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## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### Liturgical Services:

Tuesday through Friday at 6: 30 P.M.

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Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

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

### Holy Mysteries:

### Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:30–3:30 P.M.,

Sunday 9:30-10:30 A.M., or by appointment.

**Baptisms:** Please arrange with the pastor.

**Marriages:** 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 Orthodoxy First Sunday of Lent

أحد الارثوذكسية  
الأحد الاول من الصوم المقدس

### Antiphon Prayer

O Christ God, You condescended to be incarnate, taking the form of a slave. You became like one of us by the body to make us participants in your glorious Likeness. Wherefore we paint your image on icons and we honor it by mouth and heart asking for the grace to be healed by its power.

For it belongs to You to have mercy on us and to heal us, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

### Troparion of the resurrection (5<sup>th</sup> tone)

Let us O Faithful, praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He has willed to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

### Troparion of the Holy Icons

Before Your most pure image, we bow in worship, O Good One, begging forgiveness of our stumbling, Christ God: because You chose of your own free will to ascend upon the cross in the flesh in order to deliver from the enemy's yoke those You had created. For this reason, we cry out to You in thanksgiving: "You our Savior have Filled all things with joy when You came to save the world."

### 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

We your servants, ascribe to you, O Mother of God, thank-offerings of victory, O Champion Leader, for we have been liberated from terror; but as you have that invincible power do you free us from every kind of danger, so that we may cry out to You: Hail, O Virgin and Bride Ever-Pure!

### صلاة الأندفونة

أيتها المسيح الإله، إِنَّكَ قَدْ تَنَازَلْتَ وَتَجَسَّدْتَ آخِذاً صُورَةَ عَبْدٍ، ضَالِماً بِالْجَسَدِ شَرِيكاً لَنَا لِتَجْعَلَنَا شُرَكَاءَ فِي صُورَةِ مَجْدِكَ. فَلِذَلِكَ نَرْسُمُ شَكْلَ صُورَتِكَ عَلَى الأيقونات، وَنُصَافِحُهَا بِالْقَمَمِ وَالْقَلْبِ، مُلْتَمِسِينَ مِنْهَا نِعْمَةَ الشِّفَاءِ. لِأَنَّ لَكَ أَنْ تُرْحَمَنَا وَتُشْفِيَنَا، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الإله، وَإِلَيْكَ نَرْفَعُ الْمَجْدَ، وَإِلَى أَبِيكَ الأَزَلِيِّ وَزَوْجِكَ الْقُدُّوسِ، الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ...

### نشيد القيامة بالحن الخامس

لنشيد نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة، الأزلي مع الآب والروح، المولود من العذراء لخلاصنا. لأنه ارتضى. أن يصعد بالجسد على الصليب، ويحمل الموت، وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

### نشيد الايقونات المقدسة بالحن الثاني

لصُورَتِكَ الظَّاهِرَةَ نَسْجُدُ أَيُّهَا الصَّالِح، مُلْتَمِسِينَ الصَّفَحَ عَنْ زَلَّتِنَا، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الإله. فَإِنَّكَ رَضِيتَ بِاخْتِيَارِكَ أَنْ تَصْعَدَ بِالْجَسَدِ عَلَى الصَّليب. لِتُنْقِذَ الَّذِينَ جَبَلْتَهُمْ مِنْ عُبُودِيَةِ الْعَدُوِّ. فَلِذَلِكَ نَهْتِفُ إِلَيْكَ شَاكِرِينَ: لَقَدْ مَلَأْتَ الْكُلَّ فَرَحًا يَا مُخَلِّصَنَا، لَمَّا أَتَيْتَ لِتُخَلِّصَ الْعَالَمَ.

### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

### نشيد الختام

نَحْنُ عِبِيدُكَ يَا وَالِدَةَ الإله، نَكْتُبُ لَكَ آيَاتِ الْعَلْبَةِ يَا قَائِدَةَ قَاهِرَةٍ. وَنُقَدِّمُ الشُّكْرَ لَكَ وَقَدْ أَتَقَدَّنَا مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ. لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُخَارَبُ، أَغْنَيْنَا مِنْ أَصْنَافِ الْمُخَاطِرِ لِيَكُنْ تَصَرُّحُ إِلَيْكَ: إِفْرَحِي يَا عُرُوسَةَ لَا عُرُوسَ لَهَا.





#### 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.

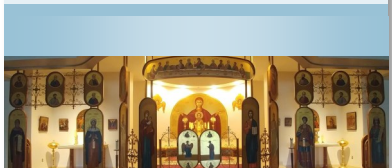
<https://melkite.org/maya>

**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>



#### Hirmos

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and 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!

#### Epistle of the 1st Sunday of Lent — Prokimenon (Tone 4)

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Stichon: For you are just in all you have done to us, and all your works are true and your ways right.

#### Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, denied he was a son of Pharaoh's daughter (Cf. Ex. 2: 11) — choosing to be afflicted with God's people rather than to have the enjoyment of sin for a time, estimating the indignities suffered by Christ to be of greater value than the Egyptians' treasures (Cf. Ex. 2:32): for he was considering the reward. By faith he left Egypt not fearing the king's wrath: for he persevered as if he were seeing the One who cannot be seen. By faith, he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the one who destroyed the first-born might not touch these. By faith, they passed through the Red Sea, as through dry land — whereas the Egyptians attempting it were swallowed up. By faith, the walls of Jericho fell after people had gone around them for seven days. By faith, Rahab the prostitute who had received the spies in peace did not perish with the unbelievers. And what more shall I say? For time will be too short to speak of Gideon, of Barac, of Samson, of Jephthe, of David and of Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle routed foreign armies. Women had their dead restored to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and blows, even chains and jailing. They were stoned, cut to pieces, put to the question, killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, distressed, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves and holes in the ground. And none of these, despite the positive witnessing of faith, received what was promised, for God had something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

Alleluia (Tone 4)

Moses and Aaron were among his priests and Samuel among those who called upon his name.

Stichon: They called upon the Lord, and he answered them; from the pillar of cloud he spoke to them.

#### Gospel of the 1st Sunday of Lent, John 1:43-51 (Call of Nathanael)

At that time Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph of Nazareth." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and said of him, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "Where do you know me from?" Jesus answered him and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him and said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are King of Israel." Answering, Jesus said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, you believe. Greater things than these shall you see." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

#### النشيد لوالدة الإله

إن البرايا بأسرها تفرح بك يا ممتلئة نعمة. محافل الملائكة وأجناس البشر، لك يعظمون. أيها الهيكل المقدس والفردوس الناطق، وفخر البولية، مريم، التي منها تجسد الإله وصار طفلاً، وهو إلهنا قبل الدهور. الذي صنع مستودعك عرشاً، وجعل بطنك أرحب من السماوات. لذلك يا ممتلئة نعمة، تفرح بك كل البرايا وتمجدك!

#### الرسالة (عبرانيين 11: 24 – 26، 32 – 40)

##### مقدمة الرسالة

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجِّدٌ اسْمُكَ إِلَى الدُّهُورِ لِأَنَّكَ عَادِلٌ فِي جَمِيعِ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا، وَأَعْمَالُكَ كُلُّهَا صِدْقٌ، وَظُرْفُكَ اسْتِقَامَةٌ

يَا إِخْوَةَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ مُوسَى لَمَّا كَبُرَ أَبِي أَنْ يُدْعَى ابْنًا لِابْنَةِ فِرْعَوْنَ. وَاخْتَارَ الْمَشَقَّةَ مَعَ شَعْبِ اللَّهِ عَلَى التَّمَتُّعِ الْوَقْئِيِّ بِالْخَطِيئَةِ. وَاعْتَبَرَ عَارَ الْمَسِيحِ غَنًى أَعْظَمَ مِنْ كُنُوزِ مِصْرَ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى الثَّوَابِ. وَمَاذَا أَقُولُ أَيْضًا؟ إِنَّهُ يَضِيقُ بِي الْوَقْتُ إِنْ أُخْبِرْتُ عَنْ جِدْعَوْنَ وَبَارَاقَ وَشَمْشُونَ، وَتَيْتَانَاخَ وَدَاوُدَ وَصُمُوثِيلَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءَ، الَّذِينَ بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ وَعَمِلُوا الْبِرَّ، وَتَأَلَّوْا الْمَوَاعِدَ وَسَدُّوا أَفْوَاهَ الْأَسُودِ، وَأَطَقُوا قُوَّةَ النَّارِ، وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَذِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوَّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وَصَارُوا أَشِدَّاءَ فِي الْقِتَالِ وَكَسَرُوا مَعْسَكَاتِ الْأَجَانِبِ. وَاسْتَرْجَعَتْ نِسَاءُ أَمْوَاتِهِنَّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ. وَآخَرُونَ قَدْ عَذَّبُوا بِتَوَتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا النِّجَاةَ لِيَحْضُلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةٍ أَفْضَلَ. وَآخَرُونَ قَدْ دَافَوْا الْهَرَّةَ وَالسِّبَاطَ وَالْقُبُودَ أَيْضًا وَالسَّجْنِ. رُجِمُوا، نُشِرُوا، أَمْتَحِنُوا، مَاتُوا بِحَذِّ السَّيْفِ، سَاحُوا فِي جُلُودِ الْعَنَمِ وَالْمَغَزِ، مُغَوَّزِينَ، مُضَاقِقِينَ، مُجْهُودِينَ. وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَجِيبًا لَهُمْ، تَائِهِينَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَغَاوِرِ وَكُهُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَوْلَاءَ كُلُّهُمْ الْمَشْهُودُ لَهُمْ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ يَتَأَلَّوْا الْمَوْعِدَ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ سَبَقَ فَنَظَرَ لَنَا شَيْئًا أَفْضَلَ، لِكَيْ لَا نُكْمَلُوا بِمَغْزِلِ عَنَّا.

هللوا

مُوسَى وَهَارُونَ بَيْنَ كَهَنَتِهِ، وَصُمُوثِيلُ بَيْنَ الدَّاعِينَ بِاسْمِهِ كَانُوا يَدْعُونَ الرَّبَّ فَيَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُمْ، فِي عُمُودِ الْغَمَامِ يُكَلِّمُهُمْ.

#### الانجيل (يوحنا 1: 43-51)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَرَادَ يَسُوعُ الْخُرُوجَ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، فَوَجَدَ فِيلِيبُسَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: اتَّبِعْنِي. وَكَانَ فِيلِيبُّسُ مِنْ بَيْتِ صَدَيَّا مِنْ مَدِينَةِ أَنْدَرَاوَسَ وَطَرُوسَ. فَصَادَفَ فِيلِيبُّسُ نَتْنَائِيلَ فَقَالَ لَهُ: إِنَّ الَّذِي كَتَبَ عَنْهُ مُوسَى فِي النَّامُوسِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ قَدْ وَجَدْنَاهُ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ بْنُ يُوسُفَ مِنَ النَّاصِرَةِ. فَقَالَ لَهُ نَتْنَائِيلُ: أَمِنْ مِنَ النَّاصِرَةِ يَمَكُنُ أَنْ يَكُونَ شَيْءٌ صَالِحٌ؟ قَالَ لَهُ فِيلِيبُّسُ: تَعَالَ وَانْظُرْ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ نَتْنَائِيلَ مُقْبِلًا إِلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ عَنْهُ: هَذَا فِي الْحَقِيقَةِ إِسْرَائِيلِيُّ لَا غِشٍ فِيهِ. فَقَالَ لَهُ نَتْنَائِيلُ: مِنْ أَيْنَ تَعْرِفُنِي؟ أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: قَبْلَ أَنْ يَدْعُوكَ فِيلِيبُّسُ، وَأَنْتَ تَحْتَ التِّيْنَةِ، رَأَيْتُكَ. أَجَابَ نَتْنَائِيلُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا مُعَلِّمُ، أَنْتَ هُوَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، أَنْتَ هُوَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ لَكَ إِيَّيْ رَأَيْتُكَ تَحْتَ التِّيْنَةِ أَمَتْتُ. إِنَّكَ سَتَعَابِنُ أَعْظَمَ مِنْ هَذَا. وَقَالَ لَهُ: الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّكُمْ مِنَ الْآنَ تَرَوْنَ السَّمَاءَ مَفْتُوحَةً، وَمَلَائِكَةُ اللَّهِ يَصْعَدُونَ وَيُنْزِلُونَ عَلَى ابْنِ الْبَشَرِ.





## ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** February 14, 2021: Budgets: \$1,840: Envelopes: \$1,830 .00, Loose: \$ 10.00; Stipends: \$71 5,00; Candles: \$86.00; Fuel: \$206,00; Building Fund: \$565.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$20.00.

**TODAY**, there will be a special collection taken up for the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**. Please be generous in your support.

Next Weekend, Saturday February 27, and Sunday, February 28, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please give generously.

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.

**PRAYERS FOR FR. DANIEL NASSANEY:** Fr. Dan is still under the care of DANA FARBER CANCER RESEARCH HOSPITAL in Boston, MA. Please continue to remember him in your prayers, as he in turn remembers you. May Almighty God, Physician of our souls and bodies stretch forth His right hand above the priest-servant, Fr. Dan, and heal him from this devastating illness in His Divine Providence.

**RULE OF FASTING IN THE EPARCHY OF NEWTON:** So as not to burden anyone's conscience, the Holy Synod of the Melkite 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:

*Fasting* from all food and drink from midnight until noon must be observed on the first day of Great Lent (Monday, February 15<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 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. Various Services will be conducted during the weekdays of Lent, thereby making it convenient for more people. All services will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. except the Saturday Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. and the Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 23 - Great Compline  
Wednesday, February 24 - Divine Liturgy  
Thursday, February 25 - Great Compline

Friday, February 26 - Akathist Hymn  
Saturday, February 27 - Divine Liturgy  
Sunday, February 28 - Divine Liturgy

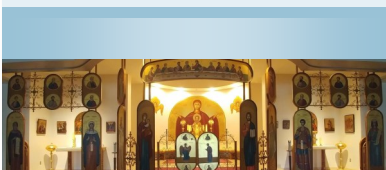
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**REFLECTION:** One should speak little with others and much with oneself. *Danish (on the conduct of life).*

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.





## Divine Liturgy Intentions



**TODAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021: FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT. SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY.**

### 4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **LOORESE ISSA (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by Joseph Meketsy, and her Sons & Families.
- + **GEORGE KAHLA** by Mark, Anita, Mark & Michael Koussa..
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by M/M Thomas Lee.
- + **JOSEPH A. NOURY (Birthday Remem.)** by his daughters & their Families
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Kawsar Boudjouk.
- + **MARY TAHAN (Birthday Remem.)** by her sister Christine.
- + **ZEEKY HANNA** by his loving Family
- + **LILLIAN SALOME** by James & Marzena Salome & Family.
- + **DANUTA ZALEWSKI** by James & Marzena Salome & Family
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **ALICE SARKAS NASSANEY** by Rosalyn Capaldi.

### 11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY (40 Day)** by his wife Georgette, children, grandchildren and their Families.
- + **CLAUDINE RABBAT** by George and Sherine Mussalli.
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Rob & Chantal (Deckey) Simon.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by M/M George Mardo
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by George, Norma & Christopher Kishfy.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR.** by Deacon Dr. Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Mike & Suzanne & Michael Bloom.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.
- + **MICHAEL ALAM** by M/M Farid Deeb..
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Nelly Kishfy.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki.
- + **ALBERT ALBA, SR.** by the Alba Family.
- + **ANDRE KABBASH** by Tony & Myrna Brahimsa & Family.
- + **ROBERT D. KING, SR.** by Janet, Tony, Andree Charchafiah & Family.
- + **GEORGE & MARY ALTONGY** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Michael & Afaf Ashkar & Mom.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Michael & Jane Boudjouk.
- + **YOUSSEF AGHIA** by Najat Khoury Madour.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **LINDA ALKHOULY HADDAD** by Barbara & Elias Deeb.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Dr. Roland & Micheline Ghanem.
- + **RUTH PERRY** by Kenneth, Ann, Allyson & Kimberly Sabbagh.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Bob & Lydia Gaboriault.
- + **YOUSSEF MADOUR** by Camille Batal & Family.
- + **HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by M/M Joseph Saggal.



### 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.





# ICONS REVEAL CHRIST AS GOD'S IMAGE



TODAY IS THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, which celebrates the restoration of the Orthodox use of icons in the Byzantine Empire. But what exactly is "Orthodoxy" and what does it have to do with icons? Literally the word means "rightly proclaiming" – those who glorify God in the correct manner. The oldest use of this term in the Christian East is in reference to the understanding of the

Trinity as expressed in the Nicene Creed. If you could not profess this creed, then you were not Orthodox. Thus the sixth century Code of Justinian, the compilation of laws in the empire, decreed: "We direct that all Catholic Churches, throughout the entire world, shall be placed under the control of the Orthodox bishops who have embraced the Nicene Creed." Since then the Eastern Churches in the Roman Empire and their offshoots have called themselves Orthodox. There are two major groups of Orthodox Churches: those of the Byzantine tradition, called in English "Eastern Orthodox" and those of the Syriac and Coptic traditions, called "Oriental Orthodox." The Armenian Church, considered one of the Oriental Orthodox Churches, does not generally use the term as Armenia was not part of the Byzantine Empire. It was only after the separation of the Greek and Latin Churches in the Middle Ages that the term "Catholic" became more identified with the Western Church and "Orthodox" with the Eastern Churches. To this day, of course, Orthodox use the term "Catholic" and vice versa. Most Greek Catholics continue to use the term "Orthodox" when it appears in their liturgical texts, as well.

## ORTHODOXY AND ICONS

As the controversy over icons developed in the Byzantine Empire, many saw the use of icons as a necessary consequence of the Incarnation of Christ as expressed in the Nicene Creed. If the Word of God truly took flesh, He could be depicted in images. As St John of Damascus wrote, "In the old days, the incorporeal and infinite God was never depicted. Now, however, when God has been seen clothed in flesh and talking with mortals, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the God of matter, who became matter for my sake, and deigned to inhabit matter, who worked out my salvation through matter. I will not cease from honoring that matter which works my salvation." Since the Church saw icons as connected with its faith in the Incarnation, it came to see icons as an expression of the Orthodox faith. Thus the definitive restoration of icons in Constantinople on the first Sunday of the Great Fast in the year 842 was called the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

## THE SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY

During the Great Doxology at Orthros a procession is formed of many people carrying icons. When the procession comes to a halt the typikon prescribes the chanting of a document called the "Synodikon of Orthodoxy." Although there are many local variants of this text, they all begin as follows:

"Let us Orthodox people, now celebrating this Day of Orthodoxy,

especially glorify God, the Author of all goodness! Blessed is He forever. This is our God, who acquired and established His beloved heritage, the Holy Church, the foundations of which He laid even in Paradise, thereby

comforting by His infallible Word, our forefathers who had fallen through disobedience. This is our God who, directing us to His saving promise, left not Himself without a witness, but first foretold the future salvation through the forefathers and prophets, and by manifold means gave lively descriptions of it. This is our God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in antiquity to the fathers by the prophets, and in these latter days spoke to us by His Son, with whom also He created the ages: who declared His goodwill toward us, disclosed the heavenly mysteries, assured us the truth of the Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit; who sent His apostles to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the world, and confirmed it by various powers and miracles. Following this salutary revelation, and holding this Gospel, we believe..." And the people proclaim the Nicene Creed.

After the Creed the Synodikon continues:

"As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught... as the Church has received ...as the teachers have dogmatized... as the Universe has agreed... as Grace has shown forth... as Truth has revealed... as falsehood has been dissolved... as Wisdom has presented... as Christ awarded... thus we declare... thus we assert... thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor as Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring them as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration."

And the People respond in a loud voice: "This is the Faith of the Apostles, this is the Faith of the Fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, this is the Faith which has established the Universe." The Synodikon concludes with the proclamation of *Many Years* to the living defenders of Orthodoxy, *Memory Eternal* to the departed and *Anathema* to those who deny the faith just proclaimed. When we venerate icons, then, we point in a concrete if wordless way to the truth of Christ's Incarnation. He took on our nature completely and transfigured it completely, including our material side, which we honor in this material way. Icons of the saints point to the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of life, in the Church which transformed them as well. Icons, therefore, profess without words what we proclaim verbally in the Creed



# الأيقونة ورؤية الله - أحد الأرثوذكسية

الأحد الأول من الصوم



نعبد المادة ولكن نعبد الإله خالق المادة والذي اتخذ جسداً من أجلي. "نقرأ في صلاة غروب العيد: "هلم نقدم لله تسبيحاً شكرياً ونسجد سجوداً إكرامياً لأيقونة المسيح وأيقونة الفائق طهرها وصور جميع القديسين المرسومة على الجدران والألواح والأواني المقدسة داحضين نفاق اعتقاد ذوي الرأي السيء لأن إكرام الصورة يقول باسيليوس الكبير يجوز إلى عنصرها الأول متوسلين إليك أيها المسيح الإله بطلبات والدتك النقية وجميع قديسيك أن تمنحنا الرحمة العظمى".

هذا الأحد هو الأحد الأول من الصوم ويسمى "بأحد الأرثوذكسية" وفيه تُقيم الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية تذكارات الأيقونات المقدسة وتكريمها بعد فترة طويلة من الإضطهاد عُرفت "بحرب الأيقونات" والتي استمرت حوالي 120 عاماً وتخللها انعقاد المجمع السكوني

في تعليم الكنيسة هناك تمييز عقائدي واضح بين التكريم والتبجيل الواجب للأيقونات المقدسة وبين العبادة والسجود الواجب لله. إن التكريم هو في الحقيقة يعود إلى الشخص الممثل على الأيقونة. هذا التميز يحمي تكريم الأيقونات من تهمة الوقوع في عبادة الأصنام. "إننا نعبد المسيح ونكرم القديسين وعلى رأسهم والدة الإله وبالتالي نحن لا نُكرم المادة (الخشب والحجارة) بل الكائن المرسوم فيها، أي ما تمثله" هذا ما أوضحه القديس باسيليوس الكبير قائلاً: إن التكريم الممنوح للأيقونة هو يجوز بحق إلى عنصرها الأول أي إلى ما تمثله الأيقونة" (ثيودوروس الستوديتي).

تبقى الأيقونة كواسطة أو أداة للعبادة تربطنا مع الله. تضعنا الأيقونة في حضرة الرب. نضعها في بيوتنا أو مكان عملنا لتباركها ولأننا بهذه الطريقة نجعل من الرب يسوع مركز حياتنا.

إذاً أحد الأرثوذكسية يُشدد على تعليم الكنيسة المستقيم وعلى عقيدة التجسد الإلهي والتي اختارت الكنيسة المقدسة أن تضع أحد الأرثوذكسية في بداية الصوم الكبير لنقول لنا أن استقامة الأعمال تتطلب استقامة الإيمان (العقيدة) واستقامة العقيدة تنتج استقامة الأعمال أي الصوم والصلاة والصدقة. استقامة المُعتقد (أرثوذكسية) واستقامة الأعمال (أرثوبراكسية) لا ينفصلان عن بعضهما البعض.

الرباط الذي نراه بين إنجيل اليوم وأحد الأرثوذكسية ورفع الأيقونات المقدسة، أن ما كان مُحَرَّمًا ومستحيلاً على البشر في العهد القديم أصبح مُسْتَطَاعاً ومُبَارَكاً في العهد الجديد مع تجسد كلمة الله، الأقنوم الثاني من الثالوث الأقدس. لو لم يكن المسيح قد أخذ جسداً وصار بشراً لما كان بمقدور فليبيس أن يدعو تثنائيل قائلاً له "تعال وانظر". لقد سبق يوحنا المعمدان وأعلن لتلاميذه قائلاً: "أنا قد رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله" (يوحنا 1: 34) يعود الرب يسوع ويقول لتثنائيل: "الحق أقول لكم من الآن ترون السماء مفتوحة وملائكة الله يصعدون وينزلون على ابن الإنسان" (يوحنا 1: 51).

لقد أصبح الرب يسوع الجسر الواصل بين السماء والأرض، "لأنه هو سلامنا الذي جعل الإثنين واحداً ونقض حائط السياج المتوسط أي العداوة" (أفسس 2: 14-15).

"لصورتك الطاهرة نسجد أيها الصالح، مستمدين مغفرة خطايا أيها المسيح إلهنا، لأن بمشيتك سررت أن تصعد بالجسد على الصليب، لتنجي الذين خلقت من عبودية العدو، فلذلك نهتف إليك بشكر: لقد ملأت الكل فرحاً يا مخلصنا إذ أتيت لتخلص العالم".

السابع عام 787 م خلال حكم الإمبراطورة إيريني انتهت هذه المرحلة عندما قامت الإمبراطورة نيودورة بوقف الإضطهاد والقيام بزياح كبير بالأيقونات المقدسة وقراءة "السينوديكون" وهو بمثابة مستند رسمي يُحَرِّم فيه جميع الهراطقة الذين حرّفوا تعليم الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية ويُلقى عليهم الجرم ويُطَوَّب أولئك الذين دافعوا عن الإيمان المستقيم. نقرأ من صلاة سحر العيد: "لقد ظهر اليوم نهار سرور مستوعب حيوراً. الآن يسطع لامعاً بهاء الاعتقادات الحقيقية لأن كنيسة المسيح تتلألأ الآن مُزينة برفع أيقونات القديسين وصورهم المُضيئة وحصل اتحاد المؤمنين الصائرين بالموازية الإلهية".

القراءة الإنجيلية في الأحد الأول هي من إنجيل (يوحنا 1: 43-51) وتتضمن دعوة يسوع إلى فليبيس أن يتبعه ويليه دعوة فليبيس لصديقه تثنائيل قائلاً له "قد وجدنا الذي كتب عنه موسى في الناموس والأنبياء يسوع ابن يوسف الذي من الناصرة". وعندها استغرب تثنائيل "أنه من الناصرة يكون شيء صالح" دعاه فليبيس قائلاً "تعال وانظر" ومن ثم لقاء الرب يسوع مع تثنائيل الذي أكد له قائلاً: "من الآن ترون السماء مفتوحة وملائكة الله يصعدون وينزلون على ابن الإنسان".

لا توجد علاقة مباشرة بين تذكارات الأحد والقراءة الإنجيلية وإن كان من الممكن إيجاد بعض الرابط. تُشدد قراءة غروب وصلاة سحر أحد الأرثوذكسية على أهمية سر التجسد وهذا أساسي وجوهري في عقيدة الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية ولاهوت الأيقونة.

لقد كان تحريم التصوير في العهد القديم: "لا تصنع لك تمثالاً منحوتاً ولا صورة، ما في السماء من فوق وما في الأرض من تحت وما في الماء من تحت الأرض، لا تسجدوا لهم ولا تعبدون". (في سفر الخروج 20: 4). تعود نفس الوصية في سفر التثنية (20: 5-9). لقد كان هذا التحريم سببه ردع الشعب العبراني من الوقوع في خطيئة عبادة الأوثان. هذا كان قبل التجسد حيث "أن الله لم يره أحد قط" (يوحنا 1: 18) وأيضاً حيث كان "لا أحد يرى وجه الله ويعيش" (خروج 33: 20).

ولكن في العهد الجديد ومع تجسد كلمة الله حيث أن "الكلمة صار جسداً وحل بيننا ورأينا مجده مجداً كما لوحد من الأب مملوء نعمة وحفاً" (يوحنا 1: 14). أصبح الله الذي لم يره أحد فقط مُشَاهِداً بالجسد من خلال الابن الوحيد.

إذاً من بعد التجسد أصبح بالإمكان رسم أيقونة للرب يسوع، كلمة الله المتجسد، هذا ما تؤكد الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية عبر مجامعها المقدسة وبخاصة المجمع المسكوني السابع وغير الآباء القديسين كالقديس يوحنا الدمشقي والقديس ثيودوروس الستوديتي. يقول يوحنا الدمشقي: "في الأزمنة السابقة، لم يكن من الممكن تصوير الله والذي هو بدون شكل أو هيئة ولكن الآن عندما أصبح الله منظوراً بالجسد ومتحدثاً مع البشر، فنحن نصنع صورة للإله الذي نراه، نحن لا

# When you fast

*Jesus said, 'and when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your father who sees in secret will reward you:'*

*Matthew 6: 16-18 (Gospel of Cheesefare Sunday)*



When people think of the word "Lent," the word "fasting" is one of the first things that comes to mind. The cornerstone of Lent is not fasting, but repentance and growing in our faith. Fasting is a tool that is used to assist in spiritual growth. Fasting is also mischaracterized as a form of deprivation, rather than a spiritual discipline. Because fasting is so misunderstood, it is many times done incorrectly.

In the Orthodox world, we use the word "passions" to describe tendencies that each person has that lead us to sin. Each of us has a "passion" for anger, lust, power, greed, ego, etc. We do not get through life without wrestling with each of these, sometimes on a daily basis. The most basic "passion" is hunger. While we can go a day without a lustful thought or an angry thought, we can't go more than a few hours without a hungry thought. So, if we can tame our passion for eating, we can hopefully tame our other passions. If we can discipline ourselves to go without certain kinds of food, we can hopefully discipline ourselves so that we can go without certain kinds of behavior that are spiritually destructive. Thus, fasting is not about giving up something only to get it back. Fasting is about getting control of our passions, maintaining control over them, and ultimately giving control of ourselves to God.

If you've never fasted before, I would not recommend doing a strict fast. Try fasting from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent (and then throughout the year), then next year try fasting Wednesdays and Fridays plus all of the first week of Lent and all of Holy Week. Then work up from that.

Below is a guide of some levels of fasting:

- Level one -- Fast from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays and during Holy Week
- Level two -- Fast from meat and fish on Wednesdays and Fridays and during Holy Week
- Level three -- Fast from meat the entirety of Lent and Holy Week
- Level four -- Fast from meat and fish the entirety of Lent and Holy Week
- Level five -- Level four and eliminate dairy products during Holy Week
- Level six -- Level four and eliminate dairy products on Wednesday and Fridays and during Holy Week.
- Level seven -- Level four plus eliminate dairy products during all of Lent and Holy Week
- Level eight -- Level seven plus eliminate oil and wine during Holy Week
- Level nine -- The strict fast - no meat, fish, dairy products, wine or oil during the entirety of Great Lent

*\*\*Fish is allowed on March 25 (Annunciation) and Palm Sunday; oil and wine are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, except for Holy Saturday.*

After a few years at one level, challenge yourself to go up a level.

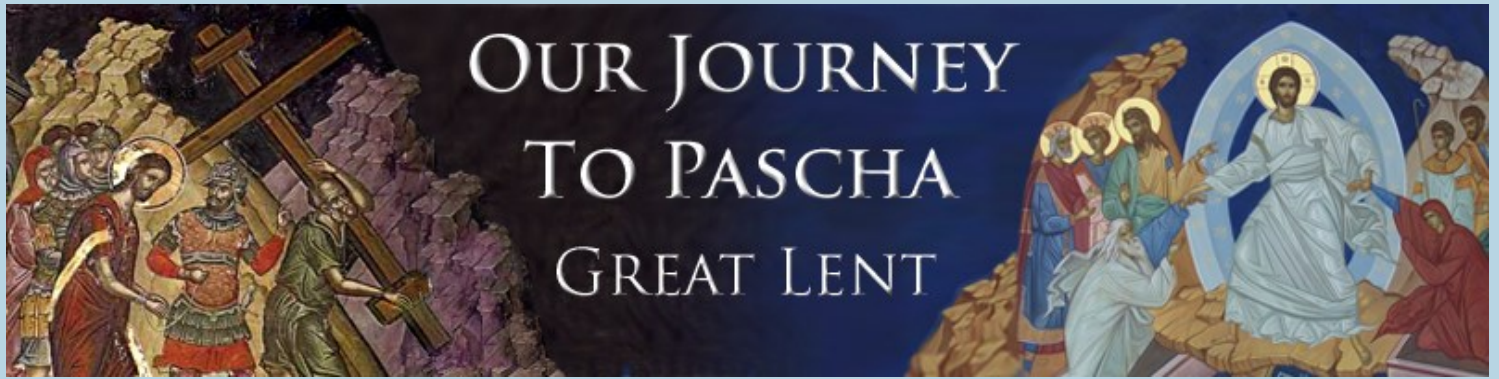
More important, however, than fasting from food, is fasting from the behaviors that are spiritually destructive. We need to fast from things that get us in trouble - perhaps the television, alcohol, inappropriate materials on the computer and in movies, foul language, etc. Fasting also does not mean "looking" deprived, complaining about what you can't eat, or making a show of your fasting. In fact, if you are fasting and you are invited to someone's home for dinner and they serve meat, eat the meat, don't make a big deal out of your fasting. Also, do not pass judgment on others who are not fasting to the degree you are. Saint Paul reminds us in Romans 14:3-4: *"Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own Master that he stands or falls."* As Christ tells us, our fasting is seen by our "Father who is in secret," and He will reward us for our efforts.

**Again, Lent is not a season of deprivation, nor should we "give up" something only to get it back once Lent is over. Lent is about repentance, and making small and permanent changes to bring us closer to the Lord, changes that will last long after Lent is over. This is the purpose of the Lenten journey. Fasting is an aid to help us in this.**

*The time has come - the start of our spiritual contests, the victory over demons, the full armor of self-control the angels' dignity, the confidence before God. Thereby did Moses become conversant with the Creator, and heard the invisible voice. Lord, through fasting make us worthy to worship Your Passion and Holy Resurrection, as You love humanity. (Doxastikon of Orthros, Cheesefare Sunday, Trans. by Fr. Seraphim Dedes)*

**Give some thought to your fasting plan for Lent today!**





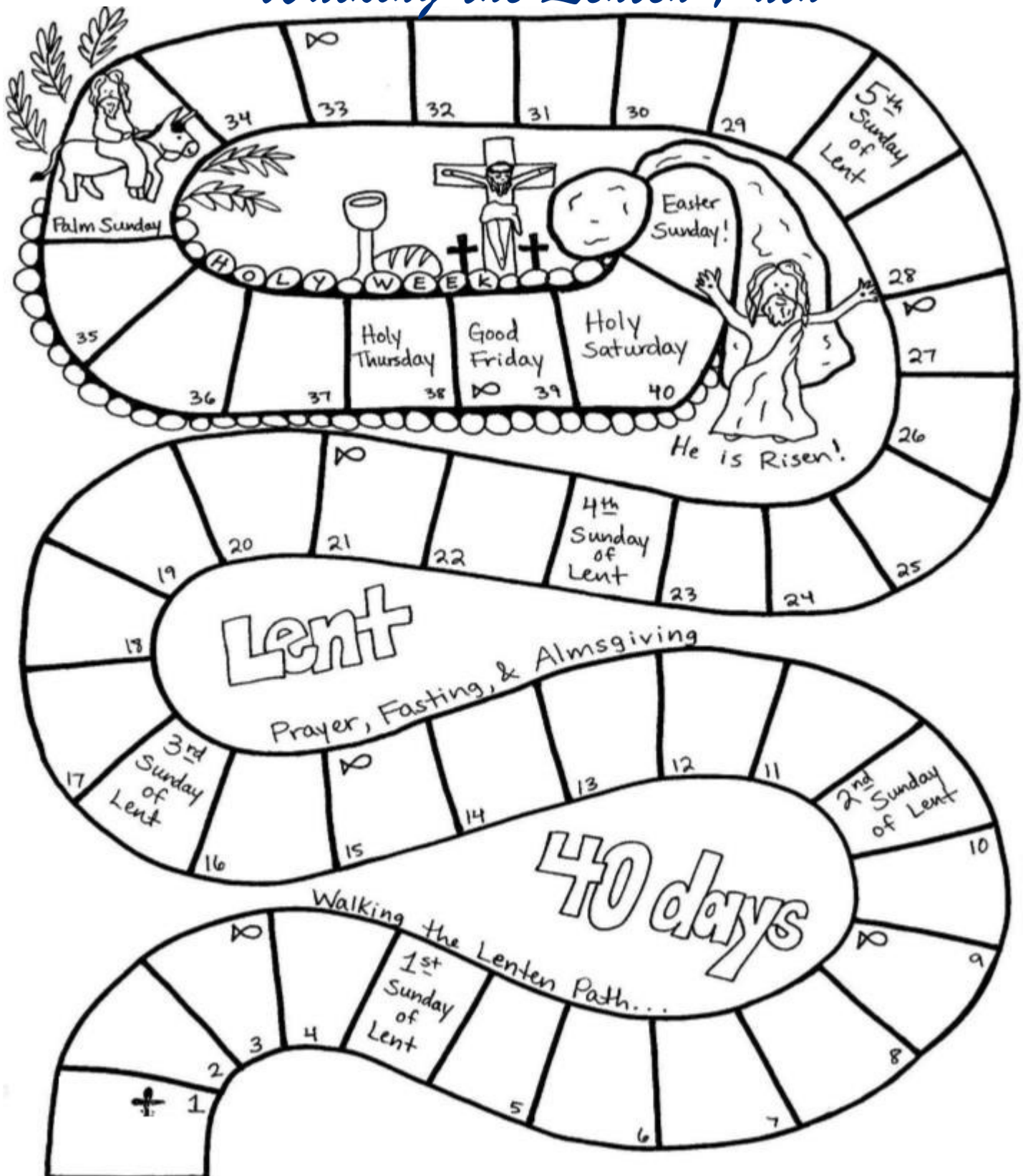
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February 14	February 21	February 28	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 27
GOSPEL Matthew 6:14-21	GOSPEL John 1:43-51	GOSPEL Mark 2:1-12	GOSPEL Mark 8:34-38, 9:1	GOSPEL Mark 9:17-31	GOSPEL Mark 10:32-45	GOSPEL John 11:1-45
MESSAGE: Adam & Eve cast out of Paradise because of food. Moses fasted for 40 days from food to see God. <b>We too begin fast</b> from food to get back into Paradise and encounter God.	MESSAGE: Icons restored by St Theodora and son Emperor Michael in 843 AD. We rejoice in <b>One Lord, One God, One Baptism, and One Faith</b> shown in icons. God sees us, as Nathaniel in Gospel	MESSAGE FROM GOSPEL: Christ heals the paralytic brought by 4 friends thru the roof and all confess - <b>Who can forgive sins but God alone?</b> Discuss His authority given to our clergy for Confession	MESSAGE: The symbol of our faith as Christians which gives us strength to <b>continue to struggle</b> in the fast until we reach the Resurrection.	MESSAGE FROM GOSPEL: Jesus says, <b>"All things are possible to him who believes."</b> and heals epileptic child. Dad cried out <b>"I believe; help my unbelief!"</b>	MESSAGE: From age 12, St Mary lived a very sinful life but at age 30 wanted to become Christian and <b>repented</b> in the desert for forgiveness. She walked on water and a lion buried her! What is repentance?	MESSAGE: One week before Christ resurrects, He shows us <b>His power over death as fully God</b> by raising Lazarus from the dead, while also weeping <b>as fully man</b> for His dear friend Lazarus.
JESUS PRAYER SONG: "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God Have Mercy on Me the Sinner"	CRAFT: Make a family icon tree using each persons' Patron Saint. Christ is the trunk.	COLORING: Icon of Christ healing paralytic	CRAFT: Making Cross necklaces with string & beads	SENTENCE SCRAMBLE  COLORING: Icon of Christ healing epileptic child	COLORING: Icon of Christ preaching repentance	ACTIVITY: Mummy Wraps with toilet paper



# Following Jesus Kids bulletin



## *Walking the Lenten Path*





# FEBRUARY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY



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2021

January 2021

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March 2021

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Liturgical Symbols:

Church Major Feasts

Abstain from meat

Fast from midnight until noon

Lenten Season

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Preparation of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple 1 John 2:18-3:8 Mark 11:1-11	2 Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple دخول السيد إلى الهيكل Hebrews 7:7-17 Luke 2:22-41	3 Sts Simeon and Anna 1 John 3:21-4:11 Mark 14:43-15:1	4 St Isidore of Pelusium 1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15	5 St Agatha 2 John 1:1-13 Mark 15:22-25, 33-41	6 First Saturday of the dead الصبيات الاول للرافدين 1 Corinthians 10:23-29 Luke 21:8, 9, 25-27, 33-36
7 Meat-fare Sunday أحد مرفع اللحم 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46	8 Prophet Zechariah 3 John 1:1-15 Luke 19:29-40, 22:7-39	9 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jude 1:1-10 Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1	10 St Charalampos Romans 14:6-9 Matthew 26:57-75	11 St Blaise Jude 1:11-25 Luke 23:2-34, 44-56	12 St Meletios Ephesians 5:8-19 John 19:25-37	13 Saturday of Ascetics سبت جميع اليااء النساك Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27 Matthew 6:1-13
14 St Maron the Hermit Cheese-fare Sunday أحد مرفع الجبن Romans 13:11-14, 14:1-4 Matthew 6:14-21	15 Beginning of Holy and Great Fast بدء الصوم المقدس الكبير Genesis 1:1-13 Proverbs 1:1-20	16 St Pamphilos and companions Genesis 1:14-23 Proverbs 1:20-33	17 St Theodore Genesis 1:24-2:3 Proverbs 2:1-22	18 St Leo, Pope of Rome Genesis 2:4-19 Proverbs 3:1-18	19 1st Akathist المدائح الاولى Genesis 2:20-3:20 Proverbs 3:19-34	20 St Theodore the martyr Hebrews 1:1-12 Mark 2:23-3:5
21 Sunday of Orthodoxy أحد الأرثوذكسية Hebrews 11:24-40 John 1:43-51	22 Relics of Martyrs at Eugenios Genesis 3:21-4:7 Proverbs 3:34-4:22	23 St Polycarp of Smyrna Genesis 4:8-15 Proverbs 5:1-15	24 Discoveries of the Head of John the Forerunner Genesis 4:16-26 Proverbs 5:15-6:4	25 St Tarasios Genesis 5:1-24 Proverbs 6:3-20	26 2nd Akathist المدائح الثانية Genesis 5:32-6:8 Proverbs 6:20-7	27 St Procopios Hebrews 3:12-16 Mark 1:35-44
28 St Gregory Palamas Sunday of Holy Relics أحد الفخائر المقدسة Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Mark 2:1-12						

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.

As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with our priests and spiritual care givers. May they know that they are loved and cared for.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

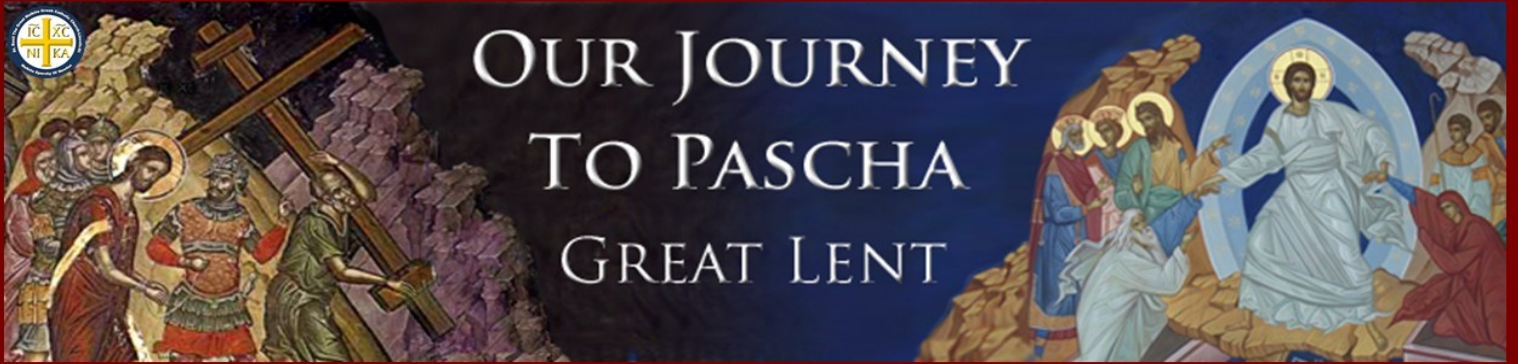
Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church

## Weekly Prayer Services for the Great and Holy Lent

## خدمة الصلوات الأسبوعية خلال الصوم الكبير و المقدس

Tuesday	6:30 pm	Great Compline	الثلاثاء	الساعة 6:30 مساءً	صلاة النوم الكبرى - يا رب القوات
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	الأربعاء	الساعة 6:30 مساءً	الإحتفال بالآقداص السابق تقديسها (البروجيازمين)
Thursday	6:30 pm	Great Compline	الخميس	الساعة 6:30 مساءً	صلاة النوم الكبرى - يا رب القوات
Friday	6:30 pm	Akathist (Hymn to the Theotokos)	الجمعة	الساعة 6:30 مساءً	صلاة المدائح لوالدة الإله الفانقة القداسة
Saturday	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy	السبت	الساعة 4:00 مساءً	الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي
Sunday	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy	الأحد	الساعة 11:00 صباحاً	الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي

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

## *Remember me in your Kingdom*

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

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

## اذكرني في ملكوتك

أدعوكم إلى القداس الإلهي

من اجل الراقيدين على رجاء القيامة

في الأربعاء الأخير من كل شهر الساعة 6:30 مساءً

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We are sponsoring a raffle giving away \$15,000 in prizes:

- 1st: drawing for \$5,000
- 2nd: drawing for \$2,500
- 3rd: drawing for \$1,000
- Seven \$500 drawings
- Eight \$250 drawings
- Ten \$100 drawings



Drawing will be held the Easter weekend on April 3, 2021 with only three hundred (300) tickets to be sold at \$100 each.

For tickets or more information please contact:

- Sandra (Elias) Longtin, 401-617-8433
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# Alerts and Latest Guidance

- **Social Gatherings:** as of October 30, the indoor and outdoor social gathering limit is 10 people because social gatherings have been the source of many positive cases.
- **Early closures:** All restaurants, bars, gyms, recreational facilities, and personal services must close at 10 p.m. Sunday – Thursday and at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Stay-at-home advisory** is in effect from 10 p.m. – 5 a.m. Sunday – Thursday and from 10:30 p.m. – 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Venues of assembly:** The capacity limit for indoor venues (performing arts venues, movie theaters, houses of worship) is 50% of normal capacity with a maximum of 125 people. The limit for outdoor venues is 66% of normal capacity with a maximum of 150 people. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Catered events:** The capacity limit for indoor catered events is 25 and for outdoor catered events is 75, with exceptions for previously scheduled weddings. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Large retailers:** The capacity limit for big box stores (more than 30,000 square feet of space) is one person per 150 square feet. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Business travel:** Businesses are asked to cancel any non-essential, work-related travel. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Masks** are required any time you're near people who don't live with you, including at the gym.

## REOPENING RI

### Wear a mask that protects you and others

Wearing a face covering in public places helps protect you and anyone near you from COVID-19. **Your mask should fit snugly but comfortably over your nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps.**



#### RECOMMENDED

- Face mask worn the right way and at least two layers thick
- \* N-95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare providers and other first responders



#### NOT RECOMMENDED

- Face shield alone
- Loose-fitting bandana
- Face mask with valve
- Face mask worn the wrong way
- Neck gaiter only one layer thick

Always wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask. Wash and dry cloth face coverings after use each day. Learn more about how to handle and care for your mask at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html)

Masks should not be worn by children younger than age two, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without help.

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