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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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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 of the Relics and St. Gregory Palamas -

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Tarasios, Archbishop of Constantinople

ANTIPHON PRAYER of the 2nd Sunday of Lent: O Lord, our God, You have granted the holy martyrs that their relics would be spread throughout the world, including this church, to bring forth the grace of healing from diseases. Make us worthy, through the intercession of your Saints, to offer You the Spiritual Sacrifice and guide us on the way of Salvation For You are Good and the Lover of mankind and to You we render glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

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 Holy Relics (Tone 2)

Victorious witnesses of the Lord, blessed is the earth that received your blood, and holy are the heavenly places that opened to your souls. You have vanquished the enemy in battle and proclaimed Christ with courage. We beg you to intercede with Him who is all good, that He may save our souls.

Troparion of our Holy Father Gregory Palamas (Tone 8)

O Gregory the Wonderworker, light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, glory of monks and invincible protector of theologians, pride of Thessaloniki and preacher of grace: Pray without ceasing for the salvation of us all.

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها الرب إلهنا، يا من وهب للشهداء للقديسين أن تتوزع أعضاؤهم في كل الأرض وفي هذه الكنيسة، لتأتي بثمار الشفاء من الأمراض، أهلنا، بشفاعة قديسك، لأن نُقدّم لك الذبيحة الروحية، واهدنا سبيل الخلاص لأنك إله صالح ومحِب للبشر، واليك نرفع المجد، أيها الأب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكلّ أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين.

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 الذخائر المقدسة باللحن الثاني

مغبوطة الأرض التي أخصبها دماؤكم، يا شهداء الرب الظافرين. ومقدسة المساكن التي قبّلت أجسادكم. فإنكم قد غلبتم العدو في الميدان، وكرزتم بالمسيح بشجاعة، فنسألکم أن تبتهلوا إليه، بما انه صالح، في خلاص نفوسنا.

نشيد العيد للقديس غريغوريوس باللحن الثامن

يا كوكب الإيمان القويم، وثبات الكنيسة ومعلمها. يا جمال المتوحدين. والمناضل الذي لا يحازب عن المتكلمين بالإلهيات. غريغوريوس الصانع العجائب. يا فخر تسالونيكى والمُنادي بالنعمة. ابتهل على الدوام 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>



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 Annunciation (Tone 8)

Triumphant Leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity, we offer you our thanks. We are your people O mother of God! So, as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you Hail, O Virgin and bride ever pure.

EPISTLE: Sunday of the Relics and St. Gregory Palamas, PROKIMENON: Ps. 11: 8,2 (Tone 5)

You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.
 Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews

You in the beginning, O Lord, did found the earth, and the heavens are works of Your hands. They shall perish, but You shall continue; and they shall all grow old as does a garment, and as clothing shall You change them, and they shall be changed. But You are the same, and Your years shall not fail. Now, to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool at your feet" (Ps. 109: 1)? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent for service, for the sake of those who shall inherit salvation? That is why we should all the more earnestly observe the things we have heard, lest perhaps we drift away. For if the word spoken by angels proved to be valid, and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? For it was first announced by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard it.

ALLELUIA: Ps.88: 2,3 (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: Mk. 2:1-12, Sunday of the Relics and St. Gregory Palamas

At that time Jesus entered Capernaum, and it was reported that He was at home. And immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even around the door. And He spoke the word to them. And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four. And since they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was, and, having made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the Paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." Now some of the Scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man blaspheme in this way? Who can forgive sins, beside God?" And at once Jesus, knowing in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why are you arguing these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and take up your pallet, and walk'? But that you may know the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" — He said to the paralytic — "I say to you, arise, take up your pallet, and go to your house," And immediately he arose and, taking up his pallet, went forth in the sight of all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "Never did we see anything like this!"

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاعَ منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بينت 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 باللحن الثامن

تَحْنُ عبيدك يا والدة الإله، نكثت لك آيات العُلْبَةِ يَا قَائِدَةَ قَاهِرَةٍ. وَنَقَدْتُمُ الشُّكْرَ لَكَ وَقَدْ أَنْقَدْنَا مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ. لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ، أَعْتَقِينَا مِنْ أَصْنَافِ الْمَخَاطِرِ لِكَيْ نَضْرَحَ إِلَيْكَ: أفراسي يا عروسة لا عروس لها.

مقدمة الرسالة

أنت يا رب تحفظنا وتحمينا من هذا الجيل وإلى الدهر خلّصني يا رب، فإن البار قد فني، لان الحقيقة قد ضَعُفَتْ عند بني البشر

الرسالة (عبرانيين 1: 10-14; 2: 4-1)

أنت أيها الرب في البدء أسست الأرض، والسموات هي صنع يديك. هي تزول وأنت تبقى، وكلها تبلى كالثوب، وتطويها كالرداء فتتغير، وأنت أنت، وسنوك لن تفي. ولتمن من الملائكة قال قط: اجلس عن يميني حتى أجعل أعداءك موطناً لقدميك؟ أليسوا جميعهم أرواحاً خادمة، مرسلة لخدمته من أجل المزمعين أن يثبوا الخلاص؟ فذلك يجب علينا أن ننبتة إلى ما سمعناه غاية التنبه، لئلا نبتعد عنه. فإنها إن كانت الكلمة التي تُطَقُّ بها على ألسنة الملائكة قد ثبتت، وكلّ تعدي ومعصية قد نال جزاء عادلا، فكيف نُفِلْ لُن نحن إن أهملنا خلاصاً عظيماً كهذا قد نُطَقُّ به على لسان الرب أولاً، ثم تُبَيِّنَ لنا الذين سمعوه.

هللوا

بمراحمك يا رب. أرتّم، إلى الابد، إلى جيلٍ جليلٍ أعلنُ حَقَّكَ. بغي لأنك قلت: إن الرحمة تُبْنَى إلى الابد، وفي السموات يُهَيَّأ حَقَّكَ.

انجيل الاحد الثاني من الصوم (مرقس 1: 1-12)

في ذلك الزمان، دخل يسوع كفرناحوم. وسمع أنه في بيت، ففي الحال اجتمع خلق كثير بحيث لم يبق موضع يسع ولا عند الباب، وكان يخاطبهم بالكلمة. فأتوا اليه بمخلع يحمله أربعة. وإذ لم يقدرُوا أن يقتربوا اليه بسبب الجمع، كسفوا السقف حيث كان، وبعد ما تقبوه دلوا الفراش الذي كان المخلع مضطجعا عليه. فلما رأى يسوع إيمانهم قال للمخلع: يا بني مغفورة لك خطاياك. وكان قوم من الكتبة جالسين هناك يفكرون في قلوبهم: ما بال هذا يتكلم هكذا بالتجديف؟ من يقدر أن يغفر الخطايا إلا الله وحده؟ فللوقت علم يسوع بروحه انهم يفكرون هكذا في أنفسهم. فقال لهم: لماذا تفكرون بهذا في قلوبكم؟ ما اليسر: أن يُقال للمخلع مغفورة لك خطاياك. أم أن يُقال قم احمل فراشك وامشي؟ ولكن لكي تعلموا ان ابن الانسان له سلطان على الأرض ان يغفر الخطايا، قال للمخلع: لك أقول قم احمل فراشك واذهب الى بيتك. فقام للوقت وحمل فراشه وخرج أمام الجميع، حتى دهشوا كلهم ومجدوا الله قائلين: ما رأينا قط ومثل هذا.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT. SUNDAY OF THE HOLY RELICS AND ST. GREGORY PALAMAS.

9:00 a.m:

- + **ALBERT & JOSEPHINE HARRAKA (70th & 25th Anniversaries)** by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- + **JOSEPH & TODD HARRAKA (Birthday Remem.)** by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- + **MARY AJAMI KUFFREY (Miami, FL)** by her sister-in-law Alberta Mardo.
- + **GEORGE AMEEN HADDAD** by Sharyn Haddad Vicente & Family.
- + **MARY & EDDIE GEORGE (32nd & 29th Anniversaries)** by their Family.
- + **MARY TAHAN (Birthday Remem.)** by her sister Christine.
- + **EMILY HADDAD SIMAS** by her Family.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.
- + **LAWRENCE R. & MARY A. MOON** by their Children & Grandchildren.

11:15 a.m:

- + **NICOLA HANNA ZABOURA (40 Day)** by his wife Nihad Khoury Zaboura.
- + **JOHN R. ROWEY** by Paul & Chirin Ashkar.
- + **VICTORIA ALCHIKH** by George, Norma & Christopher Kishfy.
- + **YOUSEF GEORGI DEEB** by M/M James Briden.
- + **MAGEE MARTINEZ** by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.
- + **JAMES L. & LILLIAN KOURY SALOME** by the Family.
- + **MRS. JOSEPHINE BASSALEH** by Rouaida Aghia.

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: February 18, 2024: Budgets: \$2,900.00 (Envelopes: \$2,790.00; Loose: \$110.00); Candles: \$122.00; Stole Offerings: \$50.00; Building Fund: \$60.00; Religious Education: \$375.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three and a half years and has been 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 this New Year.

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.

2024 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available-free for the taking-at both entrances of the Church. 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.

ANY NEEDS OR THOUGHTS, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS, SUGGESTIONS, ETC. that you may have, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Parish Advisory Council or any standing committee 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.

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL FEBRUARY SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN is underway. To subscribe to your national award-winning diocesan newspaper, just drop the specially marked Subscription Drive weekly envelope into the collection basket; log onto w.w.w.thericatholic.com and click Subscribe at the left order renew and even pay for your subscription online with a credit or debit card or call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone. Your Diocesan Newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 146th year mission of bringing the good news of the church to your home each week. Subscription only \$30 per year.

CLEANLINESS AND HEALTH: Please pick up after yourselves and the children during and following Coffee Hour; insects and rodents are attracted by what we leave throughout and around the interior and exterior of the building; it takes but a few moments to clean up well. Cultural Center, kitchen, and bar, should always be free of open food items. Everyone: please take note: Hall dining tables, coffee serving areas, stainless steel tables, counters, sinks, stove etc. should be soap washed after every use and before leaving the building. The custodian does not always come in on our desired schedule. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE of any change of address or telephone number information. This will cut down on returned mail and time waste. Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing request but to no avail. Kindly give this your undivided attention and as Our Lord says in His parables: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

TODAY, there will be a special collection taken up for the **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please help subsidize our monthly payment for the operation, maintenance, and upkeep of our Diocese. Please give generously.

ON SUNDAYS DURING LENT, HOLY THURSDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY, the **HIRMOS**, or hymn to the Mother of God, we usually chant ("It is truly right....) is replaced with: "In you, O full of grace, all creation rejoices: the orders of angels and the human race as well. O sanctified Temple, spiritual Paradise and glory of Virgins from whom our God who exists before all eternity took flesh and became a little child. He has taken your womb as his throne making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, O full of grace, in you all creation rejoices. Glory to you!"

(The Icon of the Mother of God behind the altar, reflects the words of this beautiful hymn. This Lent let us make a renewed effort at having the sights and sounds of Church and Liturgy bring us that much closer to our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, who comes to us in the Eucharist!)

REFLECTION: "The only thing we can know is that we know nothing and that is the highest flight of human wisdom."

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.

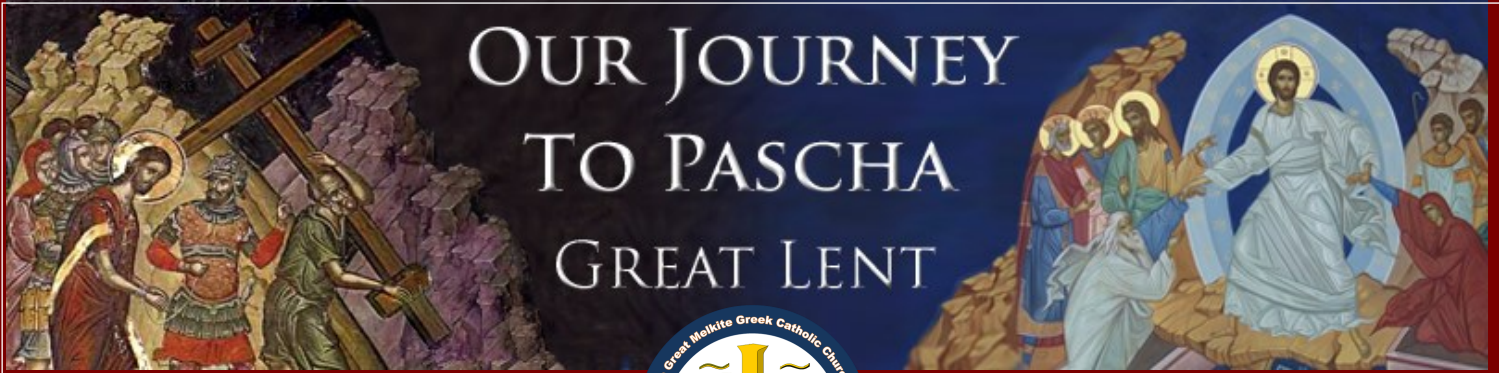
O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the *Theotokos* Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.



Prayer for Lent



“O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, the lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to your servant. Yes, O Lord, and King grant me to see my own sin and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed from all ages to all ages. Amen”



OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA GREAT LENT



ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES FOR THE GREAT AND HOLY LENT

Tuesday	6:30 pm	Great Compline
Friday	6:30 pm	Akathist (Hymn to the <i>Theotokos</i>)
Sunday	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	11:15 am	Divine Liturgy

خدمة الصلوات الأسبوعية خلال الصوم الكبير المقدس

صلاة النوم الكبرى—يا رب القوات	الساعة 6:30 مساء	الثلاثاء
صلاة المدائح لوالدة الإله الفاتحة القداسة	الساعة 6:30 مساء	الجمعة
الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي	الساعة 9 صباحا	الأحد
الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي	الساعة 11:15	

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



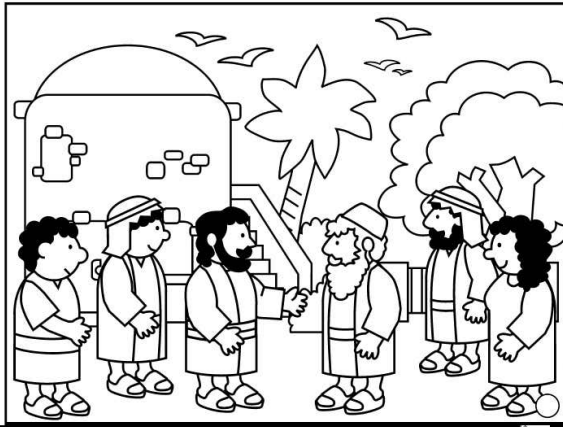
ByziKids 2024 Countdown to Pascha

Western Calendar Edition

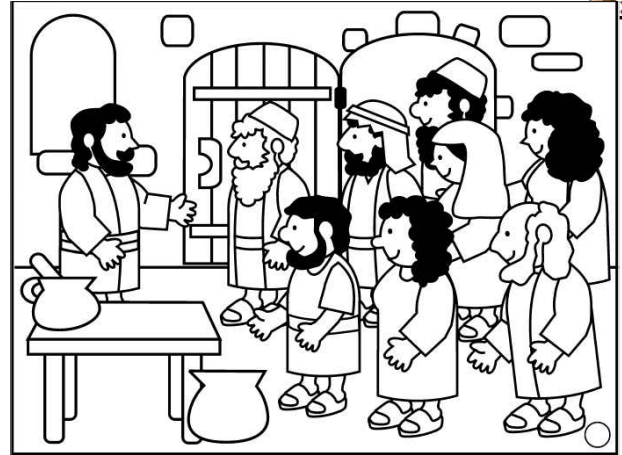
March 17 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Learn her story and be inspired!	March As we get closer to Pascha, let's practice singing the Troparion... secretly, of course. It's still lent.	March 19 Learn about St. Longinus today and how his eyesight was restored by Jesus. How merciful is HE?!	March 20 After you receive Jesus in the Eucharist tonight, close your eyes and snuggle with Him a while.	March 21 Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today!	March 22 Today is the last day of the Great Fast. Passion week is coming soon.	March 23 Lazarus Saturday Listen to the gospel story & think about what you would do if you saw that!	March 24 Palm/Flowerly Sunday Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!	March 25 Great and Holy Monday The Annunciation Mt 21:28-30 Talk with your family about ways you can be a fruitful branch.	March 26 Great and Holy Tuesday Mt 24:26-28:20 Keep the light burning for Jesus in your soul!	March 27 Great and Holy Wednesday Mt 26:6-16 Tonight YOU can receive HOLY UNCTION	March 28 Great and Holy Thursday 1 Cor 11:23-32 Spend some extra time with Jesus in prayer tonight.	March 29 Great and Holy Friday Be especially quiet and solemn today in honor of Jesus suffering and death.	March 30 Great and Holy Saturday Help your family prepare for the celebration to PASCCHA!	March 10 Sunday of St. John the Ladder Step by step, We're getting close	March 11 Make "Crown of Thorn Pretzel Rolls" Get the recipe at ByziMom.com	March 12 Be a helper like Simon of Cyrene. Help someone with a difficult task today	March 13 Set aside a special time to sit before your icon corner and rest with Jesus a while	March 14 Help someone whom you are tempted NOT to love today	March 15 Tonight, listen for the entrance hymn & pray with the angels when Jesus enters!	March 16 Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today	March 3 Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross	March 4 Review the litany said at Divine Liturgy and think of someone you know for each petition	March 5 Do a secret good deed for someone who is in need.	March 6 Watch for another opportunity to be a helper today!	March 7 Review and discuss the guidelines for proper behavior at Liturgy with your family	March 8 Think about the angels today and how your own angel helps you keep the fast	March 9 Clean your closets today and consider donating things you've outgrown	February 25 Sunday of the Paralyzed Man Practice prayer today!	February 24 Remember to practice obedience, as Jesus was obedient to his parents too!	February 23 Take time to look outside notice the wonderful things God has made.	February 22 Learn about your patron saint	February 21 O Joyful Light	February 20 Plant some basil seeds in pots today for Pascha Make beeswax candles for your icon corner	February 19 Visit someone who is sick or lonely, or maybe send them a card	February 18 Sunday of Orthodoxy Gather your icons and have a procession!	February 17 Saturday of Theodore the Recruit Read this really cool story at ByziMom.com	February 16 Clean Friday Make Kutjja (Kolliva) in honor of St. Theodore's miracle	February 15 Clean Thursday Learn the Prayer of St. Ephrem	February 14 Clean Wednesday Practice your prostrations	February 13 Clean Tuesday It's a great day to clean your room!	February 12 Clean Monday The Great Fast Begins! Here we go!	February 11 Cheeseare! Forgiveness Sunday: Ask forgiveness of all in your household
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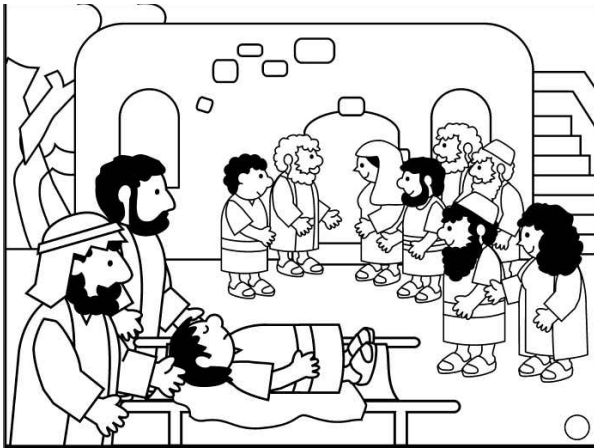
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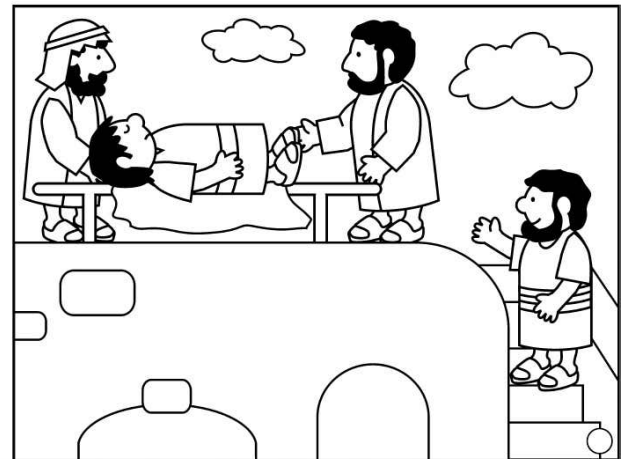
One day Jesus and His disciples went to the city of Capernaum . People were excited that Jesus had come, and they went to hear Him speak



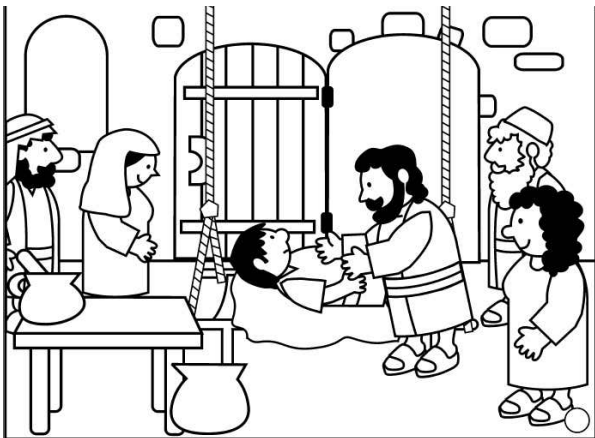
Jesus was inside a house, but it was very crowded. There were many people there wanting to see Jesus.



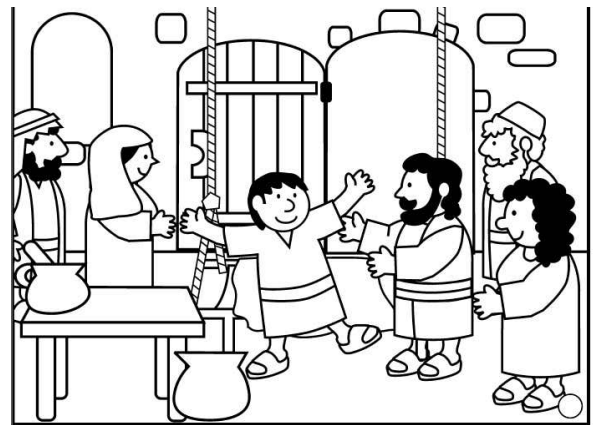
Some men had a friend who was sick. He couldn't move and had to lie in bed all the time. The men wanted Jesus to heal their friend, but there were so many people that they couldn't get close to



Suddenly, one of the men had an idea. Ever so carefully they carried the sick man up to the roof of the house



They made a hole in the roof, big enough to lower the sick man and his bed into the house. They lowered their sick friend all the way down to where Jesus was standing. Jesus was happy that the sick man's friends had faith that He could heal their friend. "Stand up and walk," Jesus told the sick man and immediately the man stood up





Jesus had healed him, and now he could move. He could stand and he could even jump! The man went running back to his home praising and thanking God for healing him

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

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SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week JANUARY 21 ST	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week JANUARY 28 TH	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 4 TH FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 11 TH FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1 ST Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 18 TH	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2 ND Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25 TH	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3 RD Sunday of Lent MARCH 3 RD	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4 TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 10 TH	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5 TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 17 TH	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24 TH GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MARCH 29 TH	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MARCH 31 ST NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

شَرَحُ أيقونةِ المَدائِحِ لوالدةِ الإلهِ

13. إيقونةُ الخليفةِ الجديدة: " إنَّ الخالقَ يظهوره. أَرانا خليفةَ جديدةٍ...".

14. إيقونةُ ميلادِ المسيح: " إذْ قَدْ رأينا ولادةً غريبةً. فلنَتَغَرَّبْ عن العالمِ...".

15. إيقونةُ التَّنَزُّلِ الإلهي: " إنَّ الكلمةَ غيرَ المحصورِ. كانَ يَجْمَلُتهِ معَ الأرضيينِ. ولمْ يَغِبْ النِّبَّةُ عن السماويينِ. إذْ قد صارَ تَنَزُّلُ الإلهي لا انتقالَ مكاني. وصارَتِ الولادةُ من بَنوْلِ استولى عليها روحُ الله...".

16. إيقونةُ الملائكةِ المرْتَمينِ: " إنَّ طَبِيعَةَ الملائكةِ كَلْها. قد ذَهَلَتْ من حَدَثِ تَأْسِكِ العَظيمِ...".

17. إيقونةُ الخُطباءِ الصَّامتينِ بشأنِ سِرِّ التَّجَسُّدِ: " إنَّنا نرى الخُطباءَ المُفَوَّهينِ. يُصْبِحونَ بِشأنِكِ يا وَاةَ الإلهِ كالأسماءِ الكُفِّ. إذْ يَحَارُونَ أنْ يفسِّروا كيفَ اسْتَطَعْتَ أنْ تَلِدِي وتَلبِثِي عذراء...".

18. إيقونةُ خلاصِ العالمِ: " إنَّ مُدَبِّرَ الكُلِّ. لَمَّا شاءَ أنْ يُخْلِصَ العالمَ. وَاةَ من تَلَقَّاهُ نَفْسِيهِ. ومعَ أَنَّهُ راعينا من حيثِ هو إلهٌ...".

19. إيقونةُ العذراءِ حاميةِ العذارى وجميعِ الملتجئينِ إليها: " أنتِ يا أَدَكِ يا طاهرة. لِيَسْكُنَ في مُسْتَوْدَعِكِ...".

20. إيقونةُ المنشيدِينِ أمامَ إيقونةِ المسيح: " كُلُّ مَدِيحِ. وإنَّ تَكَلَّفَ الإسْهابِ. يُعَصِّرُ عن مُساواةِ غِزارةِ رَأْفَتِكِ الغِزيرةِ. أَيُّها المَلِكُ القُدوسُ...".

21. إيقونةُ العذراءِ المصباحِ المُشعِ، والمؤمنينِ الجالسِينِ ظلامِ الجهلِ: " إنَّنا نرى البتولَ القديسةَ مصباحًا مُشعًا ظاهرًا للذينِ في الظلامِ. لأنَّها بإشعالها النُّورَ غيرَ الماديِّ. تُهْدِي الجميعَ إلى المعرفةِ الإلهيَّةِ...".

22. إيقونةُ يسوعِ الذي يُمَرِّقُ الصَّكَّ: " لَمَّا شاءَ مُوفي دُيونِ البَشَرِ أَجمَعينِ. أنْ يُنْعِمَ عليهم بِتَرِكِ دُيونِهِمِ القديمةِ. قَدِمَ بِنَفْسِيهِ إلى الذينِ ابْتعدوا عن نِعْمَتِهِ. وَمَرَّقَ الصَّكَّ المكتوبَ عليهم...".

23. إيقونةُ المُرْتَمينِ لوالدةِ الإلهِ: " فيما تَنَزَّرْتُم بولادَتِكِ. يا وَاةَ الإلهِ. تُشِيدُ لِكِ جَمِيعًا. أَيُّها الهَيْكَلُ الحَيِّ. لَأَنَّ الرَّبَّ الضَّابِطَ الكُلِّ بِيَدِهِ قد سَكَنَ في بَطْنِكِ...".

24. إيقونةُ تَكريمِ إيقونةِ وَاةِ الإلهِ: " أَيُّنْها الأُمُّ الجديرةُ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحِ. يا مَنْ وَلَدَتْ الكلمةَ قُدوسَ القَدِيسينِ. تَقَبَّلِي تَقَدِّمَتنا هذه...".



يا وَاةَ الإلهِ، الفانقةُ القداسةُ، خَلَّصينا...".

في كنيسةِ الرومِ الكاثوليكِ، يُكْرَمُ المؤمنونَ إيقونةَ المَدائِحِ في أيامِ الجمعةِ من الأسابيعِ الخمسةِ الأولى من الصَّومِ الكبيرِ المباركِ. وهي تتألَّفُ من أربعٍ وعشرينَ إيقونةً، وذلك على عددِ أبياتِ صلاةِ "المَدائِحِ لوالدةِ الإلهِ العذراءِ".

تُنشِئُ وتَسْتَعْرِضُ البيوتُ والإيقوناتُ ال ٢٤ أحداثَ التَّجَسُّدِ الإلهيِّ انطلاقًا من حَدَثِ البشارةِ.

فيما يلي، سوفَ يتمُّ عَرْضُ كلِّ إيقونةٍ معَ مَطَلَعِ البيتِ الخاصِّ بها في صلاةِ المَدائِحِ لوالدةِ الإلهِ. يبدأ عَرْضُ الإيقوناتِ من يسارِ الإيقونةِ العُلويِّ تدرُّجًا نحوَ اليمينِ:

1. إيقونةُ الملاكِ جبرائيلِ المُمرسَلِ للقاءِ مريم: " إنَّ الملاكَ المُتَقَدِّمَ أَرْسَلَ من السَّماءِ لِيَقْرَأَ السَّلَامَ على وَاةِ الإلهِ...".

2. إيقونةُ دَهْشَةِ مريمِ من كلامِ الملاكِ: " لَمَّا رَأَتْ القَدِيسَةَ ذاتِها في حالةِ النُّقاوةِ. قالَتْ لجبرائيلَ جِراًةً: إنَّ مَقالِكَ الغريبِ يَبْدُو لِنَفْسِي عَسيرَ القَبولِ...".

3. إيقونةُ التماسِ مريمِ أنْ تَعَلَّمَ العَلَمُ الذي لا يُعَلَّمُ: " لَمَّا التَمَسَتْ العذراءُ أنْ تَعَلَّمَ العَلَمُ الذي لا يُعَلَّمُ. هَتَفَتْ نحوَ الرِّسولِ: قُلْ لي كيفَ يُمَكِّنُ أنْ يولِّدَ ابنَ من أَحْشائي النِّقْيَةِ؟".

4. إيقونةُ حلولِ الرُّوحِ القُدسِ على مريم: " إنَّ قُدْرَةَ العَلِيِّ ظَلَّتْ حينئذٍ التي لمْ تَحْتَبِرْ زَوْجًا. لكي تَحْبِلَ. فأظْهَرَتْ أَحْشاءَها المُثمرةَ حَقلاً طَيِّبًا لجميعِ الذينِ يرومُونُ أنْ يَجِنُوا خلاصًا...".

5. إيقونةُ زيارةِ مريمِ لأليصابات: " إنَّ البتولَ أَسْرَعَتْ نحوَ أليصابات. وهي تَحْمِلُ اللهَ في مُسْتَوْدَعِها...".

6. إيقونةُ اضطرابِ يوسف: " إنَّ يوسفَ العَفيفِ. شَعَرَ في داخلِهِ بِعاصِفةٍ مِنَ الأفكارِ المُقلِّقةِ. فاضْطربَ حينَ نَظَرَ إِيكَ أَنْتِ البِكرِ...".

7. إيقونةُ بشارَةِ الرُّعاةِ بِميلادِ المسيح: " إنَّ يوسفَ العَفيفِ. شَعَرَ في داخلِهِ بِعاصِفةٍ مِنَ الأفكارِ المُقلِّقةِ. فاضْطربَ حينَ نَظَرَ إِيكَ أَنْتِ البِكرِ...".

8. إيقونةُ المجوسِ وهو يَتَبَعونَ الكوكبَ: " لَمَّا رَأَى المجوسُ كوكبًا يُسَيِّرُهُ اللهُ. إتَّبَعوا ضِياءَهُ واتَّخَذوه كِمصباحِ يَحْتونَ عن المَلِكِ القَدِيرِ...".

9. إيقونةُ تَكريمِ المجوسِ للطفْلِ الإلهيِّ: " أَبْصَرَ فتَيانُ الكَلدانيينِ في يَدَيِ البتولِ جابِلَ البَشَرِ بيدهِ. البتولَ تَحْمِلُ في يَدِها جابِلَ البَشَرِ بيدهِ، وفَقَّهوا أَنَّهُ السَيِّدُ وإنَّ اتَّخَذَ صورةَ عَيْدِ. فبادَرُوا إلى إِكْرامِهِ بالهدايا...".

10. إيقونةُ عودَةِ المجوسِ إلى بلادِهِم: " لَمَّا عَدَا المجوسُ مُبْتَثِرِينَ لِابْسِينِ اللهُ. عادُوا إلى بابلَ بعدَ أنْ أُنْمُوا ما أَوْجِي بِهِ إِلَيْهِمُ...".

11. إيقونةُ الهروبِ إلى مصر: " لَمَّا أَشْعَلَتْ في مِصرَ نورَ الحَقِيقَةِ...".

12. إيقونةُ دخولِ المسيحِ إلى الهَيْكَلِ: " لَمَّا أَرَمَعَ سَمعانُ أنْ يَنبَقِلَ مِنْ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ الحاضِرِ الخَدَّاعِ. دَفَعَتْ إِلَيْهِ كَطْفَلٍ...".

Spiritual and Physical Healing

In today's Gospel, we find buried a story of great faith. It is the story of four friends who carried a paralyzed man to see Jesus, because they believed in the healing power of this prophet. When the size of the crowd blocked their way, they did not stop. They climbed the house and dug through the roof, lowering the paralytic so that Jesus might gaze upon him and have mercy. And "when Jesus saw their faith", he performed a miracle and the paralytic walked again.

The core of this reading, is the faith of these friends and this paralyzed man. Indeed, Jesus did not heal this man because he and his friends were rich or poor, respected or rejected, connected or cast out. Of these things, we know not. But we do know this: Jesus healed this man because of his faith and the faith of his friends. In this and other miracles, Jesus is clear that faith is required before healing can occur.



1. The Paralytic: Four men carried a friend to Jesus. It made all the difference in the world to the friend, for he was paralyzed and was unable to approach Jesus on his own. He had heard of the miracles Jesus had performed but had never seen them. His healing was out of the question: he couldn't go to Jesus on his own. Had his four friends not stepped in and brought him to Jesus, he would never have been cured. Their faith and love made his healing possible. Who does Jesus want me to bring to him? Do I invite people to prayer and adoration? Do I invite people to Mass and confession?

2. The Four Friends: These four men were not stopped by the obstacles in their way. How long they traveled isn't mentioned, but even a short distance is tiring when carrying a man on a mat. When they arrived at the house, it was full of people who had traveled to hear and see Jesus and to be cured by him. It was impossible for the men to get inside the house through the door, but they didn't give up. They didn't quit. They carried their friend up to the rooftop and lowered him down into the house. By persevering, we can achieve anything. Love knows no boundaries or limits.

3. Jesus: God wants to save people. He wants to bring real healing

into their lives, but he wants to heal them through us. Jesus could have found the paralyzed man. He chose, rather, to let the others bring the man to him. Jesus wanted to heal him, but without the charity in the hearts of the four men, the healing might never have been accomplished. Who does Jesus wish to encounter through me? How can I be a better instrument of his love?

Conversation with Christ: Lord, help me to realize more deeply that you want me involved in salvation history. I'm on the front lines. You entrust souls to me, and you want to bless their lives through my prayers, my sacrifices, and my work. Increase my love for these souls. They need my help and my fidelity. I don't want to let them down. Help me to be faithful.

Jesus deals first with the spiritual problem—the forgiveness of sins—and then the physical problem—the physical affliction. Most people want it the other way around, putting greater emphasis on healing the physical ailment than fixing the spiritual problem. Solomon gives us the answer to which is more important: "The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, but who can bear a broken spirit?" (Proverbs 18:14). From God's perfect perspective, spiritual needs are always more critical than physical ones (Mark 8:36), so in this miracle, forgiveness precedes healing.

Resolution: I will make a sacrifice today for the person most in need of God's grace.

To have faith is sometimes hard; Faith in ourselves, faith in our families, faith in our friends, faith in our God. We struggle. We hope. We pray. In the end, we find Jesus is right. Without faith, no miracles occur. If we do not believe for ourselves, no one can believe for us.

And when we have faith, we act. These friends opened up a roof. With our faith, we can open up our hearts and minds to reveal generosity, compassion, mercy and love. Through these expressions, we demonstrate our faith much like this group in today's Gospel demonstrated theirs. Because we believe and act, Jesus can see our faith, our intentions are heard, and miracles occur that make our lives, and lives of all we love, better.

الخلاص في المسيح

بينك."

هكذا وبكلمة واحدة من يسوع تحولت كل الأنظار إلى هذا الرجل المقعد الذي شفى. هكذا تحولت كل الكلمات نحو هذا الرجل الصامت الذي لم يفتح فاه. هذا المخلع لم يتكلم كلمة واحدة... كانت كلمات يسوع له محببة: "مغفورة لك خطاياك... لك أقول انهض!" للحظة كان السؤال هل سينهض؟ بكلمة واحدة من يسوع هل سيتمكنه ان يحرك جسده المشلول؟ هذا العمل الذي كان مستحيلًا بالإيمان تترجم عملاً عجائبيًا مذهشًا. حسد هذا المخلع تجدد وانتعش وقام وتحرك. بكلمة واحدة في هذه اللحظة الحرجة، بكلمة رجاء امتلأ قلب هذا المسكين شفاءً... أطاع وقام ومضى.

كل تلك السنوات الماضية التي كان فيها هذا المقعد محمولاً من غيره، هذه الكتلة من الألم واليأس، هذا التاريخ المأساوي، بأمر المسيح مسخ وانتهى، وهو الآن يعيش لحظات خلاصية. كلمات المسيح تقول لنا إن المأساة ليست في الشلل، إنما هي في الخطيئة. ويسوع شفى هذا المقعد من

ينتظر ويراقب ويسمع خطيئته ومن شلله.

وكل جماعة مسيحية أصابها الشلل، يقول لها المسيح أولاً: "مغفورة لك خطاياك!" انهضي!

من خلال هذا النص يمكننا أن نأخذ ثلاث عِبَرَات:

1. **البشر موجودون**، متمثل بخطيئة هذا المقعد، بشلل هذا المقعد، متمثل أيضاً في إيمان الكتبة الذين يراقبون المسيح والذين يعيقون المسيح في تقديم خلاص الله له وللناس.

2. **محبو الخلاص موجودين**، أراهم من خلال هؤلاء الحمالين الأربعة، الذين فعلوا كل شيء، وبذلوا جهداً كبيراً كي يحملوا المقعد للمسيح. إيمانهم كبير أن الخلاص هو بالمسيح فقط والأهم بالنسبة إليهم هو أن يصل هذا المقعد إلى المسيح وتغفر خطيئته وينشفي.

في هذا الأحد اليوم، هؤلاء الحمالون هم القديسين الذين يحملوننا في صلاتهم، ويحموننا بحضورهم في ذخائرهم المقدسة ليقدّمونا للمسيح لكي يشفيانا.

ونحن أيضاً ذخائر حية في الكنيسة نحمل بعضنا البعض في الصلاة والصيام، نقدم بعضنا البعض إلى المسيح طالبين منه الخلاص ومغفرة خطايانا والشفاء من شلل نفوسنا واجسادنا.

3. **هذا المقعد، هو العبرة الأهم، لم يستسلم لشلله ولم يعتبر أن الخطيئة والمرض قدر محتّم ولم يسمح لليأس أن يملك قلبه.** هذا المقعد قبل المغفرة المقدمة من المسيح، وقبل الشفاء كهدية عظيمة من الله. وهو مثال للتخلي بالصبر على الألم والتخلي بالرجاء، هو مثال الإيمان.

أقول لرعتي الحبيبة، الخلاص هو في المسيح، المهم أن تصلي إليه وتسمعيه يقول لك: "مغفورة لك خطاياك. انهضي! قومي". آمين



في هذا الأحد الثاني والمبارك من زمن الصيام، تعيد الكنيسة البيزنطية للذخائر المقدسة، وتكرّم فيها بقايا القديسين والقديسات والشهداء.

ما الذي سينتصر أخيراً في قلوب الناس الإيمان أو عدم الإيمان؟

يريد هذا النص المقدّس أن يقول لنا إن الإيمان هو الذي سينتصر، من خلال هؤلاء الأشخاص الأربعة، إيمانهم أكيد، إيمانهم حي.

هؤلاء الأشخاص الأربعة يتألمون بسبب الأم هذا المقعد، هذا الصديق الحميم. إيمانهم كان في يسوع أنه الشافي والمخلص والملجأ الأخير.

يترجم إيمان هؤلاء الأربعة بهمتهم وجهدهم: مهما كلف الأمر، حملوا هذا المخلع وافتحموا الجموع وصعدوا به إلى السقف ونقبوه ودلوا صديقهم منه. إيمانهم كسر كل الحواجز لكي يمتنعوا هذا الرجل الكسح بالعاوية. وعدم الإيمان كان حاضرًا هنا أيضاً. الإيمان وعدم الإيمان متواعدان هنا. عدم الإيمان متمثل في قلب بعض الكتبة، كان وبقيس، ليحكم ويدين.

هؤلاء الكتبة سمعوا وفهموا جيداً وقارنوا كلام يسوع بما يعتقدون به. بعدما سمعوا كلام المسيح "مغفورة لك خطاياك" سألوا المسيح سؤال عدل، سؤالاً صحيحاً: "من يستطيع أن يغفر الخطايا إلا الله وحده؟" ولكنهم بالحقيقة غير قادرين على استيعاب الحل الحقيقي الذي قدمه المسيح. هربوا من فعل الإيمان الحقيقي. فبدل أن يستسلموا ويؤمنوا بقدرة الله ويقولوا: "هذا الرجل يفعل أفعال الله، فضلوا عدم الإيمان بقدرة الله وقالوا: "هذا الرجل يجذف".

هؤلاء الأشخاص موجودون في كل زمان وفي كل مكان. يرفضون عطايا الله الحقيقية المقدمة بشخص المسيح. ربما كانوا يريدون المسيح رجلاً ذا قدرة كسائر الأنبياء، رجلاً يعمل كما هم يتخيلون الإيمان. على عكس إيمان هؤلاء الرجال الأربعة الذين يحملون المخلع، الذين يؤمنون أن الله قادر أن يفعل أفعال خلاص شفاءية بسيطة. والمفارقة أن هؤلاء الأشخاص سمعوا من المسيح ما لم ينتظروه منه. هم يريدون الشفاء للمخلع من كسح، ولكن كلمات يسوع لا دخل لها في الظاهر بالشفاء الجسدي الذي كانوا يرغبون سماعه. ولكن يسوع قال: "يا بني، مغفورة خطاياك".

أجاب المسيح على ما هو أهم من الشفاء الجسدي، أجابه على ما هو جوهرى، على ما هو أساسي. المسيح منح هذا المخلع أولاً شفاء القلب وشفاء الروح، منحه حرية تفوق حرية الحركة، منحه الخلاص الحقيقي.

ونحن أيضاً، أبها الإخوة والأخوات، ربما نطلب من المسيح شفاءً مادياً من خلال المال أو الممتلكات وربما الجاه، وربما شفاء للجسد، وهذا ما كان محبو هذا المخلع يريدونه. ولكن المسيح قدم لهم ما هو أهم، الخلاص الحقيقي: سلام النفس والتحرير من الخطيئة. قدم لهم كلمة أهم: "مغفورة لك خطاياك". إن المسيح هو ابن الإنسان الذي يقدم خلاص الله الحقيقي.

سيأتي الشفاء، ولكن في مرحلة ثانية، سيأتي كمكافأة على الإيمان، كعلامة لكي يعيد الإيمان إلى من فقد الإيمان، لاسيما هؤلاء الكتبة: "أمرك!" "لك أقول: قم أحمل فراشك وامضي إلى

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

- Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:15 am

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4:00 PM Byzantine Divine Liturgy of St. John
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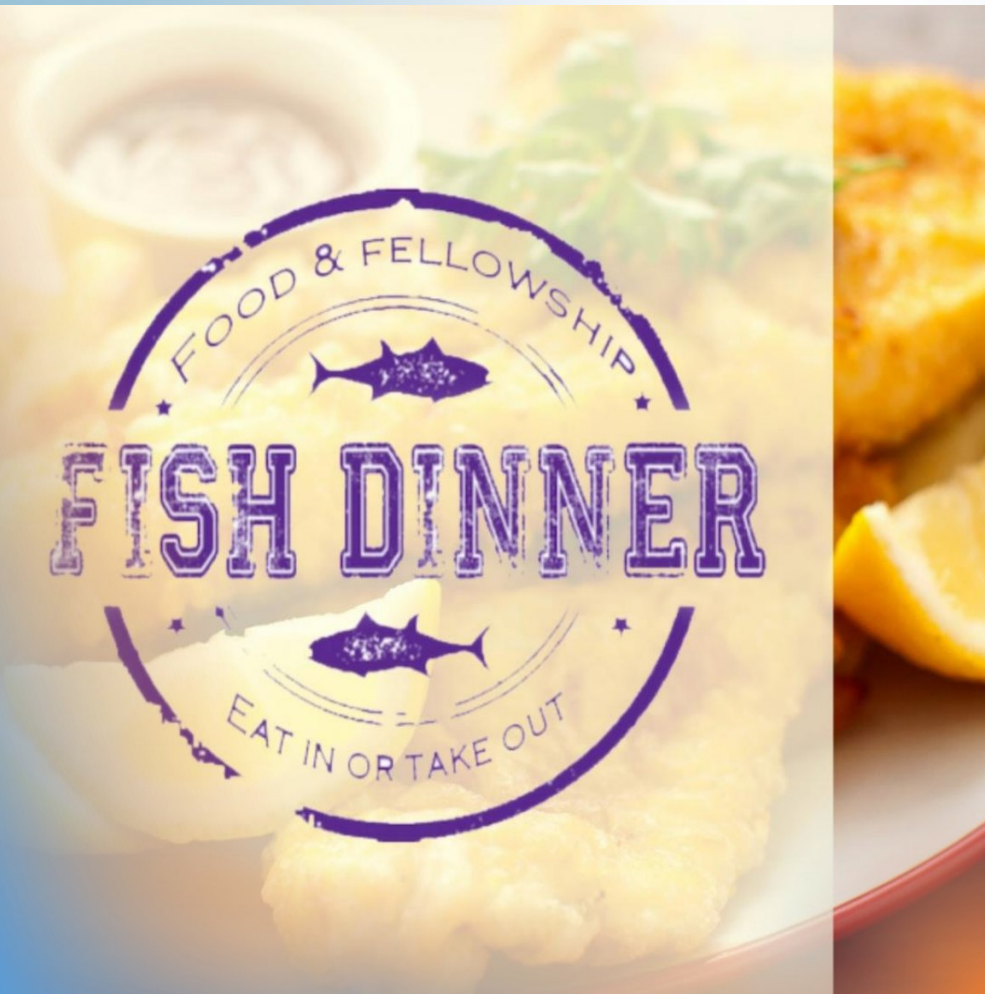
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Campaign Facts:



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%

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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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