



April 3, 2022

## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Website

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### Office hours

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

### Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

### Sunday

English 9:00 AM  
Arabic 11:15 AM

### Religious Education

Sunday 10:00 am—11:15 AM

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

### Holy Mysteries

### Reconciliation

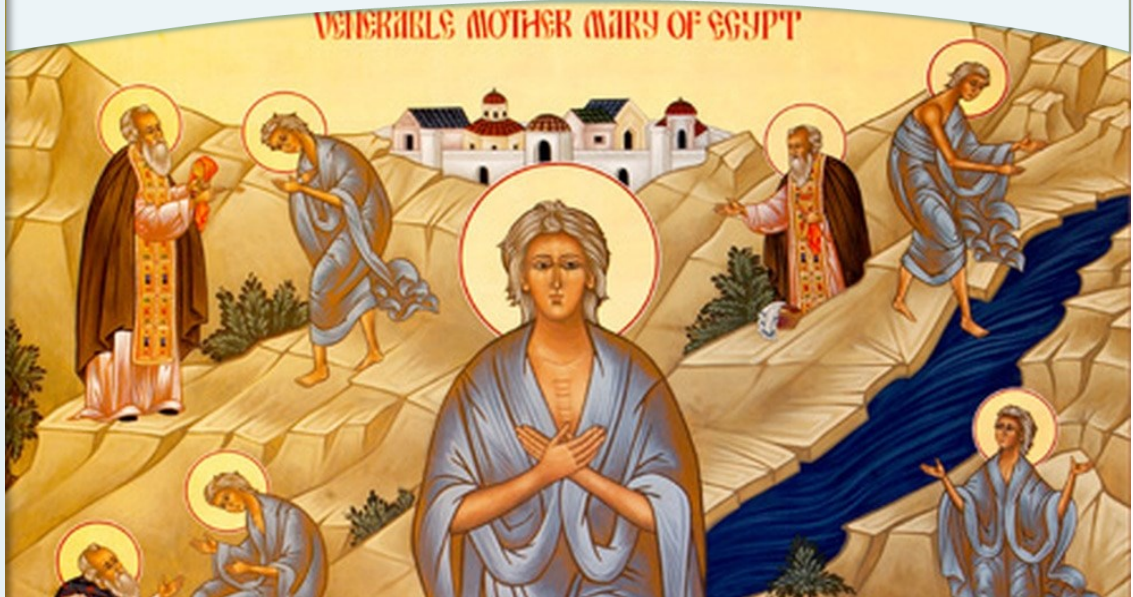
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will  
be available before the Divine  
Liturgy or by appointment

### 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 of Mary of Egypt Fifth Sunday of the Great Lent

الاحد الخامس من الصوم العظيم -  
تذكار امنا البارة مريم المصرية

### Antiphon Prayer

O Lord God, You examine the inner heart. You know our concerns before they emerge into being. You saved Mary of Egypt from the tribulations of this earth, for she had recourse to You. We implore You to purify our hearts and to make us temples of your Holy Spirit and rich in virtues, so that we may glorify You by hymns of praise and good works.

For You are our God and to You are due all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever

### Troparion of the resurrection (4th tone)

The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection, and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles: Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! And has bestowed great mercy upon the world

### Troparion of our Mother Mary of Egypt,

In you, O Mother Mary, the faithful image of God shone forth, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

### 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.

### صلاة الأنديفون

أيها الرب الإله الفاحص أعماق القلوب والعارف أمورنا كلها قبل ان تكون، لقد اختطفنا من اضطرابات الحياة من لجأت اليك. فنضرك اليك أن تُظهر قلوبنا، وتظهرنا هياكل لروح القدس، وأغنياء بالفضائل، فنعظمك بالتسابيح والأعمال الصالحة. لأنك أنت هو إلهنا ولك ينبغي كل مجد واکرام وسجود، أيها الأب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكل اوان وإلى دهر الداهرين.

### نشيد القيامة باللحن الرابع

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهيجة. ونبذن القضاء على الجدين، وقلن للرسول مفتخرات: لقد سلب الموت، ونهض المسيح الإله، واهباً للعالم عظيم الرحمة.

### نشيد للبارة مريم المصرية باللحن الثامن

فيك حُفظت صورة الله بتدقيق أيتها الأم مريم. فقد أخذت الصليب وتبع المسيح، وعلمت بالعمل إهمال الجسد لأنه زائل، والاهتمام بالنفس لأنها خالدة. فلذلك تبتهج روحك أيتها البارة مع الملائكة.

### 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 البار 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](http://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 "O never-failing Protectress"

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

### Epistle of 5th Sunday of Lent, Hebrews 9: 11-14 PROKIMENON

Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about bring gifts to the awesome God.

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel great is his name. Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things to come (Cf. Lv.16: 14; 19: 4), he entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands (that is, not as a part of the present creation), nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of his own blood, into the sanctuary, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ (Cf. Rv. 1: 5), who through the Holy Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

ALLELUIA (Tone 8)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Stichon: Let us greet him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

### Gospel: 5th Sunday of Lent, Mark 10: 32-45 (The greatest in the Kingdom)

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

At that time Jesus took the Twelve, and began to tell them what would happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the Scribes; and they will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him and scourge him, and put him to death; and on the third day he will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him, saying, "Master, we want thee to do for us whatever we ask." But he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at thy right hand and the other at thy left hand, in thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Can you drink of the cup of which I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized?" And they said to him, "We can." And Jesus said to them "Of the cup that I drink, you shall drink; and with the baptism with which I am to be baptized, you shall be baptized; but as for sitting at my right hand or at my left, that is not mine to give, but it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard this, they were at first indignant at James and John. But Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles I lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wishes to become great shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the slave of all; for the Son of Man also has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### نشيد الختام (القنداق)

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزي، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصوات الخطاة الطالبين اليك. بل بما انك صالحة، بادري الى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليك بأيمان: هلمي الى الشفاعة، وأسري الى الابتهاال، يا والدة الاله المحامية دائماً من مكرميك.

### مقدمة الرسالة

أُنذِرُوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا، كُلُّ الَّذِينَ حَوْلَهُ يَأْتُونَ بهدايا  
 الله معروفٌ في يَهُودَا، واسمُهُ عَظِيمٌ في إِسْرَائِيل  
 الرسالة (عبرانيين 9 : 11 - 14)  
 يا إخوة، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ الَّذِي جَاءَ خَبْرًا لِلْخِبرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَاجْتَاَزَ بِالْمَسْكَنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَالْأَكْمَلِ الْغَيْرِ الْمَصْنُوعِ بَيْدَ، أَيِ الَّذِي لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ، دَخَلَ الْأَقْدَاسَ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَيْسَ بِدَمِ ثِيُوسٍ وَعُجُولِي، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ الْخَاصِّ، فَوَجَدَ فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. لَدُنْهُ إِنْ كَانَ دَمُ ثِيْرَانٍ وَثِيُوسٍ وَزَمَادُ عَجَلِهِ يُرَشُّ عَلَى الْمُتَنَجِّسِينَ، فَيُقَدِّسُهُمْ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْجَسَدِ، فَكَمْ بِالْأَحْرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي قَرَّبَ بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِلا غَيْبٍ، يُظَهِّرُ ضَمِيرَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيِّتَةِ لِتَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ.  
 هَلَلُويا  
 هَلِّمُوا نَبْتَهِجْ بِالرَّبِّ، وَنَهْلِكْ لِلَّهِ مَخْلَصِينَ لُبَابِدَ إِلَى وَجْهِهِ بِالْاعْتِرَافِ، وَبِالْمَزَامِيرِ نَهْلِكْ لَهُ.

### الانجيل للاحد الخامس من الصوم العظيم الانجيل (مرقس 10 32 - 45)

في ذلك الزمان، أخذ يسوع تلاميذه الاثني عشر، وطفق يقول لهم ما سيعرض له: ها نحن صاعدون إلى أُورُشليم، وابن البشر سيُسَلَّم إلى رؤساء الكهنة والكتبة، فيحكمون عليه بالموت ويُسلمونه إلى الامم، فيهزؤون به، ويجلدونه، ويصقون عليه، ويقتلونه، وفي اليوم الثالث يقوم. فتقدّم اليه يعقوب ويوحنا ابنا زبدي قائلين: يا معلم، نريد أن تصعب لنا كل ما نسألك. فقال لهما: ماذا تريدان ان اصنع لكما؟ قالا له: هب لنا أن يجلس احدا عن يمينك والآخر عن يسارك في مجدك. فقال لهما يسوع: انكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان. أنستطيعان أن نشري الكأس التي أشربها أنا، وأن تصطبغان بالصبغة التي اصطبغ بها أنا؟ فقالا له: نستطيع. فقال لهما يسوع أما الكأس التي أشربها فتشربانها، والصبغة التي اصطبغ بها فتصطبغان بها. وأما الجلوس عن يميني أو يساري فليس لي أن اعطيه بل هو للذين أعد لهم. فلما سمع العشرة أخذوا يغضبون على يعقوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع وقال لهم: تعلمون ان الذين يُعَدُّون أركانهم الامم يسودونهم، وعظماؤهم يتسلطون عليهم. وأما في ما بينكم فلا يكن هكذا. بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم كبيراً، يكون لكم خادماً. ومن أراد أن يصير فيكم الاول، يكون للجميع عبداً. فإن ابن الانسان لم يأت ليُخدَم بل ليُخدم، وليُبذل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين.





## 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, APRIL 3, 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT. SUNDAY OF OUR MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT.**

### 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Elias & Barbara Deeb.
- + **WALTER R. MOON** by his sister, Shirley Moon Lemay.
- + **EDMON SALIM ABEDALNOUR** by Peter & Rania Tanzi.
- + **FREDERICK KOUSSA** by Mrs. Madeline Vincent.
- + **ROSE AISSIS AUDETTE** by Christopher & Timothy Audette.
- + **STEVEN KANAKRY** by M/M Anthony Mardo.
- + **KATHLEEN CONNORS** by her brother Joseph Connors.
- + **MARJORIE NASHAWATY** by Pamela Desmarais.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Michael Kanakry.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy..
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Ron & Mary DiGregorio.

### 11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL G. BOUDJOUK of NJ (40 Day)** by all his RI Cousins and Families.
- + **ANTHONY & NADEEMA BOUDJOUK of NJ** by all their nieces & nephews in RI.
- + **VICKY, AGNES & JOE BOUDJOUK of NJ** by all their cousins in RI.
- + **BASHIR & SAYOUD BOUDJOUK** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **MICHEL, GEORGE & AGIB BOUDJOUK** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **GEORGE & NAEEMA LOZE** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **NICHOLA, JOHN, IBRAHIM & EDMOUND LOZE** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **ROSE & HOUNEIN KHOURY** by Micheline Ghanem.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by M/M Tony Charchafiah & Family.





## St Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church Holy Week Liturgical Services



### **PALM SUNDAY – April 10**

- 9:00 am † Divine Liturgy on Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
- 11:15 am † Divine Liturgy on Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

- أحد الشعانين – 10 نيسان**
- 9:00 يوم الأحد صباحاً † الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي-عيد دخول السيد المسيح الى أورشليم (أحد الشعانين)
  - 11:15 يوم الأحد صباحاً † الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي-عيد دخول السيد المسيح الى أورشليم (أحد الشعانين)



### **GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY – April 13**

- 6:30 pm † Blessing of the Oil of the Penitents and the Lord's Last Supper commemoration at Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with the Solemn Washing of Feet

- الأربعاء المقدس – 13 نيسان**
- 6:30 مساءً † الإحتفال بالليتورجية الإلهية للقدّيس باسيليوس الكبير يليها رتبة تبريك الزيت و مسح المؤمنين
  - بالزيت المقدس تم خدمة غسل الأرجل



### **GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY – April 14**

- 8:00 am to 5:00 pm † Vigil at the Foot of the Cross
- 6:30 pm † Matins Service of the Crucifixion with the reading of the Passion Gospels.

- خميس العيد – 14 نيسان:**
- 8:00 صباحاً حتى 5:00 مساءً † صلاة سجود و تأمل عند أقدام الصليب
  - 6:30 مساءً † قراءة الأناجيل المقدسة مع خدمة الآلام الخلاصية ورتبة الصلب



### **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY – Passion of Our Lord – April 15**

- 6:30 pm † Burial Service of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ- Matins of Holy Saturday-Procession of Triumph

- الجمعة العظيمة – 15 نيسان**
- 6:30 مساءً † صلاة السحر و رتبة جناز السيد المسيح تليها خدمة فيض النور ونثر الغار كرامة إنتصار السيد المسيح على الموت



### **GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY – The Descent Into Hades – April 16**

- 6:30 pm † Resurrection Matins (Rush Service) and Divine Liturgy of Pascha followed by collation in the Culture Center.

- سبت النور – 16 نيسان**
- 6:30 مساءً † رتبة الهجمة وخدمة القداس الإلهي إحتفالاً بعيد الفصح المجيد يليها تجمع إحتفالي في قاعة الكنيسة



### **EASTER SUNDAY — Resurrection of Our Lord - April 17**

- 10:00 am † Resurrection Matins (Rush Service) followed by the Divine Liturgy of Pascha

- عيد الفصح المجيد – 17 نيسان**
- 10:00 صباحاً † رتبة الهجمة وخدمة القداس الإلهي إحتفالاً بعيد الفصح المجيد







**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** March 20, 2022: Budgets: \$1,845.00; Envelopes: \$1,820.00; Loose: \$25.00; Candles: \$125.00; Stipends: \$95.00; Building Fund: \$70.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$20.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$185.00.

**TODAY, APRIL 3, 2022**, there will be a special collection taken up for your **FUEL OFFERINGS**. Help defray the cost of heating the church and rectory. Due to the rough winter this year, prices have escalated tremendously for both facilities. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022**, there will be a special collection taken up for the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**. Please be generous in your support to help defray the cost of paper stock, visual aids, and all that is involved to perfect our program and meet present day standards in this field of education.

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.

**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](mailto: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.

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

Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar to the customs of Spiritual Bouquets, Perpetual Mass Enrollments & Memorial Cards, as in Chapels, Shrines, & Monasteries.

May the memories of our beloved deceased rest in peace & be eternal. Many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these canonical guidelines and restrictions.

**FATHER DAN UPDATE:** On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday, the Roman Church joined with us in entering Lent. It is for all of us a time of prayer, conversion, fasting and penance. The Holy Father has asked that we pray and fast that day for peace in Ukraine. Their unjust suffering touches our loving heart. As an Eastern Church, we have known in our own flesh and blood, the pain of war and persecution – even though our Western media no longer considers the suffering of the Middle East and Africa worthy of news reports. And yet the planned papal visit to Lebanon will likely be cancelled because of the political unrest! May our love overcome the hatred of war and un-rest. May our prayers and sacrifices help bring about the peace that can come from God alone.

As to my health, it is slowly healing. In a month it will be a year that my cancer was removed surgically. The incision went from just below the knee to above the ankle. As of this morning the remaining open wound is roughly 2 and ½" long and about an inch wide, measured by the visiting wound nurse. Even that is showing closure. I hope it will be healed for Easter! Thank You, Lord.

May this Lent be a time of peace and hope from God. Blessings to all! - **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  
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.





**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.**

**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.

**OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD,** please remember to remove any chewing gum before entering the church building. Also, please place your pagers and cell phones on silent.

**2021 BUDGET STATEMENT AVAILABLE:** It is that time of year to start thinking about the preparation of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Returns. Statements of your offerings to the Church for 2021 will only be issued upon request. If you would like a statement, please contact Father Joe at the rectory at 401-722-1345. To those who have been using envelopes, we extend our thanks and a reminder to please mark the amount enclosed which facilitates the recording of your contributions and allows for more accuracy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD!!!**

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Many parishioners have followed the long-time tradition of donating LILIES to the Church for Easter Season. If you would like to participate in this tradition, please sign your name on the bulletin board located outside the kitchen area. Since we have a large sanctuary area to cover, we would appreciate your generosity in this regard to enhance the Church at this most blessed season. Please make your \$10 offering to Christine Durnin.

**REFLECTION:** To achieve great success, but fail in your relationship with God, is failure.

*Rule of Fasting in the Eparchy of Newton*

So as not to burden anyone's conscience, the Holy Synod of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church permits each eparchial bishop to ease the canonical obligations of fasting, while, at the same time, exhorts all the faithful to fast according to the ancient tradition. The minimum rule that Melkites in the Eparchy of Newton must observe are: *Fasting* from all food and drink from midnight until noon on the first day of Great Lent (Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>), and on the last three days of Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). *Abstinence* at least from meat, must be observed on every Friday of Great Lent. These requirements are the minimum. The faithful are encouraged to do more, such as also abstaining from meat every Wednesday or throughout the whole of Great Lent.

**THE GREAT AND HOLY TIME OF LENT**

Great Lent involves deepening of our prayer life. This includes private prayer as well as the services mentioned below. An important facet of Lent is Almsgiving. "The Shepherd's Care" mandated in our Melkite Parishes and Missions throughout the United States is one good way to put the Almsgiving into practice.

**Tuesday, April 5th: GREAT COMPLINE**      **Friday, April 8th: DIVINE LITURGY OF LAZARUS SATURDAY followed**  
**Lenten Supper**

We encourage and urge you to join us in the scheduled services this week at 6:30 p.m.

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.





# اقربوا إلى الله فيقترب إليكم

مريم المصرية من أكثر القديسين الذين احبهم واثروا في بتوبتها الصادقة وبساطة ايمانها وقوته في ذات الوقت نسكت الصحراء وهي من اعتادت الرفاهية ولم تكتس بشيء وهي التي اعتادت ان تلبس الحرير والحرير. ابتعدت عن حياة الزنى والشهوة عند اقتراب الفصح.

لذا يجب علينا ونحن على مقربة من عيد الفصح وايضا لمن لم يستفيد من الصوم والصلاة ولم يغير الصوم مسلكه وحياته نحو الفضيلة، عليه ان يتخذ موقفا مثل موقف مريم المصرية الحاسم والمصري، اي ان ينتقل من ضفة الموت الى ضفة الحياة والخلص.

ليس المطلوب منا ان نتنسك في الصحراء لكي نخلص، ليس المطلوب ان تكون لنا امتيازات لكي نخلص ونجلس الى يمين السيد وعن يساره، كما طلب الرسل اليوم في الانجيل الذي سمعناه، ليست الكرامة وحب الرئاسة هي تجعلنا قريبين من الرب يسوع.

يقول القديس افرام السرياني في صلاة التوبة: "... اعتقني من روح البطالة والفضول وحب الرئاسة..." نعم حب الرئاسة او السلطة، هي اصعب وخطر صعوبة تواجه الانسان المسيحي هي التخلي عن حب السلطة والتسلط والانانية والكبرياء.

نعتقد كلنا ان قربنا من الرب يسوع يعطينا الحق ويمنحنا حقوق وامتيازات. نعتقد اذا كنا معلمين ومرشدين يمكننا ان نطلب من المسيح ان يفعل لنا كل ما نطلبه وهذا غير صحيح ابدا.

قال يسوع لتلاميذه الذين كانوا يسعون الى حب الرئاسة والظهور اذ قال لهم: "انتم تعلمون ان الذين يحسبون رؤساء الامم يسودونهم وان عظماءهم يتسلطون عليهم. فلا يكون هكذا فيكم، بل من اراد ان يصير فيكم عظيما يكون لكم خادما، ومن اراد ان يصير فيكم اولا، يكون للجميع عبدا، لان ابن الانسان ايضا لم يات ليخدم بل ليخدم ويبذل نفسه فدية عن كثيرين".

هذا هو المطلوب من كل انسان مسيحي مؤمن حقيقي.

النص الانجيلي لهذا اليوم يعلمنا ويعلمنا ويجعلنا نفهم ويجعلنا ندرك ان قضية خلاصنا واكتساب الامتيازات ليس في السلطة والتسلط. ان الامر حقيقة هو بالخدمة، اخلاء الذات والعودة الى الذات، هو الصليب هو التواضع، من اراد ان يصير فيكم اولا يكون للجميع عبدا (مرقس 10-44).

هذه هي الامتيازات التي توهلنا ان نكون مرافقين ليسوع في ملكوته.

احبائي عليكم ان تعيدوا النظر بالاتجاه الصحيح وان تقبلوا الموازين والمفاهيم، اي تحولوا سعيكم وحياتكم نحو السلطة الى سعي نحو الخدمة واخلاء الذات وعطاء بلا حدود ان تكونوا على الصليب على صورة المسيح. مثل ما فعلت قديستنا العظيمة مريم المصرية.

اذا بدأت تحويل حياتها حياة الزنى الى حياة القداسة عندما سجدت امام الصليب في يوم عيده اثناء رحلتها الى اورشليم.

"اقربوا إلى الله فيقترب إليكم" (يع 8:4). إذا قمنا بخطوة نحو الله فهو سيبدارنا بخطوات، الجحيم ليس للخطة بل لغير التائبين، هو لهؤلاء الذين لا يشعرون بقيمتهم أمام الله وللذين لا يعرفون قيمة المسامحة وللذين يرفضون الفردوس ومحبة الله وللذين لا يحبون الرجاء والإيمان.

يمكن للكنيسة أن تقول لكل واحد: لا تخف من شيء ولا تحزن، حالما تتوب سيغفر لك الله كل شيء، ولا يمكن أن يحدث بأن لا يغفر الله للذين يتوبون حقيقة. ولا يوجد خطيئة مهما كبرت لا يمكن لله أن يغفرها بمحبته.



رتبت الكنيسة في الأحد الخامس من الصوم تذكار امرأة هي الأم البارة مريم المصرية التي بدأت من حياة الرذيلة وانتهت لحياة الجهاد. حياتها كانت نسكية لحد بعيد، تشبه عري آدم في الفردوس، فيها لا مبالاة بالحياة الطبيعية غير مهتمة بالحاجات البشرية والضرورية للحياة ومحاولة إعادة الجسد والنفس لعذريتهما الأولى قبل السقوط، فيها انغماس في نعمة الله الغير محدودة. غاية هذا الترتيب، أي أحد القديسة مريم المصرية، في أواخر الصوم الكبير هو بسبب تمرد لها العميق والكبير ضد الخطيئة، فلما يعرف أن مريم المصرية عاشت الخطيئة في أقصاها واكتشفت المعنى الحقيقي للتوبة فعاشت سبع وأربعين سنة في صحراء الأردن، وفيها عاشت محبة الله الغير المحدودة للخطاة والضعفاء، وكشفت لنا كيف أن الله يكشف طرقاً لا نحصى ويضعها أمامنا في حياتنا اليومية تودي بنا للخلاص، وأوضح لنا مقدار التواضع والوداعة والصبر التي نحتاجها للوصول للتوبة الحقيقية.

التوبة تفتح ابواب السماء تأخذ الانسان الى الفردوس تتجاوز الشيطان واعماله

اجل عندما تخطئ ولا تخجل عندما تتوب، فان الخطيئة هي الجرح والتوبة هي العلاج.

القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم

ايها الاحباء: ها نحن نقرب من الصعود الى اورشليم حتى نعيد الفصح. اليوم المحطة الاخيرة في مسيرة الصوم الكبير قبل دخولنا في الاسبوع العظيم والفصح.

الكنيسة تضع لنا اليوم تذكارا لقديسة البارة مريم المصرية. اختارت الكنيسة ان تجعل عيد مريم المصرية في هذا الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير. لتقدمنا لنا نموذجا حيا للتوبة ولننسك بلا حدود. كما فعلت في بداية الصوم بمثل الفريسي والعشار ومثل الابن الشاطر، اللذان يذكرونا بان نتوب واليوم تذكرونا الكنيسة المقدسة بان التوبة بامكاننا ان نعيشها وتصير حياة حية.

فمريم سلكت وانغمست في الخطيئة فعاشت حياتها في اقصى دركات الخطيئة، اخطأت الى الحد الاقصى بحيث لم يكن ممكنا ان يخطئ كائن بشري اكثر منها. لقد وصلت الى ذروة الخطيئة والى اعماقها، لكن الرب انتشلها بواسع رحمته وايقظها من خلالها واعاد اليها رشدًا فقبلت التوبة مدى عمرها الباقي.

وبمقدار اكبر من المقدار الذي مارست فيه الخطيئة مارست التوبة. وبشوق ملتهب اكثر من الشوق الذي احيت فيه الخطيئة. فكانت مريم ايقونة التوبة، ايقونة إعادة العودة الى الذات، فانتقلت مريم من ضفة الخطيئة الى ضفة المسيح، من ضفة الخطاة الى ضفة القديسين القائمين على الفضيلة، اي عبرت الى الطريق الصحيح الذي يؤدي الى التوبة والاهتداء والخلص.

لهذا تضع الكنيسة المقدسة اليوم مريم المصرية نموذجا يجب ان يتمثل به المؤمنون كي يبلغوا الى ما بلغت اليه القديسة مريم. هذا ما اكدته صلاتنا لها اليوم، اذ قرأنا في صلاة السحر "يا مريم المصرية بما اتنا حويناك نموذجا للتوبة توسلي الى المسيح ان يمنحنا اياها في اوان الصيام".

اذا مريم هي نموذج حي عن الانسان الخاطي الذي اذا سعى الى التوبة يجد ذراعي الله مفتوحين لاستقباله كما استقبل الأب ابنه الضال في المثل الشهير.

مريم المصرية هي مثال ونموذج لنا نحن الخطاة كي لا نياس من امكانية التوبة فمهما بلغت ضخامة الخطيئة علينا ان نعرف تمام المعرفة ان الله ينتظرنا ليضمننا الى مختاريه.

لا خلاص بدون توبة. التوبة تعني تحولا في الانسان تغييرا من حالة الى حالة، فحياة المسيحي حياة توبة دائمة بهذا المعنى انها سعي نحو الله لا ينقطع. سعي مستمر كل الایام اي رجوع متواصل الى الله. لا تعني التوبة انها فترة او مدة محددة من الحياة. التوبة تأخذها حياة، حياة مع الله اي حياتنا كلها توبة.

سيرة مريم المصرية مليئة بالعبر والدوروس فهي توجه لنا دعوة لكل واحد منا، دعوة لتوبة عن خطابانا مهما كانت وهي برهان لرحمة الله العظيمة، فمهما كانت الخطيئة عظيمة علينا ان لا ننسى رحمة الرب اعظم. ومحبة لا تدرك ولكي نحصل عليها فلا سبيل الى ذلك الا بتوبة صادقة ودموع وتواضع وحمل الصليب واتباع يسوع.



# Only When We Descend in Humility Can We Ascend to Heaven

Where shall I begin to weep for the actions of my wretched life? What first-fruit shall I offer, O Christ, in this my lamentation? But in Thy compassion grant me forgiveness of sins." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 1, vs. 2.)

During Great Lent we remember and venerate Saint Mary of Egypt both on April 1 and the Fifth Sunday of Lent. With the Canon of St. Andrew, read in many churches during the first and fifth weeks of Lent, we uphold her as an icon of repentance, an example for every Orthodox Christian to emulate. Yet for many years, she lived a life of bondage to sexual passions. If St. Mary of Egypt were alive today, would we welcome her into our assembly?

"I confess to Thee, O Savior, the sins I have committed, the wounds of my soul and body, which murderous thoughts, like thieves, have inflicted inwardly upon me." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 1, vs. 12.)

While we don't know about the very early years of her life, we do know that she lost her virginity at age twelve and ran away from home. For the next seventeen years she was a slave to her insatiable appetite for sexual perversions, including sexual encounters with "young men," even against their will. This sounds very much like a victim of pedophilia who recoils and continues in her victimization by taking on the role of a predator herself, victimizing others in the process. Many adults who fall into the bondage of pedophilia are victims of sexual abuse as children. In a futile attempt to reconcile the horror of their own victimization, they try to regain control of their lives through exploitation, continuing to inflict wounds on their own souls and bodies.

"Like David, I have fallen into lust and I am covered in filth; but wash me clean, O Savior, by my tears." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 2, vs. 54.) "O Lady, thou hast brought forth our Joy: Grant me the spirit of mourning that in the coming Day of Judgment I may be comforted by God." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 9, vs. 327.) "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

For seventeen years, Saint Mary of Egypt lived a lifestyle that isolated her from the community and God. Covered with filth amassed over the years, her heart yet longed for union with God. People in prison feel ostracized too, isolated from God and society, as they sit in shame in prison cells longing for the same tears of repentance that lead to joy and reconciliation.

"Christ became man, calling to repentance thieves and harlots. Repent, my soul: the door of the kingdom is already open, and Pharisees and publicans and adulterers pass through it before thee, changing their lives." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 9, Vs. 342)

The healing of the venerable Saint Mary of Egypt was not instantaneous but required a rigorous and lengthy spiritual journey. Being led by the Holy Spirit, she retreated to the wilderness where she lived the life of a hermit for seventeen years, seeking freedom from bondage of the passions. She spent a further thirty years in the wilderness having obtained the true gifts of repentance, healing and freedom from the enslavement of sin.



During Great Lent, each of us seeks repentance, turning from our own vices and passions and setting our minds and hearts on God. Through the intercessions of the most Holy Theotokos, God grants us the gift of compunction to turn from our wounds and sins to find healing and comfort in Him.

Only when we submit to God do we find true freedom. Only when we descend in humility can we ascend to the Heavens. It's only when we die to ourselves do we truly live. And we should not be afraid! Our spiritual life should not be wrought with anxiety, with fear and with doubt. After venerating the relic of the true cross, St. Mary of Egypt returned to the church to give thanks, and heard a voice telling her, "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest." And then, as St. Zosimas tells us, St. Mary spent 47 years in the desert alone, taking nothing with her but three loaves of bread, and once they were gone, she lived only on what she could find in the wilderness.

We marvel at this, as we, I think, almost write this story of, thinking, "Oh, this was a great saint in the olden days. This is all beyond our capability." But this is not true at all, and this is precisely why we hear the life of St. Mary of Egypt in church and on this week in Lent. Human nature has not changed in all the years from then until now. St. Mary was once an exceedingly sinful person and far from God. But she repented. She had a change of heart. She found humility, and in giving her whole life and her whole will entirely to God, she found the "glorious rest" to God promised her. Now we look to her – this former harlot and sex addict – as a great saint whom we must emulate, and to whom we pray so that she may intercede for us at the throne of God. And so, there is hope. There is hope for us, and we must not despair!

On this final Sunday of Great Lent, it would do well for us to take stock of where we are. Have we left our fallen city? Have we exited the gate? Have we travelled for miles, only to retrace our steps? Have we followed the way of the Pharisee, relying on our own efforts and perceived righteousness? Or have we learned to follow the way of the Publican and St. Mary of Egypt, crying out with a contrite heart and humility: "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!" Far too often we find ourselves at Holy Week, and even at the very night of Pascha, looking back to Lent wondering: "Where did Lent go? All this time... and I've wasted it!" All this time is given to us – is a gift to us – to use for our repentance, and don't we so often squander it in anxieties, trivialities, bickering, distractions, sins and passions. And when the trumpet sounds and we find ourselves at the Dread Judgment, will we look back and ask, "Where did the time go? How have I wasted my life?" Yet it does not have to be this way. Let us heed the words of the St. Paul who said: 'Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.' See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil... be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 14-16, 19)

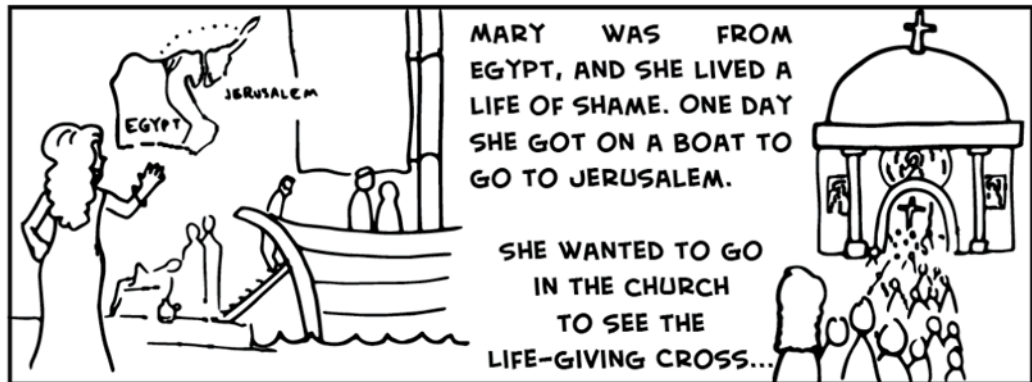
Let us rejoice, then, in the Lord in these remaining days of Lent as we look towards Christ's Holy Passion and glorious Resurrection, and let us never cease to have the words of St. Anthony the Great on our lips: "Today I will make a good beginning!" May God grant us strength and perseverance, not just to make a good beginning, but to finish the race set before us. Amen.



# Following Jesus Kids bulletin

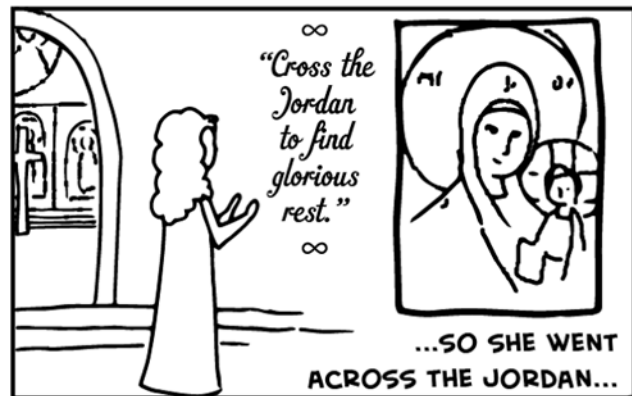


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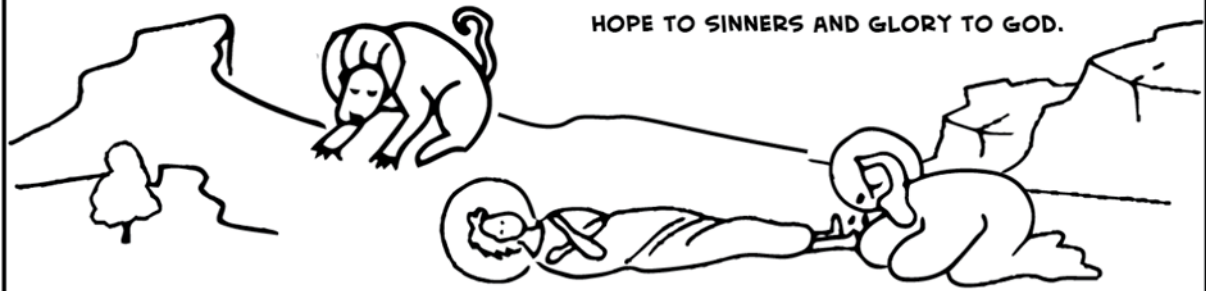
...BUT SHE  
COULDN'T GO IN!  
SHE SAW AN ICON  
OF THE MOTHER OF  
GOD, AND WEPT  
FOR ALL HER SINS.

SHE HEARD  
A VOICE FROM THE  
HEAVENS...















SHE MET  
FR. ZOSIMAS IN  
THE DESERT.  
WHEN HE  
BROUGHT HER  
HOLY COMMUNION  
SHE WALKED  
ACROSS THE  
JORDAN AS ON  
DRY LAND.

WHEN ST. MARY REPOSED, FR. ZOSIMAS COVERED HER FEET WITH HIS TEARS, AND A LION DUG HER GRAVE. LATER, FR. ZOSIMAS TOLD HER STORY TO OTHERS, BRINGING HOPE TO SINNERS AND GLORY TO GOD.



**HOLY ST. MARY OF EGYPT, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!**

# Our Journey to Pascha 2022

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 6th</b>		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> 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 <b>FEBRUARY 13th</b>		<b>The Prodigal Son Returns</b> 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 <b>FEBRUARY 20th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		<b>The Last Judgment</b> 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 <b>FEBRUARY 27th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise</b> <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.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 6th</b>		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 13th</b>		<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> 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.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 20th</b>		<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <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.
4th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 27th</b>		<b>ST JOHN OF THE LADDER</b> 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!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 3rd</b>		<b>ST MARY OF EGYPT</b> 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.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY <b>APRIL 10th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> 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 <b>APRIL 15th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <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! <b>APRIL 17th</b> NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and good night.



# Our Journey to Pascha 2022



**Sunday: The Resurrection of Christ!**

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



## HOLY WEEK

Focus on Christ's Passion

### NURTURE SILENCE

Spend the week in silence, thought and prayer

Attend Holy Week Services

Wednesday: Holy Unction

Thursday: Mystical Supper & Washing of feet

(Reading of 12 Passion Gospels)

Friday: Crucifixion and burial of Christ

(Vespers)

Saturday: Harrowing of Hades

## THIRD WEEK

The Cross is presented to us

Focus on Sacrifice and Charity

### DONATE

Each day this week set aside tasty food and feed the hungry

Each day take one item from your closet and donate it to those in need

Turn off the television all week - sacrifices are not meant to be easy

Put aside a tenth of this week's paycheck, and donate it

Offer your services at church

Offer to help a neighbor

Donate books

Donate a pair of nice shoes

GO ONE DAY WITHOUT COMPLAINING

TRY AGAIN - to go all day without negative comment

Sacrifices are not meant to be easy

## SECOND WEEK

Focus on Prayer

Be disciplined with your Prayer Routine

Memorize the Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

### PRAY

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother; for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

While it is good to avoid places of temptation, it is better to **seek places of inspiration**. While it is good to avoid individuals, who may lead you to sin, it is better to **seek out individuals who will lead you to virtue**. While it is good to shun those things which tend to control us, it is better to **seek self-control over things which have no power over us unless we give them that power**.

# ROAD TO PASCHA

Journeying together through

**GREAT LENT**

**2022**



## FIFTH WEEK

Focus on God

### SPEND TIME GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Attend Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday

Read the prescribed readings:

Monday: Proverbs 14:27-15:4

Tuesday: Proverbs 15:7-19

Wednesday: Proverbs 15:20-16:9

Thursday: Proverbs 16:17-17:17

Friday: Proverbs 17:17-18:5



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LAZARUS SATURDAY

ST. MARY OF EGYPT  
(CONTEMPLATE AND FIX YOUR OWN SINS)

April 10  
PALM SUNDAY

"Humility is the only virtue that no devil can imitate. If pride made demons out of angels, there is no doubt that humility could make angels out of demons."  
- St. John Climacus

## FOURTH WEEK

Focus on Family

### SPEND TIME FOCUSING ON YOUR FAMILY

Pray Evening Prayers with your family

Share stories from your day, and listen to each other

During dinner tell each person something you love about them

Tell each of your children what makes them unique

Tell your parents why you appreciate them

Find a family recipe and prepare it together

Ask, "If you could go anywhere, where would you go?"



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VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

- THE CROSS IS PRESENTED TO STRENGTHEN US  
ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER  
KEEP TRYING TO BE GOOD

Let not one think, my fellow Christian, that only priests and monks need to pray without ceasing...  
- St. Gregory of Palamas

### BRING YOUR ICONS TO CHURCH



- DEFENSE OF ICONS

## FIRST WEEK

Monday - Strict Fast

Try to attend services

Focus on Self-Improvement

You are a living icon of Christ

Do not GOSSIP

Formulate a Prayer Rule, and stick to it all through Lent... and beyond.



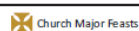




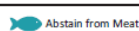
# LITURGICAL CALENDAR



APRIL	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>نيسان - أبريل 2022</p> <p>MARCH 2022</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>MAY 2022</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>						<b>1</b>  <p>St Mary the Egyptian</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:10-15 Luke 12:42-48</p>	<b>2</b>  <p>Saturday of the Akathist</p> <p>Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 8:27-31</p>
	<b>3</b>  <p><b>Sunday of Mary of Egypt</b> أحد مريم المصرية</p> <p>Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45</p>	<b>4</b>  <p>St Joseph the Hymnographer</p> <p>Colossians 3:12-16 Luke 11:34-41</p>	<b>5</b>  <p>St Victor</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 5:14-23 Mark 8:30-34</p>	<b>6</b>  <p>St Eutychios of Constantinople</p> <p>Ephesians 4:7-13 Luke 12:16-21</p>	<b>7</b>  <p>St Calliopos</p> <p>Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 18:18-27</p>	<b>8</b>  <p>St Hermes and his companions</p> <p>Ephesians 2:4-10 John 8:21-30</p>	<b>9</b>  <p><b>Lazarus Saturday</b> سبت لعازر</p> <p>Hebrews 12:28-13:8 John 11:1-45</p>
	<b>10</b>  <p><b>Palm Sunday</b> أحد الشعانين</p> <p>Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18</p>	<b>11</b>  <p><b>Great &amp; Holy Monday</b> الاثنين العظيم المقدس</p> <p>Ezekiel 1:1-21 Zechariah 3:14-19 Zechariah 9:9-15</p>	<b>12</b>  <p><b>Great &amp; Holy Tuesday</b> الثلاثاء العظيم المقدس</p> <p>Ezekiel 1:21-28 Exodus 1:1-20 Job 1:1-12</p>	<b>13</b>  <p><b>Great &amp; Holy Wednesday</b> الأربعاء العظيم المقدس</p> <p>Ezekiel 2:3-10; 3:1-3 Exodus 2:5-10 Job 1:13-22</p>	<b>14</b>  <p><b>Great &amp; Holy Thursday</b> الخميس العظيم المقدس</p> <p>1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Matthew 26:1-27:1-2 John 13:3-17 Luke 22:43-44</p>	<b>15</b>  <p><b>Great &amp; Holy Friday</b> الجمعة العظيمة المقدسة</p> <p>Eothion: Twelve Gospels</p>	<b>16</b>  <p><b>Great &amp; Holy Saturday</b> سبت التور المقدس</p> <p>Romans 6:3-12 Matthew 28:1-20</p>
	<b>17</b> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b> أحد الفصح العظيم المقدس</p> <p>Acts 1:1-8 John 1:1-17</p>	<b>18</b> <p>Monday of New Week أثنين التجديدات</p> <p>Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 John 1:18-28</p>	<b>19</b> <p>Tuesday of New Week ثلاثاء التجديدات</p> <p>Acts 2:14-21 Luke 24:12-35</p>	<b>20</b> <p>Wednesday of New Week أربعاء التجديدات</p> <p>Acts 2:22-38 John 1:35-51</p>	<b>21</b> <p>Thursday of New Week خميس التجديدات</p> <p>Acts 2:38-43 John 3:1-15</p>	<b>22</b> <p>Friday of New Week جمعة التجديدات</p> <p>Acts 3:1-8 John 2:12-22</p>	<b>23</b> <p><b>St George</b> القديس جورجوس</p> <p>Saturday of New Week سبت التجديدات</p> <p>Acts 12:1-11 John 3:22-33</p>
	<b>24</b> <p><b>St Thomas Sunday</b> أحد الرسول توما</p> <p>Acts 5:12-20 John 20:19-31</p>	<b>25</b> Anzac Day <p><b>St Mark the Apostle</b></p> <p>1 Peter 5:6-14 John 10:16-21</p>	<b>26</b> <p>St Basil of Amasia</p> <p>Acts 4:1-10 John 5:24-30</p>	<b>27</b> <p>St Simeon</p> <p>Acts 4:13-22 John 5:17-24</p>	<b>28</b> <p>Sts Jason and Sosipater</p> <p>Acts 4:23-31 John 5:24-30</p>	<b>29</b> <p>St Memnon the Wonderworker</p> <p>Acts 5:1-11 John 5:30-6:2</p>	<b>30</b> <p>St James the Apostle</p> <p>Acts 5:21-32 John 6:14-27</p>



Church Major Feasts



Abstain from Meat



Fast from midnight until noon



Lenten Season

He restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. (Ps 23:3)

يَرُدُّ نَفْسِي. يَهْدِينِي إِلَى سَبِيلِ الْبِرِّ مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِهِ.



# Prayer for Lent



## PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

+O Lord and Master of my life! Drive from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust for power, and idle chatter. *(prostration)*

+Instead, grant to me, your servant,  
the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love. *(prostration)*

+Yes, O Lord and King! Let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters;  
for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

*(prostration)* Followed by 12 small prostrations, with the sign of the Cross:

God, be merciful to me a sinner! *(prostration)* God,

cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me! *(prostration)*

I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord! *(prostration)*

O Lord and Master of my life!

Drive from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, grant to me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love.

Yes, O Lord and King! Let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters;  
for You are blessed for ever and ever.

Amen. *(prostration)*

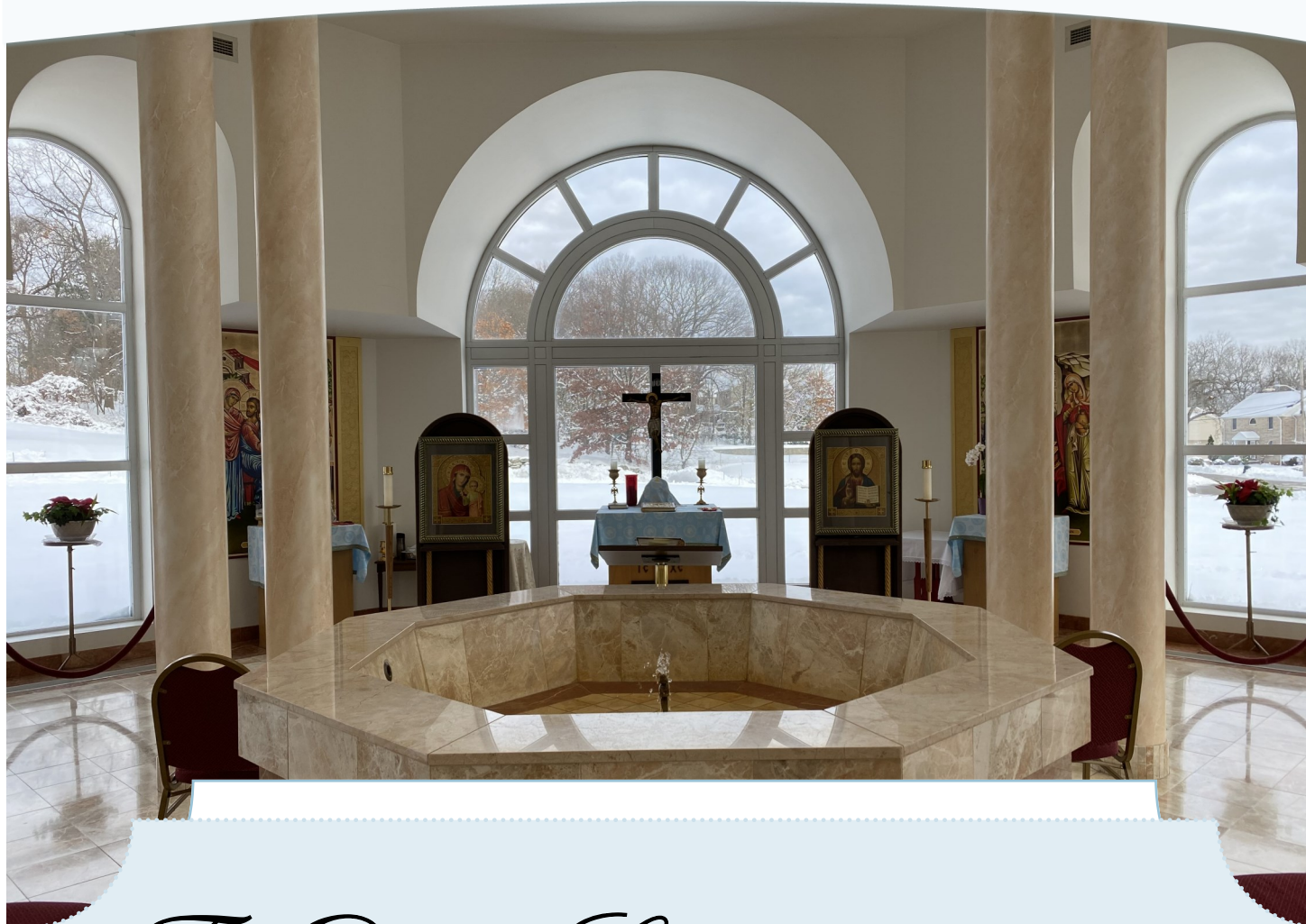
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To emphasize the theme of this prayer--changing our lives--we accompany it with **Great Prostration**, kneeling and touching the forehead to the floor, then standing and making the sign of the cross. When we pray "O God, be gracious to me a sinner, and have mercy on me" 12 times, we make **Small Prostration**, bowing very low, touching the floor with the fingertips of the right hand, then standing and making the sign of the cross. The bows represent the twelve hours of the day, and our awareness of the sins and shortcomings we suffer throughout each day of our life.

The Prayer of St Ephrem is one of the main components of Lenten services in the Byzantine Church. It signifies our awareness of our sins and of temptations, it proclaims our faith in the all-merciful God, and it asks for the gifts and graces we need to lead a holy life. During Lent, it is a good practice to recite the prayer of St Ephrem when you get up in the morning and before you go to bed at night.

Both privately and publicly, the Prayer of St Ephrem the Syrian is the characteristic prayer of Great Lent. It reminds us that God is the Master of our lives, and asks God to free us from the sins of everyday life, like pride and gossip and laziness and greed. In it we ask God to give us humility and love of our neighbor, awareness of our own sins, and disinterest in the sins of others. We then pray "O God, be gracious to me a sinner, and have mercy on me" twelve times.

# Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



*The Divine Liturgy is celebrated*

At St. Elias Chapel

|(St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

**Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 am**

Sunday Divine Liturgy :

**English at 9:00 am—Arabic at 11:15 am**

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



# LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS



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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Welcome to*

## **St. Basil The Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church**

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## **"GOD LOVES THE CHEERFUL GIVER"**

### **2 COR 9:7**

Donations are greatly appreciated especially during this pandemic crisis. Please click on the link below to donate.  
Thank you and God bless you and yours.



As of 3/17/2022



## St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church

15 Skyview Drive Lincoln, RI 02865

Sharing our Faith  
SECURING OUR FUTURE



### Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: **\$416,000**



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

### Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 40%

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

### Current & Future Projects:



Roof Repair: Contract Signed- March 2022



Mold Remediation: Proposals received & In Review



Doors & Windows: Part 1 of Proposals received & In Review



HVAC & Boiler: Proposals received & In Review



Flooring Upgrades: Acquiring Proposals



Parking Lot & Walkway Resurfacing



Interior Décor Enhancements



Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Equipment Repair



Masonry Repairs



TBD

### Important Highlights

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



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

Jeff Boudjouk: 401-441-2737

Ann Sabbagh: 508-243-1190

Kyle Mardo: 401-578-5369

## Shepherd's Care Associated Charities

Shepherd's Care began in 1988 at the request of the faithful and clergy who saw a need for a united effort among all Melkite Catholic Parishes in the United States to reach out to people in need. By means of this initiative, the Eparchy reaches out in love through financial assistance to people in need here in the United States and abroad. Over the years Shepherd's Care has raised more than \$250,000.

Through your love and faithful support, the Eparchy has been able to help orphans, the hungry, the homeless, drug addicted, the destitute, runaway teens, victims of war, victims of disease and disasters, and so many more.

Donations are distributed to local parish charities such as soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, eparchial charities, world charities, and offers tuition assistance to seminarians of the Eparchy.

But Shepherd's Care much more than raising funds for charitable causes. More importantly, it is a guide to assist us in living a Holy Lent through understanding and practicing the Lenten cornerstones of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



**Shepherd's Care  
Associated Charities  
Eparchy of Newton  
3 V.F.W. Parkway  
West Roxbury, MA 02132-7727**



## SHEPHERD'S CARE Associated Charities Great Lent

**"There is no sin that  
alms cannot cleanse.  
Charity is a medicine  
suitable for any wound."**

*St. John Chrysostom*

## The Widow's Mite

Each year during the Great Fast, the Church encourages us with the example of the "widow's mite". We receive a little box — a "mite box" which we take home. This box symbolizes the offerings (alms) we give during Lent, together with our increased prayers, fasting, and abstinence.

*"When He looked up, he saw some wealthy people putting their offering into the treasury, and He noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, 'I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth. But she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood'"*



recognized that the widow's "mite" was far greater than the large offerings other people were contributing. They could afford to give more. The poor widow, however, gave to God everything she had.



## Lenten Gift Box

Each family, indeed every person, is invited to take home a Lenten gift (mite) box. Put it on your dining table, or in your icon corner, anywhere you will see it and be inspired to remember the needy. Throughout Lent place your offerings in the box. Some people try to put in the amount they save by abstaining from certain foods. Children find it especially fun to use the coin calendar.

At the end of Great Lent bring the proceeds of your mite box to the church

as your offering for Shepherd's Care. If you are presenting a check please make it payable to **SHEPHERD'S CARE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES**. You may also make donations by check directly to the Eparchial Office. Address is on the back. Together our eparchial family can help alleviate the sufferings of God's people.

All proceeds from Shepherd's Care Associated Charities go directly to the charities. The Bishop, together with his advisors, insures that 100% of the money is given to the needy at home and abroad.

Your tax-deductible contributions are greatly appreciated by all who will benefit from them. The Fathers of the Church encourage us to always be humbly grateful and remember those in need. In helping others, we are doing the will of God.

*"The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry. The garment in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor."*

*St. Basil the Great*



# 52nd National Melkite Convention

*Hosted by Eparchy of Newton*

# Living Waters



## CHRIST Our Fountain of Life

### PRAY

Divine Services

### LEARN

Spiritual Workshops

### CELEBRATE

Evening Socials

## July 7-10, 2022

*Palm Springs, California*

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## PACKAGE REGISTRATION FORM

### INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

*if Purchased Separately from Package*

Individual Events	Price per ticket	Quantity	Total Cost
Thursday July 7   BAR-B-Q Buffet	\$60.00		
Friday July 8   Hawaiian Sunset Dinner	\$80.00		
Saturday July 9   Grand Banquet Hafli	\$110.00		
Sunday July 10   Farewell Brunch	\$40.00		

### COMPLETE PACKAGES

*(Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings only – Sunday Brunch not included)*

Evening Social Events	Price per package	Quantity	Total Cost
Purchased before 5/31/22	\$225.00		
Purchased after 5/31/22	\$250.00		
GRAND TOTAL			

Mail Payments and Registration to:

DIOCESE OF NEWTON - CONVENTION

802 Rifle Camp Rd. PO BOX 630

Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Make Checks Payable to:

DIOCESE OF NEWTON - CONVENTION

**Do Not Send Cash**

Registration material to be picked up at convention registration desk

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**

Please complete entire registration form and mail with your payment.

**For further information, contact Rosemary Shabouk**

718.748.1235 or 52melkiteconvention@gmail.com

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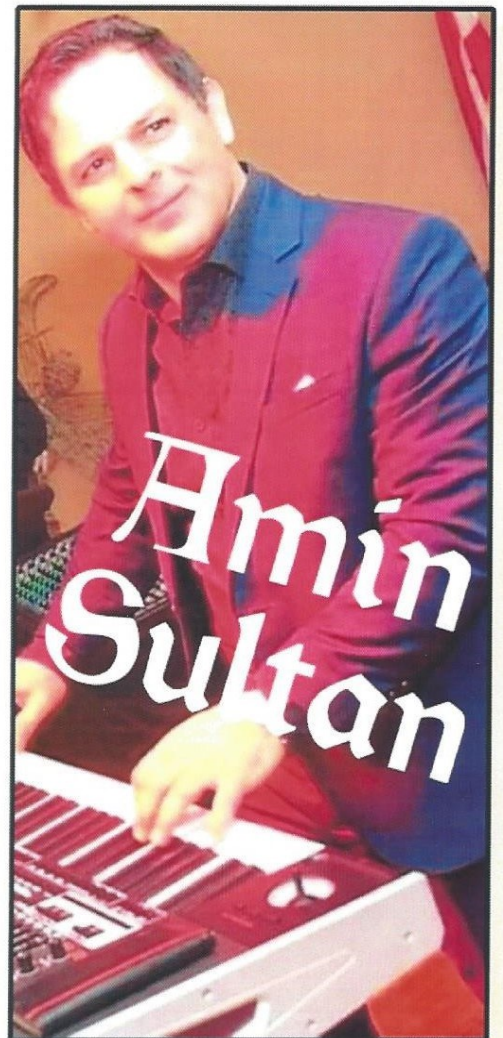
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