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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



أحد القديسين آباء المجمع المسكوني الأول SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE COUNCIL OF NICEA

Antiphon Prayer

O Lord, Who are Good beyond description, we ask You through the intercession of Your All-pure Mother and the Holy Fathers who participated in the Ecumenical Councils, to support the Church, uphold the faith and make us all partake of Your heavenly Kingdom, when You come to judge the whole creation. For You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, O Christ God and we render glory, to You and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. People: Amen.

Troparion of the Resurrection, (6th Tone)

The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking Your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord Who rose from the dead glory to You.

Troparion of the Ascension (4th Tone)

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing they were confirmed in their belief that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Troparion of the Fathers, (8th Tone)

O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our Fathers as radiant stars on earth: You led us to the true faith though them. O Most Merciful One, glory to You!

Troparion of St Basil:

Your voice has sounded all over the earth, that accepted your preaching. You gave a divine explanation of doctrine, and made clear the nature of creatures, and set a rule of life for men. Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kondakion of the Ascension

After fulfilling for us Your plan of redemption and joining the things of earth with those of heaven, O Christ our God, You gloriously ascended without abandoning us, but remained with us forever and reassured all who love You by telling them: "Behold, I am with you: no one has power against you."

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها الربُّ الفائقُ الصَّلاح، نسألُك، بشفاعة والدتكَ الكاملة الطهارة والآباء القدِّيسين الذين التأموا في المجامَع المسكونيَّة، أن تُثبِّتُ الكنيسةَ وتُوَيَّدُ الايمان، وتجعلنا جميعاً شركاءَ في مُلككَ السَّماويّ، عندما تأتى ليدينَ الخليقة بأسرها. لأنك أنتَ هو الحقُّ والحَّياة وإليك نرفعُ المجد، وإلى أبيك الأزليَّ وروحكَ القدُّوسُ الصالح والمحيى، ألزَّن وكلَّ واوانَّ والى دهر الداهرين الشعب: آمين.

نشيد القيامة باللحن السادس

إِن القوات الملائكة طهرتْ على قبرِك، والحراسَ صاروا كالأموات، ومريمَ وقفتْ عند القبر، طالبةُ جسدك الطاهر. فسلبتُ الجحيمَ ولم تنلكَ بأذي، ولاقيت البتولَ واهباً الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الاموات، يا رب المجدُ لك.

نشيد الصعود باللحن الرابع

لقد صعدتَ بمجدٍ أيَّها المسيحُ إلهُنا، مُفرَّحاً تلاميذَكَ بموَعد الرُّوحُ القُّدُس. وقد تيَّقنوا بالبركة، أنَّكَ أنتَ ابنُ اللهِ المنقذُ العالم.

نشيد للآباء باللحن الثامن أنت أيُها المسيحُ إلهُنا فائقُ المجد. لأنكَ أقمتَ آباءَنا كُواكبَ على الأرض، وبهم هدَيتُنا جميعاً الى الايمانِ الحقيقيّ. فيا جزيلَ التحنُّنِ المجدُ لك

طروباربة القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذَاعَ منطقُكَ في كُلُ الأرض. فانها قد قَبِلَتْ كلامك، الذي به بيَّنت العقائدَ بياناً إلهَيّاً، وأوضحتَ طبيعةَ الكائنات، ونظَّمتَ أخلاقَ البشر. فياً أيها الآبُ البارُّ ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

قنداق الصعود باللحن السادس

لما أكملت التدبيرَ الذي من أجلِنا، ووحَّدتَ ما على الارض بالسَّماويات، صعدتَ بمجدٍ أيُّها المسيخُ الهُنا، دون أن تَبرَحَ مكاناً، بل لابثاً غيرَ منفصلٍ وهاتِفاً بمحَّبيك: أنا معكم، وليس أحد عليكم



Our church organizations:

MAYA: Organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra. https://melkite.org/maya

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.

www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States. https://melkite.org/namw



Epistle Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36 PROKIMENON (Tone 7) Daniel 3:26, 27

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 Acts of the Apostles:

In those days Paul decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to waste time in Asia. For he was hurrying as much as he could in order to reach Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus, however, he had sent an invitation to Ephesus for the presbyters of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, (20:28) "Be careful about yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you as bishops, to herd the Church of God which He has redeemed through His own blood. For I know this, that after I am gone fierce wolves will get in among you and will not spare the flock. And from among you, some men will rise, speaking perverse doctrines, to draw away the disciples after them.

"Watch, therefore, and remember that for three years, night and day, I did not cease to warn with tears every one of you. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, Who is able to edify and to grant you an inheritance among all His blessed ones.

"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You, yourselves, know these hands of mine have provided for my needs and those of my companions. In all things, I have shown you that by working in this way you should help the weak, and remember that the Lord Jesus said in person, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And after saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

ALLELUIA (Tone 1) Psalm 49:1,5

The God of gods, the Lord has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Stichon: Gather His faithful ones around Him, those who have made a covenant with Him through sacrifices.

Gospel: John 17:1-13 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER KNOWN AS THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE COUNCIL OF NICEA

At that time Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You, even as You have given Him power over all flesh, in order that to all You have given Him, He may give everlasting life. Now this is everlasting life, that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified You on earth; I have accomplished the work You have given Me to do. And now do You, Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name to the men You have given me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have learned that whatever You have given Me is from You; because the words that You have given Me, I have given to them. And they have received them, and have known as a fact that I came forth from You, and they have believed that You did send Me. I pray for them; not for the world do I pray, but for those whom You have given Me, because they are Yours; and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your name those You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those You have given Me, I guarded; and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You and these things I speak in the world, in order that they may have My joy made full in themselves."

رسالة (الاحد السابع) المعروف بأحد الآباء مقدمة الرسالة

مباركُ أَنتَ ياربُ إِلهَ آبائِنا، ومُسبحٌ وممجدٌ أسمكَ الى الدُّهور لأَنكَ عادِكُ في كلِ ما صنعتَ بنا. وأَعمالُكَ كُلُها حقيقيةٌ وطُرُقكَ مُستقيمة

الرسالة (أعمال الرسل 20: 17-180 و27-36) فِي تِلكَ الأيامِ. كَانَ بُولسُ قد عزمَ أَن يتَجَاوزَ أَفْسُس فِي البَّحرِ، لِئلاً يَعْرُضَ لهُ أَن يُبطئَ في آسيَة. لأَنْهُ كِانَ يَعجلُ حتى يكونَ في أُورَشليِمَ يَومَ العَنصَرةِ إِن أَمكنَه. فمِن مِيليتُسَ بَعَثَ الى أَفسُسَ فاستدعى كهنة الكنيسة. فلمَّا وصَلوا إليهِ قَالَ لهُم: أحلَّروا لأَنفسكُم ولجميع القَطيَع الذي أَقَّامَكُم فيهِ الرُّوحُ القُدُسُ أَساقِفَةً. لترعواً كنيسةً اللهِ التي اقتناها بدِمِه الخاص. فإني أُعلمُ هذا إنهُ بعدَ فِراَّقِ سيَدخُلُ بينكُم ذئابٌ خُالطِفةٌ لٰا تشفِّقُ على القَّطيع، ومنكُم أَنفُسكُم. سَيقُومُ رجالٌ يتكلمونَ بأُقوالِ فاسدةِ. ليجتذبوا التلاميذَ وَّراءَهم، فأسهَرُوا إذَن وَتذكرِوا أَني مُدةَ ثلاثِ سُنينَ لَم أَكفُفْ لَيلاً وَنهَاراً عِن أَن أَنصِحَ كِلَّ واحدٍ بالدُمُوعَ. والآنَ يا إِخوة. أُستودعكمُ اللهَ وكلمةً نِعمتهِ القادرةَ أن تَبنَّيَكُم وتُؤْتيكُم مِيراثاً معَ جميع ٱلمُقدَّسين. إِنِي لَم أَشْتَهِ مِنَ أَحدٍ فَضَّةَ أَو ذَهباً أَوْ ثِوباً، بل أنتم تعلمونَ أَنَّ هاتَينٍ اليدينِ كانَتا تَخدُمانِ حاجاتِي وحاجاتِ الذينَ كانُّوا معي، في كلِ شيءِ بيَّنتُ لِكُمْ كَيفَ ينبغي أَن نتعبَ لنُساعِدَ الضُّعفاءَ. وأن نتذكَّرَ كَلامَ الربِّ يسوعَ حيثُ قال: إِنَّ العَطاءَ أَعظمُ غِبطةً من الأَخذ. ولمَّا قالَ هذا

هللويا إَله الالهةِ الربُّ قد تكلَّم. ودعا الإِّرضَ من مَشارقِ الشمسِ الى مغَاربها اجمعوا لهُ أَبرارهُ. الذينَ بَتَّوا عَهدَهُ على الذَّبائح.

جثا على رُكبتَيهِ وصلَّى معَ جميعهم.

انجيل أحد الآباء القديسين - يوحنا 17: 1-13) في ذلك الزمان، رَفعَ يسوعُ عَينَيهِ الى السماءِ وقال: أيُّها الاب، قد أتت الساعة. مَجدِ أَبنَكَ ليُمجدكَ أَبُّنُكَ أَيضاً. كما أَعطيتَهُ السُّلطانَ على كلّ بشَر، ليُعطّيهم كلَّ ما أَعطَيتَهُ لهُ: الحياةَ الابدية. وهذه هي الحياةُ الابدية، أن يَعرفوكَ أنتَ الالهَ الحقيقيّ وحدَك، والذي أرسلتَهُ يسوعَ المسيح. أنا قد محدتُك على الإرض، وأنمْمتُ العملِ الذي أَعطيتَني لأَعملهُ. والْآنَ مجدني أَنتَ أَيُّها الآبُ عندَك، بالمجدِ الذي كانَ لي عِندُكَ مِن قَبْل كُونِ العالَم. قد أَعلَنْتُ أسمَك للناس الذينَ أعطيتهُم لى مِنَ العاَلم، هُم كانوا لك، وأَنْت أَعطَيتَهُم لي، وَّقد حَفِظوا كلامَك. والآن عَلمُوا أَن كُلَّ ما أَعطَيتُهُ لى هو مِنك. لأَنَ الكلامَ الذي أَعطَيتَهُ لى قد أُعطيتُهُ لهم، وهم قَبلوا وعَلَّموا حقًّا أَني منك خرَجت، وآمنوا أنَّك أَنتَ أَرسَلتَني. أَنا أَسَأَلُ من أَجلِهم، لا أَسأَلُ من أَجلِ العالمُّ، بَلْ من أَجلِ الذين اعطتَهم لي لأَنهم لك. وكلُّ ما هوَ لي هوَ لك، وما لكَ هُو لي، وأَنا قد تمجَّدتُ فيهم. ولَستُ أَنا بعدُ في الْعاَلم، وهؤلاءِ هم في العالَم، وأَنا آتي إليك. أيها الآبُ الْقدّوسُ، احفَظ باسمِكَ الذينَ أعطيتَهم لي. ليَكونوا واحداً كما نحن. حينَ كنتُ معَهُم في العالم، كنتُ أحفظُهم باسمك. إنَّ الذينَ أُعطَيتَهُم لِي قد حَفظتُهم، ولم يَهلكُ منهُم أَحَدٌ إَّالِا ابنُ الْهِلَّاكِ، ليَتمَّ الكتَّابِ. وَالآنَ فإني آتي إليك، وأنا أَتكلمُ بهذا في العالم، ليكونَ لهمُ فَرَحَى





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 Allholy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 29,2022: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICAEA 325 A.D. SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION.

- + ALBERT P. YANY (40 Day) by his wife Joanne & Family.
- + WALTER R. MOON by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- + WALTER ("BILL") LEMAY by his wife, Shirley.
- + FRED NASHAWATY, JR. by Pamela Desmarais.
- + MARGARET SABBAGH by Kyle & Marianna Mardo & Family.
- + WILLIAM T. ASERMELY by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).
- + STEVEN KANAKRY by Beatrice Mischler.
- + JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + AMANDA ROWEY (5th Anniv.) by her parents, Anthony & Fadia Rowey & Family.
- + MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ) by Nelly Kishfy.
- + JULIA, FRED, & ELIAS J. KISHFY by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + LOUIS S. SARKAS, MATHILDE SARKAS, & ELIAS J. SARKAS by Dr. Jennifer A. Sarkas.
- + GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + ELIE & SOPHIE ASHKAR by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.
- + YOUSSEF ESPER MADOUR by the Family.
- + YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA by Barbara & Elias Deeb.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: May 22, 2022: Budgets: \$3,234.00: Envelopes: \$2,790.00; Loose: \$444.00; Candles: \$82.00; Stipends: \$75.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$8.00; Addit'l Melkite Diocesan Support: \$3.00; Building Fund: \$285.00.

MONDAY, MAY 30' 2022: Memorial Day will be observed in honor of our comrades who died in defense of their country. Memorial Services will be held at St. Basil's Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Let us, on this day, give our thoughts rest from daily cares and strives of a confused world, and turn them to wholesome thoughts of prayer for these dear ones who have fallen asleep with godliness and great grace, and at the same time, to join in prayer and remember all our loved ones who have preceded us to eternity. MEMORY ETERNAL!

SCHEDULE CHANGE: We will begin our Summer Liturgy Schedule on the weekend of Saturday, June 4 & Sunday, June 5, 2022. Beginning on these dates, there will be one Saturday evening Liturgy at 5:00 p.m. and only **one** Sunday morning Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Please pass on this notice to all family members, relatives, and friends who regularly attend services at St. Basil's.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, AT 6:30 P.M. there will be a meeting to discuss the **FOOD FAIR.** The cooking schedule will be created, and new ideas discussed. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting. We are requesting grape leaves for the upcoming Food Fair. A bin will be on a table right before you enter the church to leave them. Thank you for your continued support.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, AT 6:30 P.M. there will be a meeting to discuss the upcoming **FESTIVAL** in August. All are welcome. Please make every effort to attend.

<u>GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS:</u> Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at <u>office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com</u> 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 Bishiop 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.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> 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.

O Jesus, Who has said,
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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.





<u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS:</u> 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.

REFLECTION: Why do we always want a speaker when Jesus, Himself, is speaking to us?

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will be granted.



ما معنى عيد الصعود وكيف نعيشه؟

في خميس الصُّعُود نُعيّدُ لصعود ربنا وإلهنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح إلى السمّاء، وذلك بعد أرِبعينَ يومًا من قيامَتِه وِظهوره للثَّلامُيْدُ. "فيسوغُ هذا الَّذِي رُفِّعَ عَنكُم إلى السَّماء سَيأتي كما رَأَيــتُــمــوه ذاهــبًــا إلـــي مُمُوه ذاهبيا ألي السُّماء" (اعمال 1:11). صعد يسوع الني السماء وعاد الي ملكوته (يوحنا 18: 36) بعد أن أتمَّ عملُ الفداء وأكملُ خطة الخلاص فالصُّعُود خاتمة عيد قيامة المسيح وحياته على الأرض. وهذا مّا نعبر عنه في قانون الإيمان: لقد صُلب عنّا على عهد بيلاطس البنطى، تألّم ومات وقبر وقام في اليوم الثَّالث، كما في الكتب، وصعد إلى السماء وجلس عن يمين الآب، وأيضا سيأتي بمجد عظيم. ومن هنا نسأل ما هي ابعاد عيد الصُّعُود وكيف نعيشه؟ يمكننا أن

الصنعود وكيف تعيسه: يمكنك ال نميّز ثلاثة أبعاد للصعود على صعيد المسيح والكنيسة وصعيدنا.

(11 المُعُود تمجيد المسيح السماوي إن المسيح قبل أن يعيش على الأرض يمكن القول إنه كان لدى الله كابن، و "كلمة"، وحكمة. فصعوده إلى السماء إلى يمين الأب إنما هو عودة إلى العالم السماوي الذي منه سبق ونزل من السماء، مسكن الألوهية (رؤيا 1: 5) رحمة بنا ليفتقد الناس (مزمور 144:5). واما جلوس يسوع (مزمور 144:5). واما جلوس يسوع عن يمين الله فيعني أنه قد أكمل عمله وأن له سلطاناً وقد توّج ملكاً. والتالي ما صعوده الا تعبير عن مجد المسيح السماوي (أعمال 2: 34).

ومن ناحية أخرى يشير صعود المسيح الى الدخول النهائي لناسوت يسوع الى مقر الله السماوي من حيث سيعود، ويخفيه هذا المقر في هذا الوقت عن عيون البشر. (ت ك 665). وفي الليتورجيا السريانية نجد هذه الصلاة التي تعبّر عن تمجيد المسيح بصعود الى السماء: "نزل ربّنا بحثًا عن آدم وبعد أن وجد من كان ضائعًا، حمله على كتفيه وبالمجد أدخله السماوات معه (لوقا 15: 4). أتى وأظهر لنا أنّه الله، ولبس جسدًا وكشف لنا أنّه إنسان. نزل إلى الجحيم وبيّن لنا أنّه مات؛ صعد وتمجّد وأظهر لنا أنّه كبير، فليتبارك مجده!".

(2 لصَّعُود دلالة على تسامي المسيح يدل صعود يسوع الى السماء على تساميه على الكون والقوات السماوية كما جاء في تعليم بولس السول" ثُمَّ يَكُونُ الْمُنتَهى جِينَ يُسْلِمُ المُلْكَ إلى اللهِ الأب بَعدَ أَن يَكُونَ قد أَبادَ كُلَّ رِناسةٍ وسُلطانِ وقُوَّة "(1 قورنتس 15: 24). وكما قال النبي: "أيّها الرَّبُ سَيِّدُنا ما أَعظَمُ أَسمَكُ في الأرضِ كُلِّها! لأَعظِمَنَّ جَلالكَ فَوقَ السَّمُوات" (مزمور 8: 2).

ويسوع منذ الأن يجلس على العرش في السماوات ليتقلد السيادة على الكون (أفسس 1: 20-21). ويكشف لنا انجيل متى سلطان يسوع الذي يتمتع به في السماء وعلى الأرض (متى 28: 18)، وأكد لنا بولس الرسول هذا النصر الذي اكتسبه بالصلب (كولسي 2: 15) وبطاعته (فيلبي 2: 6-11). ويقول القديس كبريانوس: "لا من لسان بشر ولا ملانكي يستطيع أن يصف كما يجب عظيم الاحتفال والاكرام الذي صار للإله المتجسد بصعوده في هذا اليوم".

(3 الصِّغُود تمهيد لعودة المسيح في مجينه الثاني إن "يسوغ هذا الَّذي رُفِعَ عَنكُم إلى السَّماء سَياتي كما رَ أَيثُموه ذاهبًا إلى السَّماء" (أعمال 1: 11). هذه العبارة تقيم ارتباطاً عميقاً بين ارتفاع المسيح إلى السماء وبين عودته ثانية في آخر الأزمنة، عند التجديد الكلي الشامل (أعمال 3: 21) حينذاك سياتي كما انطلق (أعمال 11:11)، نازلاً من السماء (1 تسالونيقي 4: 16) على الغمام (رويا 14: 14-16)، بينما يصعد مختاروه لملاقاته، هم أيضا على عمام (1 تسالونيقي 4: 17). فالتاريخ يتحرك نحو نقطة محددة هي مجيء يسوع المسيح ثانية ليدين العالم، ويملك على كل المسكونة. وينبغي علينا، أن نكون مستعدين لمجيئه المفاجئ (1 تسالونيقي 5: 2).

ثانيًا: الصُّغُود على صعيد الكنيسة:

الصُنُعُود على مستوى الكنيسة هو تمجيدها بحلول الروح القدس: تمجيد المسيح في صعوده كان لا بد أن يسبق تمجيد الكنيسة بحلول الروح القدس. صعد يسوع الى السماء ليرسل الروح القدس ليحلّ محلّه لدى التلاميذ كما وعد تلاميذه "الرُّوحَ القُدُسُ يَنزِلُ عَلَيكم فَتَنَالُون قُدرَةً وتكونونَ لي شُهودًا في أُورَشَلِيمَ وكُلُّ اليهويئِةِ والسَّامِرَة، حتَّى أقاصى الأرض (اعمال 1: 8).



صعد يسوع إلى السماء كي يرسل روحه ليحلّ محله لدى التلاميذ. وبحلول الروح يتحوّل الرب من كائن معنا إلى كائن فينا؛ ان كائن معنا محدودة، لكن كائن فينا غير محدودة وذلك نتيجة عمل الروح القدس. وهذا مما يؤكده القديس بولس الرسول في صلاته الى اهل أفسس: "أن يُقيم المسيخ في قُلوبكم بالإيمان" بفعل الروح القدس (أفسس 3: 17).

(الصعود يسوع ليشفع فينا في حضرة الله (عبرانيين 9: 24) تصور الرسالة إلى العبرانيين صعود المسيح في ضوء نظرتها لعالم سماوي تقوم فيه حقاتق الخلاص، ونحوه تتجه مسيرة البشر. إن الكاهن الأعظم، لكي يجلس هناك عن يمين الله (عبرانيين 1: 3) فوق الملائكة (عبرانيين 1: 4-9) صعد أول الجميع، مجتازاً السماوات (عبرانيين 4: 14) يشفع مجتازاً السماوات (عبرانيين 4: 14) يشفع فينا في حضرة الله (عبرانيين 4: 14) على اله الوسيط الذي يضمن لنا فيض الروح

القدوس (ت ك 667)، ويُعلق القديس أو غسطينوس" صعد يسوّع الى السَّماء، لذَلك علينا ألّا نقَّلُقّ على الأرض. لتكن أفكارنا هناك وسوف يكون هناك سلام. إن أردنا ان نصعد ونكون بصحبته فيجب علينا أن نكف عن الخطية وعن الشر".

(2 الصُّعُود لإعداد مكان لنا في السماء

يعودُ الربّ بالمجد إلى أبيه ايُعدَ لنا مكانًا (يوحنا 14: 1-3). فقد دخل يسوع أولاً تلك الحياة، ليُعدَّ لمختاريه مكاناً، ثم يأتي ويأخذهم إلى هناك ليكونوا على الدوام معه (يوحنا 14: 22). فيسوع المسيح، رأس الكنيسة، سبقنا إلى ملكوت الأب المجيد حتى نحيا نحن، أعضاء جسده، في رجاء أن نكون يوماً معه إلى الأبد (ت ك 666). إذًا فنحن لدينا ضمانة في السماء حيث سنصعد مع الرّب يسوع المسيح. وقد وعد يسوع جميع المؤمنين العاملين بوصاياه خاصة وصية المحبة بالوطن السماوي "تعالوا، يا من باركهم أبي، فرثوا الملكوت المُعدَّد لُكُم مَنذُ إنشاءِ العَالَمِ" (متى 25: 14). وهذا الامر يدعونا ان نترنم مع صلاة قداس الصُعُود: "ليغمُّ السرورُ قلوبَنا، لأن صعود ابنك ألى السماء، هو عنوان رفعتنا، إذ مسكنه الأن سيكون مسكننا الحقيقي الأخير"؛ ويُعلق القديس أو غسطينوس:" إلهي، إنك صنعتنا لأجلك. لذلك يبقي قلبنا مضطربًا قلقًا عديم الراحة على الدوام حتى يستريح بك".

رابعًا: كيف نعيش روحانية عيد الصُّعُود؟

من ابعاد عيد الصُغُود تنبع روحانية الصُغُود متكاملة، مؤسسة على الرجاء، لأنها تجعل المسيحي يحيا منذ الآن في حقيقة العالم الجديد الذي يملك المسيح فيه. إن على المسيحيين وهم في انتظار تلك الساعة، أن يظلوا متحدين بفضل الإيمان وأسرار الكنيسة، بسيدهم المُمجَد. فعليهم ان يسعوا "إلى الأمور التي في العلى كيثُ المسيح" (قولسي 3: 1-3)، ومدينتهم كاننة في السماوات (فيلبي 3: 20). والبيت السماوي ينتظر هم (2 قورنتس 5: 31) هو المسيح المُمجَد نفسه (فيلبي 3: 21)، "الإنسان السماوي" (1 قورنتس 15: 49-49). على أن المسيحي ليس لذلك أن يكون منسلخاً عن العالم، بل له رسالة على أن يحيا فيه بطريقة جديدة، تحرك العالم نحو المجد الذي يدعوه الله إليه. وهذ الأمر يذكرنا بقصيدة "إرادة الحياة" للشاعر أبو القاسم الشابي "من يتهيَّب صعود الجبال يَعش أبَدَ الدَّهر بين الحـُفرُ". في المعصر تزايد اضطهاد المسيحيين أكثر من أي عصر مضى. لكن العداء والخطيئة والخوف والمرعب والأوبئة والمعاناة على الارض ليس لها الكلمة الاخيرة. سيعود يسوع بالمجد والبهاء ويُضغي سيطرة على ممالك هذا العالم.

الصَّغُود عيد يسوع نعترف به مسيحاً، نعترف به رباً ارتفع ليجتنب الجميع ويصل كلمته الى العالم كله. ومن هنا علينا ان نتابع كرازة الانجيل كما اوصانا الرب "إنِّي أوليتُ كُلُّ سُلطانٍ في السَّماءِ والأرض، فاذهَبوا وتَلمِذوا جَميعَ الأُمْم، وعَمِدوهم باسْم الآب والابْن والرُّوحَ القُدُس، وعَلِموهم أن يَحفَظوا كُلُّ ما أوصَيتُكُم به، وهاءنذا معَكم طُوالَ الأيَّامِ إلى نهايةِ العالم" (متى 28: 18-20). التلاميذ لم يعيشوا كل الأيام في حين الكنيسة تدوم إلى الأبد (أعمال 1: 4-9).

وعلينا ان نعلن انتظارنا لمجيئه الثاني. إنه سيأتي كما صعد، لذلك انتظار مجيء المسيح عقيدة "وننتظر قيامة الأموات وحياة الدهر الآتي آمين" ومع الليتورجيا السريانية نردد "يوم ولادته، فرحت مريم؛ يوم مماته، تزلزلت الأرض. يوم قيامته، تزعزعت ظلمات الجحيم؛ يوم صعوده، اغتبطت السماوات. فليتبارك صعوده"، والقديس أبيفانيوس يقول: أن هذا اليوم هو مجد بقية الأعياد وشرفها لانه يتضح أن الرب أكمل في هذا العيد عمل الراعي العظيم (لوقا 15: 4-7).

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Each Sunday we profess through "Не the Creed, ascended into Heaven." Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's Divine plan for Christ Jesus his return to his with Father his "Mission Accomplished." Ascension is the grand finale of all Jesus' words and works done for us for and our salvation. It is a

culmination.

not the conclusion.

As Jesus is now



with God in glory, so Jesus is with us now in Spirit: "Lo, I am with you always." The feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the Resurrection, namely Jesus' exaltation. Jesus did not wait 40 days to be glorified at God's right hand. That had already happened at his Posturection. The feast of this feast is the Heavenly roins of this feast is the Heavenly roins of the county of this feast is the Heavenly roins of this feast is the Heavenly roins of the county of the county of this feast is the Heavenly roins of the county of the county

you always." The feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the Resurrection, namely Jesus' exaltation. Jesus did not wait 40 days to be glorified at God's right hand. That had already happened at his Resurrection. The focus of this feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ. The Lord is now "seated at the right hand of the Father" as we profess in the Nicene Creed, meaning He alone is in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space or culture. Thus, in the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit form one unbroken reality which is to be understood by Faith. The Ascension means that Jesus, His salvific suffering for our Salvation completed, is with his Father in glory. Being seated at the right hand of the Father is the fulfillment of "the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of Man: 'To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed"

Life messages:

- 1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: In today's Gospel, Jesus gives this mission to all the believers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. "We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives." As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven His Ascension we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, "living in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received."
- 2) We need to live a life of Christian joy in the presence of the ascended Lord. According to Luke, the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Apparently Jesus' exaltation and final blessing gave them, as it gives us, the assurance that, though

3) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, forgiveness, mercy, redemption and Love. We cannot put these lessons on a shelf and ignore them. They stand before us in the person of Jesus. Although no longer visibly present in the world, Jesus is present in his words., and we must make these words real in our lives as well as in the lives of others. Christianity was meant to be a Faith in which Jesus' followers would help and care for others, just as Jesus had done. But the spreading of the Good News to all nations is not a goal that can be attained by human might and craft. This is why Jesus promises to empower the Church with His abiding presence and that of the Holy Spirit. The challenge of sharing the Good News with all mankind should, therefore, begin with our admission that we have often been arrogant and overbearing. We must learn to be humble and let the Holy Spirit lead the way.

4) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: Perhaps some of the nagging doubts which inevitably accompany the journey of Faith could be lessened by our meditating on the Ascension and its implications. When we are too far from Faith to pray on our own, let us remember that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous, praying for us. When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which Jesus arose from the tomb, the same glory to which Jesus ascended, and the same glory in which Jesus currently abides. Though our limited perception might find him absent, Jesus is fully present, participating in every moment of our lives. By His Ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to enter all times and places. In this way it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. We become enlivened, and our actions become animated in a new way by the Spirit of the God we love and serve. We have become other Christs in the world

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



Jesus Ascends into Heaven!

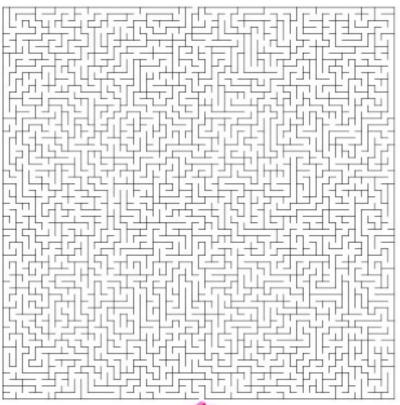


Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we lo dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but v will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our frier

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going int Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahea of us to make a place ready for us when we die



After his resurrection Jesus ascended to heaven.



Can you help him on his way?

Know your Faith

Two Different Traditions — One Catholic Church —

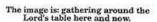
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Priest faces people across the altar.

Priest faces East, towards altar, along with the people.







The image is: leading the people to the Heavenly Liturgy in God's Kingdom.



Church buildings and services use things from present-day, everyday life. We like things that are new and modern, and we use them in worship, too.

Prayers are kept simple, not repeated. Great care is taken to give the whole text of the service in programs or missalettes, so that the mind can grasp things clearly.



Church buildings and services use things from everyday life that have been used for centuries. We like to use things that we have received from our ancestors.

Prayers are repeated and sung. There is a lot of movement; many senses are used to get the whole self (mind and body) involved in worshipping God.

IS ONE TRADITION BETTER THAN THE OTHER? NO! BOTH TRADITIONS ARE GOOD, AND BOTH ARE CATHOLIC! The faith is the same, but we express it differently.

Different - Yet The Same Two Traditions, But One Catholic Church

CHURCH BUILDINGS

ROMAN RITE TODAY

There is a more relaxed feeling, very down to earth, using a lot of contemporary music. Liturgy has the feel of a shared meal. Emphasis: God is here with us, so go and live this out in the world.

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experience a 'taste of Heaven'.

Emphasis: This is what God has in store for us in Heaven, so go and live this out in the world right now.

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The use of dramatic music and actions tries to lift people up to

New Churches are usually built in a very simple style, with little adornment, and only a few pieces of art, to fit into the modern world and reflect modern tastes.



Emphasis: God loves us the way we are, and our current styles and fashions can give glory to God, just as past styles did. Even new churches with modern lines usually have domes and a lot of icons, emphasizing that traditions which the Church developed over the centuries are still meaningful today in the modern world.

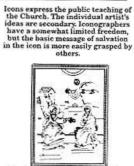
Emphasis: God has been with us through the centuries. Even though things change, God's love - and our response - are always the same, yesterday and today.

Contemporary artists are encouraged to let their individual experience of God come through their art. This encourages creativity and artistic freedom, but cuts down on the common ownership and understanding of this religious art by others.



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Emphasis: There are things about God's love which we have all experienced and understand

Emphasis: Many people have their own understanding of God, and what God's love means for us.

EASTERN AND WESTERN CATHOLICS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AND RESPECT EACH OTHER.

We have the same Catholic faith, but we express it in different ways.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



2022

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Sunday of the Paralytic

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Sunday of Samaritan Woman Acts 11:19-30 John 4:5-42

22 St Rita

Sunday of Man born Blind Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38

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Fathers of 1st council of Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 John 17:1-13

Holy Prophet Isaiah St Simon the Apostle Acts 10:21-33 John 7:1-13

16 17 St Theodore the Sanctified Sts Andronicos and

Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51 Acts 12:25-13:12 John 8:51-59

23 24 St Michael the Confessor St Simeon the Younger

Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13

Abstain from Meat

Acts 17:19-28 John 12:19-36 30 31 St Hermias

St Isaac of Dalmatia Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7

Church Major Feasts

Acts 14:6-18 John 7:14-30

Leave-taking Mid-Paschaltide

Leave-taking of Easter

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15

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Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14

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Fast from midnight until noon

Lenten Season

Acts 10:34-43 John 8:12-20

St Patrick of Prussia

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Acts 15:5-12 John 10:17-28

St Helladios

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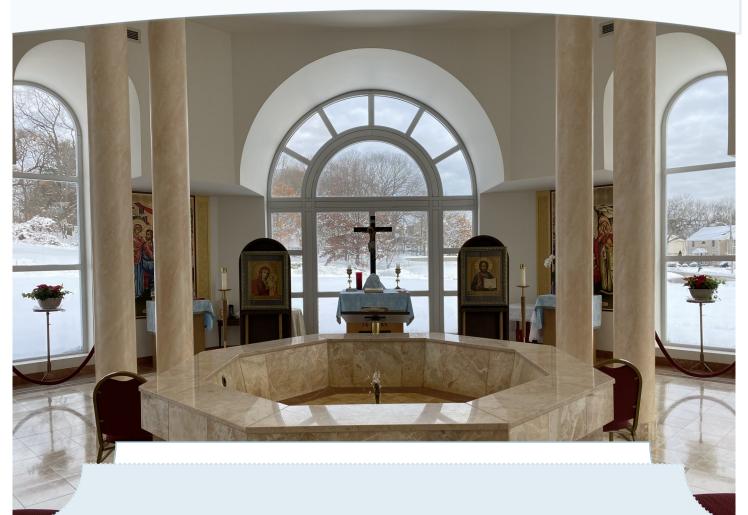
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Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



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:
9:00 am — 11:15 am

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

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Welcome to

St. Basil The Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church

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St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church

15 Skyview Drive Lincoln, RI 02865



Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$406,085



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 42%

"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, estimated cost \$400,0000, awaiting start date



Parking Lot & Walkway Repairs:

Proposals received, asphalt estimated cost \$14,000, awaiting walkway quotes



Mold Remediation: Proposals received, no remediation necessary, estimated cost \$0



Interior Repairs: Partial proposals received, estimated cost \$6,000



Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000



Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Repairs: Reviewing needs and potential options



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000



Exterior/Masonry Repairs:



Flooring Upgrades: Acquiring Proposals



Door Upgrades:

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, <u>click here</u>, or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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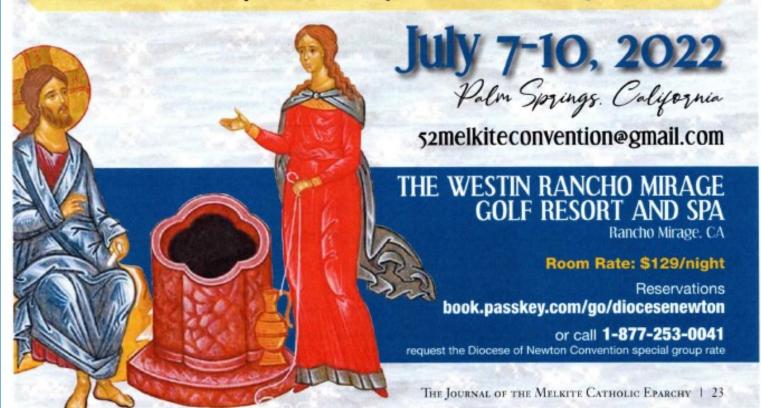
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COMPLETE PACKAGES

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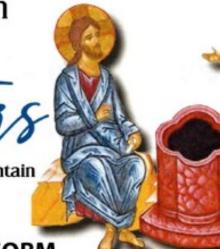
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5/3/2022

Hello Everyone,

Christopher and Deborah Thomas, along with our Finance Committee and Parish Council, want to take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation to you, your family, and friends to join us here at St. George Maronite Catholic Church during the weekend of July 9th and 10th, 2022 for two great events celebrating in one glorious affair!

On July 9th and 10th, Our Bishop, His Excellency Gregory J. Mansour will be visiting our Parish. At this same event, we will be celebrating Fr. Tony Saab's 25 years Ordination to the Priesthood. The festivities will begin with a concelebrated Liturgy honoring the bishop's visit and Fr. Saab's Ordination on Saturday, July 9th at 4:00pm in our Church.

Following Mass, a dinner will be held at St. Basil the Great Church and Cultural Center, 15 Skyview Drive, Lincoln, RI. Cocktail hour will be held from 6:00 to 7:00pm and followed by a delicious Arabic dinner catered by Opa Restaurant. Dinner tickets will go on sale in a few weeks: Adults \$60.00, Children \$30.00. Seating will be limited to 300-person capacity, so tickets must be purchased in advance of this event. The **deadline** for purchasing these tickets is June 26, 2022.

We request jackets be worn and proper attire observed by all those attending the formal dinner. Also, A special Coffee Hour will be held on Sunday, July 10th after the 10:30am Liturgy in our Church Hall.

We are privileged to host these events to highlight our love and respect for our Church and our commitment to our Parish Community. Please honor us with your presence and extend a sincere and heartfelt welcome to His Excellency, Bishop Gregory J. Mansour and to congratulate Fr. Tony Saab for his 25 years of dedication to the priesthood.

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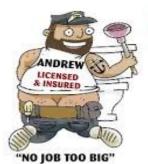
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