليس في التجربة (متى 4: 1 - 12) حيث جاءت الملائكة تخدمه. بعد ظهوره الإلهي كان لا بد له من أن يبدأ الكرازة بدءاً من الجليل، جليل الأمم.

وارتبطت الحياة أحياناً دائماً في ذهن الناس بالنور، لذلك سمى يسوع ذاته "أنا نور العالم"، ليعني بذلك أنه "حياة العالم". ولذلك سمي عيد الظهور بعيد الأنوار. والترايم تقول: "اليوم ظهرت للمسكونة يا رب، ونورك قد ارتسم علينا". وبذلك تتحقق النبوة التي سمعناها في هذا النص: "الشعب الجالس في بقعة الموت وظلمته أشرق عليه نور". ولكن الإنجيلي متى عندما يستشهد بهذا الآية يذكرنا بداود النبي المنشد: "إني ولو سررت في وادي ظلال الموت لا أخاف شرّاً، لأنك أنت معي. عصاك وعكازك هما يعزّيانني" (مزمور 23: 4). المؤمن لا يخاف من أي شر، ولا يخاف الموت حين تأتي الساعة، لأنه واثق كداود من أن الله لن يتخلى عنه ولن يدعه يرى فساداً طالما كان هو مستعداً بالتوبة الدائمة، ومستثيراً بهدي النور الإلهي.

ودائماً تتردد كلمة التوبة، والتوبة كما يعرفها الآباء القديسون هي "تغيير الذهن أو العقل"، التوبة ليست أن تبكي أو تنوح أو أن تربي أحد ما، بل هي أن تغير ذهنك وطريقة تفكيرك، إن كنت تفكر دوماً بالخطيئة أو كنت منغمساً بهوى من أهوائك، عليك أن توقف التفكير به أو عنه ولتبدأ التفكير بالأمر الصالحة، وبذلك تكون قد قمت بتغيير ذهنك عن التفكير بالشر للتفكير بالأعمال الصالحة، هذا هو المعنى الحقيقي للتوبة، إذا التوبة ليست حالة نفسية أو عصبية ليست أن تتوتر وتصرخ: قد تبت، قد تبت. بل هي بناء الذات، أي أن تعود لذاتك وتبنيها بناء صالحاً، لا أن تبكي وتعول أو أن تعاتب نفسك، بل هي أن تغير ذهنك لتصلح حياتك، لتصلح ذاتك فتصبح إنساناً جديداً.

"توبوا فقد اقترب ملكوت السموات". الكتاب المقدس برمته، من البداية إلى النهاية، هو دعوة مفتوحة ودائمة إلى التوبة واكتسابها نمطاً في الحياة. فالله منذ البدء يحث الناس على التوبة، وبدء رسالة الرب يسوع توجز كل هذه الرسالة: هي دعوة إلى التوبة. فما من أحد يقدر على أن يتلقى نعمة الله ما لم يتطهر بالتوبة عما ارتكبه من خطايا وأثام.

التوبة هي الطريق المؤدية إلى الحياة الأبدية، لأن الإنسان إذ عصى الكلمة الإلهية وسمع للشرير وتخلخلت ثقته بالله فقد الحياة ومات روحياً بالخطيئة، لذلك أتى يوحنا المعمدان يمهّد الطريق أمام السيد المسيح ويدعو الناس إلى التوبة، وحين أتى يسوع واعتمد على يد يوحنا وانطلق إلى الجليل، أكد ضرورة العودة بالتوبة إلى الله لأن الإنسان الخاطئ لا يمكنه أن يكون قريباً من الله، لأنه لا يمكن أن يلتقي النور مع الظلام، فبينما الله نور ويشرق على كل البشر، نرى الخطيئة ظلاماً وموتاً للبشر، لا يشفى منه الإنسان بغير التوبة.

لذلك يتوجب علينا أن نقضي على قساوة قلوبنا كي نستطيع أن نسمع صوته حين ينادينا إلى التوبة، "اليوم إذا سمعتم صوته فلا تقسّوا قلوبكم" (مزمور 95: 8).

وكلمة أخيرة يجدر بنا الانتباه إلى أن بعض ما نظنّه نوراً في العالم الحديث الذي نحيا فيه إنّما هو ظلام يتلبس لباس النور. علينا الاهتمام بالنور الحقيقي كي نميّز بين ما هو حق وما هو باطل، فلا نحيا في الظلام متوهّمين أننا في النور.

One word: Repentance



In the Gospel reading today, on this Sunday after Theophany, we hear the very first sermon that Christ ever gave in his public ministry: “Repent! For the Kingdom of God is at hand!”

With just these few short words, Christ begins His earthly ministry, and he summarizes all of the Gospel that is to come. Yet the first word He says is “repent.” “Repent” in the original Greek literally means to “change one’s mind – to change one’s heart” and to “turn God-ward.” In order to see Christ and to believe in Him, we must repent. In order to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, we must repent. In order to take even the first step, we must repent.

Repentance is not a one-time thing, or some grand, romantic gesture. We who sin almost continually – if not in our actions, then in our thoughts – must constantly turn back to God and repent. To repent, we must die to ourselves and live to God. And we must die daily. And many times daily. Maybe thousands of little deaths each and every day – but death to sin and death to death. Repentance is a death that brings life! This sense of paradox is captured quite wonderfully in a quote written on a wall in St. Paul’s Monastery on Mt. Athos which says: “If you die before you die, then when you die, you will not die.”

This is a constant battle from the moment we are born until our very last breath.

Repentance is not simply an emotional state. It isn’t simply feeling sorry, although this is part of it. Repentance is a turning from darkness to the light of Christ. It is about moving away from selfishness to selflessness, moving away from death to life. It is not some protracted, morose state of being. Instead, repentance brings true joy. When we truly repent and truly turn to God, then we receive the grace of God and we are joyful! When we turn to Christ in repentance, this turning brings life, light, joy and peace –

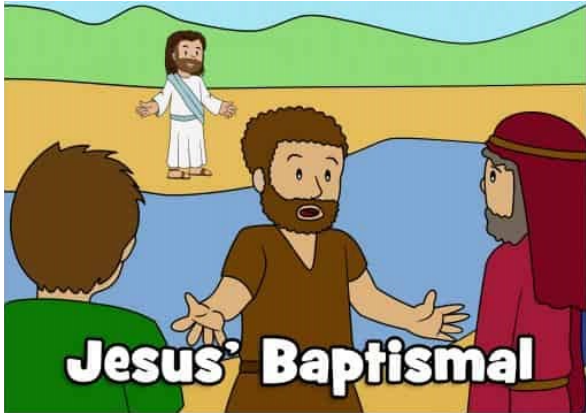
the very fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our lives are new and different – full of joy. Full of life and vigor. This is what it means to repent. This is what Christ is saying when He says, “the Kingdom of God is at hand.” This Kingdom can be experienced here and now, if we repent and turn to God.

Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life – the Living Kingdom. Christ sets for us a banquet table, and He calls us together with Him and to dine with Him. He feeds us with His own self – His own sacrifice – the Body and Blood of our Lord.

And why are these two statements linked together: “Repent” and “the Kingdom of God is at hand”? It is this way because Christ is “the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). He has accomplished everything for us and for our salvation. He has reconciled us to God and has prepared and acquired for us the Heavenly Kingdom. All God requires of us is that we accept it. Our salvation is given to us by God free and complete, but we must accept it.

Indeed, Christ offers us salvation, if only we will turn to Him. The Kingdom of Heaven and Christ the King are ineffably close to us – much closer than we can imagine. Closer to us than the beating of our own heart. Closer to us than our next breath. “Behold I stand at the door” of your heart, and knock, says Christ. “If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in with him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.” (Rev. 3:20) It is only through repentance that we can open wide the doors of our heart to our Saviour, the Heavenly King. On this first Sunday after Theophany, let us recall our own baptism, and our own baptismal promises. Let us turn from our sins and fix our gaze on Christ. Through a true repentance let us open wide the doors of our heart to Christ and to the Kingdom of Heaven as we look ahead towards Lent – that great season of repentance. “Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” Amen.

Following Jesus Kids bulletin

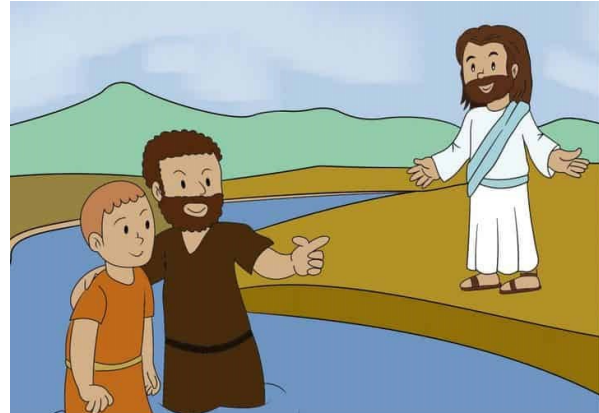


When Jesus was 30 years old, He knew it was time to start the special work God had given Him.

The first place Jesus went was to see his cousin, John, by the Jordan River.

John was busy preaching and telling people they needed to repent and be baptised.

1



When John saw Jesus, point to him and told everyone, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John knew the most important thing he could do was point people to Jesus.

2



John couldn't believe it when Jesus' asked to be baptised. John knew that Jesus had never sinned.

But Jesus told John, it was right to be baptised and he wanted to show everyone the right thing to do.

So John agreed and baptised Jesus in the Jordan River.

3



As soon as Jesus' came back out of the water, something amazing happened.





The Holy Spirit came down out of heaven like a beautiful dove and landed on Jesus and God spoke from heaven. "This is my Son and I love him. I am very pleased with him."


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LITURGICAL CALENDAR



JANUARY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	2 Pope Sylvester Sunday before Theophany الأحد قبل الظهور الالهى 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Mark 1:1-8	3 Holy Prophet Malachi James 5:10-20 John 15:17-16:2	4 Synaxis of the 70 disciples 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:18-28	5  Paramony of Theophany بارمون الظهور الالهى (الغفاس) 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Luke 3:1-18	6  Theophany of our Lord عيد الظهور الالهى (الغفاس) Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Matthew 3:13-17	7  Synaxis of John the Baptist السابق المجيد يوحنا المعمدان Acts 19:1-8 John 1:29-34	8 Saturday after Theophany السبت بعد الظهور الالهى Ephesians 6:10-17 Matthew 4:1-11
	9 Sunday after Theophany الأحد بعد الظهور الالهى Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17	10 St Gregory of Nyssa Ephesians 4:7-13 Luke 3:19-22	11 St Theodosios Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 11:27-30	12  St Tatiana 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 John 10:39-42	13 Sts Eremylos and Stratonicos 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 20:1-8	14  Leave-taking of Theophany وداع الظهور الالهى Hebrews 10:32-38 Luke 12:32-40	15 St Paul of Thebes Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 12:32-40
	16 Veneration of the Chains of Peter the Apostle تكريم سلاسل الرسول بطرس Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 17:12-19	17 St Anthony the Great القديس أنطونيوس الكبير Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23	18 Sts Athanasios and Cyril Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	19  St Macarios the Egyptian Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 6:17-23	20 St Euthymios the Great 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:17-23	21  St Maximos the Confessor Philippians 1:12-19 Luke 12:8-12	22 St Timothy the Apostle 2 Timothy 1:3-8 Matthew 10:32-38; 19:27-30
	23 15 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس عشر بعد عيد الصليب 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10	24 St Xenia the Roman Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 25:1-13	25 St Gregory the Theologian Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	26  Australia Day St Xenophon and relatives 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:17-23	27 Relics of John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	28  St Ephrem the Syrian Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 6:17-23	29 Relics of St Ignatius Hebrews 10:32-37 Mark 9:33-41

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 Fast from midnight until noon

 Lenten Season



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At St. Elias Chapel (St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 A.M.

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"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live" John 11:25

Remember me in your Kingdom

You are invited to the Divine Liturgy for the departed
in the Lord in the Hope of Resurrection
On the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

أَنَا هُوَ الْقِيَامَةُ وَالْحَيَاةُ. مَنْ آمَنَ بِي وَلَوْ مَاتَ فَسَيَحْيَا. (يو 11: 25)

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Divine Liturgy intentions can be scheduled for those who have died, and on the occasion of a birthday, wedding anniversary, for healing for the conversion of sinners, for the grace to face the challenges in life, for the success in a new job, for those serving in the church and country in different levels, for good weather, bountiful harvest, for world peace, in thanksgiving for the blessings received, etc. You can find so many reasons to think about a Mass offering. We offer the Mass for a specific intention because we believe in the immense spiritual value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The custom of giving offering to have Liturgies said for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Church teaching and Canon Law (nos. 942-958) provide important guidelines on how to preserve the dignity and appreciation of this practice. Overall, it should be well noted that Liturgy offerings are never to be viewed as a means of parish fundraising.

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DEAD: The Apostolic Constitutions refer to the repetition of the Mass on the third, ninth and fortieth days: "Let the third day be observed in remembrance of the dead with psalms, lessons, and prayers, because Christ rose from the dead on the third day. Let the ninth day be observed in remembrance both of the living and the dead, and also the fortieth day, in accordance with mourning customs of the Israelites at the time of Moses' death. Finally, let the anniversary day be observed in memory of the dead."

In contemporary Byzantine practice, the dead are commemorated on the ninth and fortieth days and on the anniversary of their departure from this world.

Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since 1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g., clergy attire, stipends (Mass Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

Effective January 1, 2008, which by-passed us, the schedule of offerings for Masses in parishes is now \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Masses more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Masses must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received (Canon 955 #2.)

May the memories of our beloved deceased be eternal and many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these guidelines and restrictions.

St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church



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