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## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Sunday of the Man Born Blind أحد شفاء الاعمي

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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

9:00 AM  
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

#### ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Christ God, Sun of Justice, You touched the man who was blind since his birth and restored to him his sight. Enlighten our minds. Make us children of Light, so that we may cry out to You full of faith: Your mercy is beyond description. For You are our Light and our Sanctification, 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, (5th 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 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 Pascha, 2nd or 8th Tone

Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

#### صلاة الأنديفوننة

أيها المسيح الإله، يا شمس العدل، يا من لمس  
الفاقد النور منذ ولادته فأعاد إليه البصر، أتر  
أيضاً أبصار نفوسنا، وأظهرنا أبناء النهار، فنهض  
إليك بإيمان: إن تحننك علينا لا يوصف، لأنك  
أنت نورنا وتقديسنا أيها المسيح الإله، وإليك  
نرفع المجد، وإلى أبديك الأزل وروحك  
القدوس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الدهرين.

#### نشيد القيامة باللحن الخامس

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

#### 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،  
إنتهز إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

#### قنداق الختام باللحن (الثاني أو الثامن)

وان نزلت إلى القبر يا من لا يموت، فقد نقضت  
قُدرة الجحيم وقمت كظافر، أيها المسيح الإله.  
وللنساء حاملات الطيب قلت افرحن. ولرسلك  
وهبت السلام، يا مانح الواقعين القيام.





#### 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>



#### Epistle: Acts of the Apostles PROK1MENON (Tone 5)

You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

#### READING from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days it came to pass that as we the disciples were going to pray, we were met by a girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her masters much profit by her soothsaying. Now, she was following Paul and us, and kept crying out loudly, "These men are servants of the most high God, and they announce to you a way of salvation!" This she did for many days. But Paul could not stand it, so he turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ: get out of her!" And it went out of her that very moment. But seeing that their hope of profit was gone, her masters seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the marketplace before the authorities; and bringing them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city. They are Jews, and they advocate practices it is not permitted for us to adopt or observe, since we are Romans." And the crowd opposed them too, and the magistrates tore off their cloaks and ordered them to be beaten with rods. And after inflicting many blows on them, they threw them in jail, ordering the jailer to keep them under safe guard. And he, receiving this command, consigned them to the inner jail and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight, while Paul and Silas were singing hymns to God, the prisoners listened to them. And suddenly, there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and at once all the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. But when the jailer woke up and saw all the doors of the jail open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Do not hurt yourself, for we are all here!" Then calling for a light, he ran in, and trembling with fear, fell at the feet of Paul and Silas. And he let them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved together with your household." And he spoke to him the word of the Lord, and also to all his household. And he took them at that same hour of the night, and washed their wounds; and he himself was baptized, and all those of his household immediately after. And taking them into his house, he set a table before them, and rejoiced with all his household over his faith in God.

ALLELUIA (Tone 5) Ps.88: 2, 3

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. Stichon: For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

#### Gospel of the Feast: John 9:1-38

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

At that time as Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who has sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither has this man sinned nor have his parents, but the works of God were to be made manifest in him. I must do the works of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the Light of the world." When he had said these things, he spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle, and spread the clay over the man's eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted 'sent')." So he went away, and washed, and returned seeing. The neighbors therefore and those who had seen earlier that he was blind began saying, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is." But others said, "He

#### مقدمة الرسالة

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَحْمِينَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ

خَلَّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ لِأَنَّ الْحَقِيقَةَ قَدْ ضَعُفَتْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ

#### أعمال الرسل (16: 16 - 34)

في تلك الأيام، فيما نَحْنُ الرُّسُلُ ذَاهِبُونَ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ، اسْتَقْبَلَتْنَا جَارِيَةٌ بِهَا رُوحٌ عَرَافَةٌ، وَكَانَتْ تُكْسِبُ مَوَالِيهَا كَسْبًا جَزِيلًا بِعَرَافَتِهَا. فَظَفَقَتْ تَمْشِي فِي إِثْرِ بُولُسَ وَإِثْرِنَا وَتَصِيحُ قَائِلَةً: هَؤُلَاءِ الرِّجَالُ هُمْ عِبِيدُ اللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ، وَهُمْ يُبَشِّرُونَكُمْ بِطَرِيقِ الْخَلَاصِ. وَفَعَلَتْ ذَلِكَ أَيَّامًا كَثِيرَةً. وَإِذْ صَجَرَ بُولُسُ، التَفَتَ وَقَالَ لِلرُّوحِ: إِنِّي أُمُرُكَ بِاسْمِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ أَنْ تَخْرُجَ مِنْهَا. فَخَرَجَ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى مَوَالِيهَا أَنَّهُ قَدْ ذَهَبَ رَجَاءُ مَكْسِبِهِمْ، قَبِضُوا عَلَى بُولُسَ وَسِيلَا، وَجَرَوْهُمَا إِلَى السُّوقِ عِنْدَ الْخُكَّامِ، وَقَدَّمُوهُمَا لِلْأُولَاةِ قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّ هَذَيْنِ الرَّجُلَيْنِ يَبْلِيلَانِ مَدِينَتَنَا. وَهُمَا يَهُودِيَّانِ، وَيُبَادِيَانِ عِبَادَاتٍ لَا يَجُوزُ لَنَا قَبُولُهَا وَلَا الْعَمَلُ بِهَا إِذْ نَحْنُ رُومَانِيُونَ. فَقَامَ عَلَيْهِمَا الْجَمْعُ. وَمَزَّقَ الْوَلَاةُ ثِيَابَهُمَا وَأَمَرُوا أَنْ يُضْرَبَا بِالْعَصِي. وَلَمَّا أَتَخَوْهُمَا بِالْجِرَاحِ، أَلْقَوْهُمَا فِي السِّجْنِ، وَأَوْصَى السَّجَّانُ بِمَثَلِ تِلْكَ الْوَصِيَّةِ، أَلْقَاهُمَا فِي السِّجْنِ الدَّاخِلِي، وَضَبَّطَ أَرْجُلَهُمَا فِي الْمِقْطَرَةِ. وَعِنْدَ نَصْفِ اللَّيْلِ، كَانَ بُولُسُ وَسِيلَا يُصَلِّيَانِ وَيُسَبِّحَانِ اللَّهَ، وَالْمَحْبُوسُونَ يَسْمَعُونَهُمَا. فَخَدَّتْ بَغْتَةً زَلْزَلَةً شَدِيدَةً حَتَّى تَزَعَزَعَتْ أَسْسُ السِّجْنِ، فَانْفَتَحَتْ فِي الْحَالِ الْأَبْوَابُ كُلُّهَا، وَأَنْفَجَتْ قِيُودُ الْجَمْعِ. فَلَمَّا اسْتَيْقِظَ السَّجَّانُ وَرَأَى أَبْوَابَ السِّجْنِ مَفْتُوحَةً، اسْتَلَّ السَّيْفَ وَهُمْ أَنْ يَقْتُلَ نَفْسَهُ، لَظَنَّهُ أَنَّ الْمَحْبُوسِينَ قَدْ هَرَبُوا. فَنَادَاهُ بُولُسُ بِصَوْتٍ عَالٍ قَائِلًا: لَا تَفْعَلْ بِنَفْسِكَ سُوءًا، فَإِنَّا جَمِيعًا هَهُنَا. فَاسْتَدْعَى بِمَصْبَاحٍ وَوَتَّبَعَ إِلَى دَاخِلِ، وَخَرَّ لِبُولُسَ وَسِيلَا وَهُوَ مُرْتَبِعٌ. ثُمَّ خَرَجَ بِهِمَا وَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّدَيَّ، مَاذَا يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لِلْخَلْصِ؟ فَقَالَا: آمَنْ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، فَتَخَلَّصْ أَنْتَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِكَ. وَكَلَّمَاهُ وَجَمِيعَ مَنْ فِي بَيْتِهِ بِكَلِمَةِ الرَّبِّ. فَأَخَذَهُمَا فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ، وَغَسَلَ جِرَاحَهُمَا، وَاعْتَمَدَ مِنْ وَقْتِهِ، هُوَ وَذَوُوهُ أَجْمَعُونَ. ثُمَّ أَصْعَدَهُمَا إِلَى بَيْتِهِ، وَقَدَّمَ لَهُمَا مَائِدَةً، وَابْتَهَجَ مَعَ جَمِيعِ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، إِذْ كَانَ قَدْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ.

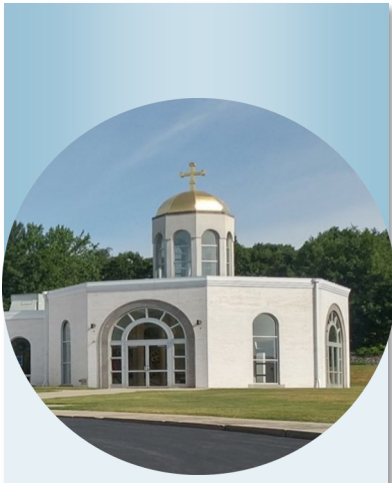
هَلْلُويا

بِمَزَامِجِكَ يَا رَبُّ أُرْنِمُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، إِلَى جِيلٍ فَجِيلٍ أَعْلُنْ حَقِّكَ بِقُمِي  
 لِأَنَّكَ قُلْتَ: إِنَّ الرَّحْمَةَ تُبْنِي إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَفِي السَّمَاوَاتِ يَنْبَغُ حَقُّكَ.

#### الانجيل احد الاعمى (الاحد السادس بعد الفصح)

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مجتازاً رأى إنساناً أعمى منذ مولده. فسأله تلاميذه قائلين: يا معلم من أخطأ. أهذا أم أبواه حتى يولد أعمى؟ أجاب يسوع: لا هذا أخطأ ولا أبواه، لكن لتظهر أعمال الله فيه. ينبغي لي أن أعمل أعمال من أرسلني ما دام النهار. سيأتي الليل الذي لا يستطيع أحد فيه عملاً. ما دمت في العالم فأنا نور العالم. قال هذا وتفل على الأرض وصنع من تفلته طيناً وطلى بالطين عيني الأعمى. وقال له: اذهب واغتسل في بركة سلوام - ومعنى الكلمة: المرسل - فمضى. واغتسل وعاد بصيراً. فالجيران والذين كانوا يرونه قبلاً أعمى قالوا: أليس هذا هو الذي كان يجلس





Almighty Word of God, Who rose from the tomb and appeared to your beloved ones, show us the prints of the nails and the wound of your side.

Strengthen our faith so that we May confess before the world that by your suffering, You healed the sufferings of our souls and by your glorious Resurrection, you granted mankind a pledge of their own resurrection.

For You are our Light and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.



only looks like him." Yet, the man declared, "I am the one." They therefore asked him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "The man who is called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' And I went and washed, and I see." And they asked him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now, it was a Sabbath on which Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Again, therefore, the Pharisees asked him: how he received his sight. But he said to them, "He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner work these signs?" And there was a division among them. Again therefore they said to the blind man, "What do you say of the one who opened your eyes?" But he said, "He is a prophet." he Jews therefore did not believe of him that he had been blind and had got his sight, until they called the parents of the one who had gained his sight, and questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, of whom you say he was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we ourselves do not know. Ask him; he is of age, let him speak for himself." These things his parents said because they feared the Jews. For already the Jews had agreed that if anyone were to confess him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. This is why his parents said, "He is of age; question him." They therefore called a second time the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God! We ourselves know this man is a sinner." He therefore said, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." They therefore asked him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, but you did not listen. Why would you hear a second time? Would you also become his disciples?" They heaped abuse on him therefore and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know God spoke to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where he is from." In answer the man said to them, "Why herein is the marvel, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. Now we know God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God, and does his will, him he hears. Not from the beginning of the world has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" And they turned him out. Jesus heard they had turned him out, and when he had found him, said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen him, and he it is who speaks with you." And he said, "I believe, Lord." And falling down, he worshipped him.

ويتوسل؟ فقال بعضهم: أنه هو. وقال آخرون إنه يشبهه. وأما هو فكان يقول: أنا هو. فقالوا له: كيف انفتحت عيناك؟ أجاب ذاك وقال: هذا الرجل الذي يقال له يسوع، صنع طيناً وطلى عيني. وقال لي إذهب إلى بركة سلوام واغتسل. فمضيت واغتسلت فأبصرت. فقالوا له: أين ذاك؟ فقال: لا أعلم. فأنا بالذي كان قبل أعمى إلى الفريسيين. وكان حين صنع يسوع الطين وفتح عينية يوم سبت. فسأله الفريسيون أيضاً كيف أبصر. فقال لهم: جعل على عيني طيناً واغتسلت فأبصرت. فقال قوم من الفريسيين: هذا الرجل ليس من الله. لأنه لا يحفظ السبت. وآخرون قالوا: كيف يقدر رجل خاطئ أن يعمل مثل هذه الآيات؟ فوقع بينهم شقاق. فقالوا أيضاً للأعمى: أنت ماذا تقول عنه بما أنه فتح عينيك؟ فقال إنه نبي. ولم يصدق اليهود عنه أنه كان أعمى فأبصر. حتى دعوا أبوي. الذي أبصر وسألوهم قائلين: أهذا هو ابنكما الذي تقولان إنه ولد أعمى؟ فكيف أبصر الآن؟ فأجابهم أبواؤه وقالوا: نحن نعلم أن هذا ولدنا، وأنه ولد أعمى. وأما كيف أبصر الآن فلا نعلم. أو من فتح عينيه فلا نعرف، وهو كامل السن فأسأله، فهو يتكلم عن نفسه. قال أبواؤه هذا لأخيهما كانا يخافان من اليهود. لأن اليهود كانوا قد تعاهدوا على أنه إن اعترف أحد بأنه المسيح يخرج من المجمع. فلذلك قال أبواؤه إنه كامل السن فأسأله. فدعوا الرجل الذي كان أعمى مرة ثانية وقالوا له: أعط مجداً لله، فإننا نعلم أن هذا الرجل خاطئ. فأجاب ذاك وقال: إن كان خاطئاً فلا أعلم إنما أعلم شيئاً واحداً هو أنني كنت أعمى والآن أبصر. فقالوا له من جديد: ماذا صنع بك، كيف فتح عينيك؟ أجابهم قد أخبرتهم قبلاً فلم تسمعوا فماذا تريدون أن تسمعوا أيضاً، أعلّمكم تريدون أنتم أيضاً أن تصيروا له تلاميذ؟ فشتموه وقالوا: أنت تلميذ ذاك. فأما نحن فإننا تلاميذ موسى. ونحن نعلم أن الله كلم موسى. فإما هذا فلم نعلم من أين هو. أجاب الرجل وقال لهم: إن في هذا لعجباً، أنكم لا تعرفون من أين هو وقد فتح عيني. ونحن نعلم أن الله لا يسمع للخطاة، ولكن إذا أحد أتقى الله وعمل مشيئته فله يستجيب. ولم يسمع منذ الدهر أن أحداً فتح عيني من ولد أعمى. فلو لم يكن هذا من الله لما أستطاع أن يفعل شيئاً. أجابوا وقالوا له: إنك بجملتك قد ولدت في الخطايا وأنت تعلمنا؟ فطرده خارجاً. وسمع يسوع أنهم طردوه خارجاً، فوجده وقال له: أتؤمن أنت بأبن الله؟ فأجاب ذاك وقال: ومن هو يا سيد لأؤمن به؟ قال يسوع: قد رأيته وهو الذي يكلمك فقال له أنا أؤمن بربّ، وسجد له.





### 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, MAY 22, 2022: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND.**

**10:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:**

+Albert Alba  
+James Allam  
+Helen Ameen  
+Rose Audette  
+Mary Azar  
+Barbara Cimini  
+Lena Dame  
+Joseph Demty  
+Margaret Haley  
+Joseph Harraka  
+Anne Jarjoura  
+Margaret Joye  
+George Kahla  
+Steven Kanakry  
+Catherine Kando  
+Robert King  
+Elias Kishfy  
+Louis Kishfy  
+Jeannette Beaton  
+Rev. Joseph Koury  
+Frederick Koussa  
+Mary Koussa (Demty)

+Gloria Macksoud  
+Kenneth Macksoud  
+Angela Mazzone  
+Yusuf Mussalli  
+Anthony Najjar  
+Alice Nassaney  
+Lillian Nassaney  
+Carl Nicotero  
+Leala Read  
+Margaret Sabbagh  
+Georgette A. Saggal  
+Georgette S. Saggal  
+Barbara Salum  
+Joseph Salum  
+Florence Salome  
+Toni Senno  
+Mary Tahan  
+Ann Tetreault  
+Roland Tetreault  
+Albert Yany  
+Rev Archdeacon George Yany  
+Annie Zainyeh

You are reminded that there is **only one Divine Liturgy this Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at 10:30 a.m. to commemorate the Celebration of Life of Archdeacon George Yany, and all those who went to their reward in the hope of the Resurrection to eternal life during the Pandemic. May they rest in peace and their memories be eternal!





**SACRIFICIAL GIVING: May 15, 2022:** Budgets: \$1,972.00; Envelopes: \$1,771; Loose: \$201.00; Candles: \$95.00; Stipends: \$35.00; Addit'l Christmas: \$20.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$30.00; Addit'l Melkite Diocesan Support: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$390.00; Mother's Day Flowers: \$278.00.

**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.

**HOLY DAY:** This Thursday, May 26, 2022, is the **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.** To commemorate this major feast in our Lord's life, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has given the option to celebrate it on the day of the feast or on the Sunday following. This year we will observe it on Sunday, May 26, 2022 at both Divine Liturgies.

**GRAPE LEAVES:** The Food Fair Committee is appealing to all parishioners and friends to donate sufficient grape leaves to accommodate the needs of this popular cuisine. Anyone willing to donate some leaves can bring them to the church and they will be stored in the freezer. Arrangements will be made by the Committee to freeze them.

**There will be a meeting in the Church Cultural Center for the upcoming Food Fair Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 pm. All are invited!**

**REFLECTION: Do we need this sign in Church? "INTERRUPTIONS BY GOD WELCOME?"**

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  
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O Jesus, Who has said,  
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O Jesus, Who has said,  
"Heaven and earth shall  
pass away but My word  
shall not pass away,"  
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**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.

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**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.

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يروي الإنجيل (را. يو 9، 1-14) حادثة الرجل الأعمى منذ ولادته، والذي أعاد إليه يسوع البصر. هذه المعجزة هي علامة تؤكد ما قاله يسوع عن نفسه: "أنا نور العالم" (الآية 5)، النور الذي ينير ظلماتنا. يعمل يسوع على مستويين: على مستوى الجسد والروح. إنه يمنح الأعمى أولاً أن يرى بعيني الجسد، ثم يقوده إلى الإيمان "بابن الإنسان" (الآية 35)، أي بيسوع. والآيات التي يصنعها ليست معجزات لإذهال الناس، بل تهدف إلى توصيلهم إلى الإيمان من خلال مسيرة تحوّل وتوبة في داخل النفس.

أصرّ الفريسيون وعلماء الشريعة على رفض الاعتراف بالمعجزة، وطرحوا أسئلة مكررة على الرجل الذي شُفي. واجههم الأعمى بقوة الواقع: "أعرف أمراً واحداً: كنت أعمى والآن أنا أبصر" (آية 25). بين عدم الثقة والعداء في قلوب الذين يحيطون به ويسألونه وهم غير مؤمنين، بدأ الرجل الأعمى مسيرة حملته تدريجاً إلى اكتشاف هوية الشخص الذي فتح عينيه، وإلى الاعتراف والإيمان به. في البداية اعتبره نبي (الآية 17)، ثم اعترف به أنه رجل من عند الله (را. آية 33)؛ وأخيراً قبله على أنه المسيح وسجد له (را. الآيات 36-38). وفهم أن يسوع، إذ منحه البصر، "أظهر فيه أعمال الله" (را. الآية 3).

ليتنا نقوم نحن أيضاً بهذه الخبرة! بنور الإيمان، اكتشف الأعمى هويته الجديدة. إنه الآن "خليقة جديدة"، قادر على رؤية حياته والعالم من حوله في ضوء جديد، لأنه دخل في شركة مع المسيح. لم يعد متسولاً مهمشاً من قبل المجتمع؛ لم يعد عبداً للعمى وللأفكار المسبقة. مسيرة النور التي بدأها هي صورة ومجاز لمسيرة التحرر من الخطيئة التي نحن مدعوون إليها. تشبه الخطيئة حاجباً مُعْتَمِلاً يغطي وجهنا ويمنعنا من رؤية أنفسنا والعالم بوضوح. المغفرة التي يمنحنا إياها الله تزيل ستار الظل والظلام وتمنحنا نوراً جديداً. ليكن الصوم الذي نعيشه الزمن المناسب والتممين للاقترب من الرب يسوع، طالبين رحمته، من خلال طرق مختلفة تقترحها علينا الكنيسة الأم.

الرجل الأعمى الذي شُفي، والذي يرى الآن بعيني الجسد والروح، هو صورة لكل شخص معمد، غمرته النعمة، فبددت الظلمات فيه، ووضعت في نور الإيمان. لكن لا يكفي قبول النور. يجب أن نصير نوراً. كل واحد منا مدعو لقبول النور الإلهي وإظهاره في حياتنا كلها. قال المسيحيون الأوائل، ولاهوتيون القرون الأولى، أن جماعة المسيحيين، أي الكنيسة، هي "سر القمر"، لأنها تعطي النور، الذي ليس نورها، بل النور الذي تستقبله من المسيح. نحن أيضاً يجب أن نكون "سر القمر": لإعطاء النور الذي نقبله من الشمس، أي المسيح، الرب. يذكرنا بذلك القديس بولس اليوم بقوله: "سيروا سيرة أبناء النور. فإن ثمر النور يكون في كل صلاح وبر وحق" (أف 5، 8-9). إن بذار الحياة الجديدة التي وُضعت فينا في المعمودية هي مثل شرارة النار، التي تُظهرنا أولاً، وتحرق الشر الذي في قلوبنا، ثم تسمح لنا بأن نشع ونضيء لغيرنا.

لتساعدنا مريم العذراء الكليّة القداسة لنقتدي بالرجل الأعمى الذي ذكره الإنجيل، حتى يغمرنا نور المسيح ونسير معه على طريق الخلاص.

# The miracle of sight

If we are sincere about asking God to “open our eyes,” to see as God sees, then we must also be willing to change the way we live our lives so that our lives reflect God’s point to view, and not ours.

Here’s an example of how

life changes once you’re given a new perspective. How many of you wear glasses or contact lenses? Then you might know what I am talking about. When I was in the 6th grade, I got my first pair of glasses. When I stepped out of the doctor’s office into the parking lot, the first thing I saw was this tree. Now, I had never in my life seen a tree like that. Before I got the glasses, I thought trees were just blobs of green and brown and red and orange. Theoretically, I knew what a tree looked like. I could see leaves and bark and such. But after I saw them through my new glasses, I realized that a tree was more than just leaves and bark. The leaves had lines, and edges, and curves. There were birds in the trees that I could see. There were cracks and grooves in the bark that I had missed before.

Finally being able to see the detail, the intricacies of nature, and its true beauty is like how God sees each of us. In the first reading, God told Samuel that God doesn’t see as humans see. We can only see part of the picture, what’s on the outside of a person. But God sees deeper, into the heart of that person. God sees the fullness of that person’s potential. God sees that person’s intricate and detailed beauty.

How differently we would act if each time we encountered our co-workers or neighbors or people on the street, we saw Christ. How differently we would treat our parents, our children, our spouse, and our classmates, our friends, our enemies. How differently we would treat the people who sit around us in church, the people we see here every week but to whom we never talk, the people who don’t speak our language, the people who don’t look, act, or think the way we do. How differently we would treat the beggar, the homeless, the people we label as failure, as sinner, the people we label as conservative, liberal, gay, straight, too old, too young, too dark, too light, too smart, too dumb, too much of something that doesn’t fit our point of view. Imagine if each time we encounter each other, each time we speak with one another, we “see” Christ, we “hear” Jesus. How different our world would be.

Our Lord chooses to heal through the medium of mud. Ordinary mud, the stuff that we scrape off of our shoes, the stuff that we try to step over. Jesus took common dirt, mixed it with His own saliva and smeared it upon the blind man’s eyes. It all sounds very mysterious, and so it must have appeared to bystanders.

Then the impossible happens, and people don’t know what to think. Those who were Jesus’ enemies were prepared to condemn Him, the healed man, everything about the healing. It wasn’t the right time, right place, or right person. Our Lord’s friends were prepared to give thanks to God and to rejoice. We do not need to ask ourselves about which camp we are in. We are His friends, and need to become more so. And the way to that deeper friendship is to consider how God acts in our lives, as He did in the life of the blind man.



This mud, this healing, tells us a lot about how God acts through the most ordinary and common things of life—even through things that we try our best to stay away from. Those are oftentimes God’s chosen instruments. This includes people, unpleasant situations, and so

many other things over which we have no control. For us, too, it is not always the “right” time, place, or even the “right” person who might mediate God’s grace to us.

We have to remember that our lives are all about friendship with a God who became an ordinary man and lived most of his life in a most ordinary village, applying himself to the most humble occupations. He worked long hours and was paid for His labor. If we are always on the lookout for the extraordinary in religion we will only find what our imagination produces.

Sometimes people drive themselves crazy imagining all sorts of extraordinary things about themselves and others which simply have no basis in reality. Strong mental images and strong feelings do not change reality, and they do not prepare us to receive God’s intervention in our lives in the thousand and one humble ways that He chooses to make use of. This is why the advice of true mystics. The arena of Christian struggle and perfection, the venue of our spiritual growth, is the same earth upon which our Savior worked, prayed, preached, and suffered. As He enlightens us to see this, then our outlook becomes truly Christian, and we begin to look out for the divine in daily life. This blind man who found healing at the hands of Christ was not looking for it; that would have been most extraordinary and unusual. He was simply begging because he was, simply, blind. He was doing his best under the circumstances. And the Lord knew that and everything else about him and so chose him to receive this miracle that would lead to his confession of faith: “I do believe, Lord.”

And in the midst of the bustling Temple area, where people were going about their ordinary business, he fell down and worshipped his God. Jesus also wills to fill our eyes with this light, so that they open to this startling discovery of faith: In the Lord’s hands, the ordinary “clay” of daily life becomes a reason to believe.

Christ our God, Sun of Righteousness, by Your divine touch, You gave light to the eyes of the blind man, who had been deprived of light since his birth. Enlighten also the eyes of our souls, and make us sons and daughters of light, so that we may cry out to You in faith: great and beyond words is Your Compassion towards us, loving Lord, glory to you!



# The Feast of St. Rita

## Celebrated on May 22



St. Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of impossible causes, sterility, abuse victims, loneliness, marriage difficulties, parenthood, widows, the sick, and bodily ills and wounds. She is also one of the Church's incorruptible saints; her body is venerated at the basilica named for her in Cascia, Italy.

If you are facing a difficult or impossible life circumstance, you can have recourse to prayer after the example of St. Rita. Below is a prayer to St. Rita as well as a novena (to be prayed over the course of nine days for a special intention).

### PRAYER WITH ST. RITA

O Holy Patroness of those in need, St. Rita, whose pleadings before thy Divine Lord are almost irresistible, who for thy lavishness in granting favors hast been called the Advocate of the Hopeless and even of the Impossible; St. Rita, so humble, so pure, so mortified, so patient and of such compassionate love for thy Crucified Jesus that thou couldst obtain from Him whatsoever thou askest, on account of which all confidently have recourse to thee expecting, if not always relief, at least comfort; be propitious to our petition, showing thy power with God on behalf of thy suppliant; be lavish to us, as thou hast been in so many wonderful cases, for the greater glory of God, for the spreading of thine own devotion, and for the consolation of those who trust in thee.

We promise, if our petition is granted, to glorify thee by making known thy favor, to bless and sing thy praises forever. Relying then upon thy merits and power before the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we pray thee grant that [here mention your request].

By the singular merits of thy childhood, *Obtain for us our request.*

By thy perfect union with the Divine Will, *Obtain for us our request.*

By thy heroic sufferings during thy married life, Etc. [repeat *Obtain for us our request* after each line]

By the consolation thou didst experience at the conversion of thy husband,

By the sacrifice of thy children rather than see them grievously offend God,

By the miraculous entrance into the convent,

By thy severe penances and thrice daily bloody scourgings,

By the suffering caused by the wound thou didst receive from the thorn of thy Crucified Savior,

By the Divine love which consumed thy heart,

By that remarkable devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, on which alone

thou didst exist for four years, By the happiness with which thou didst part from thy trials to join thy Divine Spouse, By the perfect example thou gavest to people of every state of life. Pray for us, O holy St. Rita, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### LET US PRAY.

O God, Who in Thine infinite tenderness hast vouchsafed to regard the prayer of Thy servant, Blessed Rita, and dost grant to her supplication that which is impossible to human foresight, skill and efforts, in reward of her compassionate love and firm reliance on Thy promise, have pity on our adversity and succor us in our calamities, that the unbeliever may know Thou art the recompense of the humble, the defense of the helpless, and the strength of those who trust in Thee, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

### NOVENA WITH ST. RITA

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life.

I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate.

Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification.

Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. [Mention your request.]

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

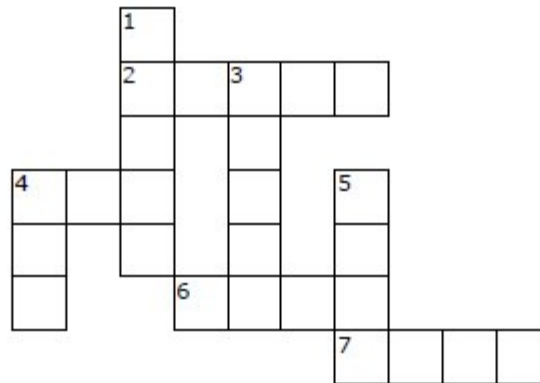
*Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each.*



## Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV)



### ACROSS

- 2. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
- 4. An adult male human being
- 6. The two organs in your face which are used to see
- 7. To make someone well from a sickness or injury

### DOWN

- 1. Unable to see
- 3. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
- 4. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
- 5. To clean something using water

LIGHT	BLIND	GLORY	MUD
WASH	EYES	MAN	HEAL

# Know your Faith

## The meaning of Kyrie Eleison

The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word *eleos*. This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil; which was poured onto wounds and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting, and making the injured part whole again. The Hebrew word which is also translated as *eleos* and mercy is '*hesed*,' which means steadfast love.



*Matushka Speaks Up*

The Greek words for 'Lord have mercy' are 'Kyrie, eleison' meaning, ***'Lord soothe me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love.'***

Thus mercy does not refer so much to justice or acquittal but to the infinite loving-kindness of God, and His compassion for His suffering children.

+ Fr Anthony Coniaris

St. Symeon of Thessaloniki writes about the Kyrie Eleison prayer: " 'Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy, we beseech you ... ' This expression is appropriate, since we should not ask for anything except for mercy, as we have neither boldness nor access to offer anything as our own ... So as sinners and condemned through sin we cannot, nor dare not, say anything to our Loving Master except 'have mercy.' "

The excellent book "Orthodox Worship" describes the meaning of the word mercy as follows:

"The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word *eleos*. This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil; a substance which was used extensively as a soothing agent for bruises and minor wounds. The oil was poured onto the wound and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting and making whole the injured part. The Hebrew word which is also translated as *eleos* and mercy is *hesed*, and means steadfast love. The Greek words for 'Lord, have mercy,' are 'Kyrie, eleison' that is to say, 'Lord, soothe me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love.' Thus mercy does not refer so much to justice or acquittal a very Western interpretation but to the infinite loving-kindness of God, and his compassion for his suffering children! It is in this sense that we pray 'Lord, have mercy,' with great frequency throughout the Divine Liturgy."\*

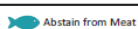




# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

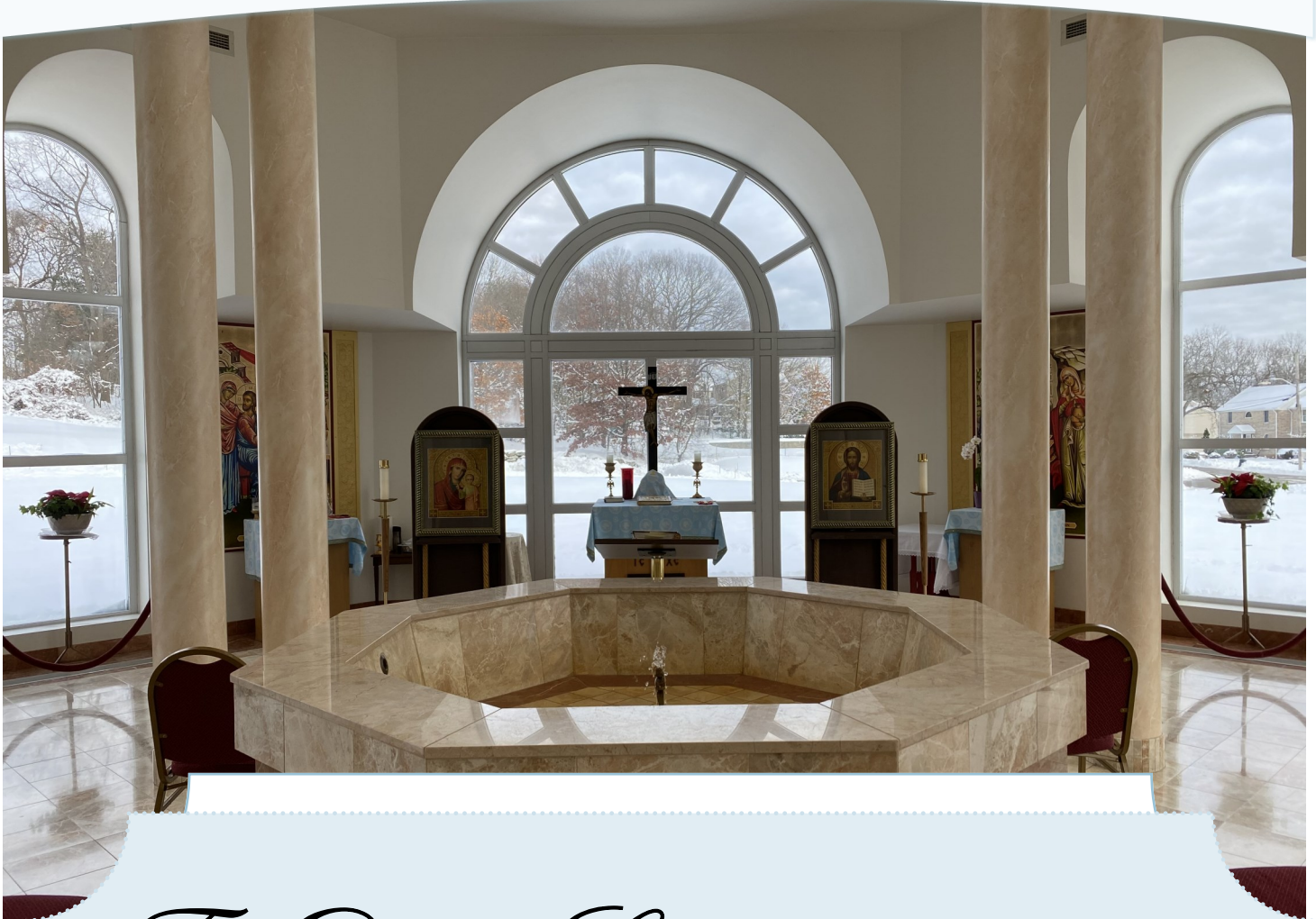


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	<b>8</b> <b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b> أحد المفلح 1 John 1:1-7 John 5:1-15	<b>9</b> Holy Prophet Isaiah Acts 10:1-16 John 6:56-69	<b>10</b> St Simon the Apostle Acts 10:21-33 John 7:1-13	<b>11</b> Mid-Paschaltide متنصف الخمسين Acts 14:6-18 John 7:14-30	<b>12</b> St Germanos the Hymnographer Acts 10:34-43 John 8:12-20	<b>13</b> St Glyceria Acts 10:44-11:10 John 8:21-30	<b>14</b> St Isidore of Chios Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42
	<b>15</b> <b>Sunday of Samaritan Woman</b> أحد السامرية Acts 11:19-30 John 4:5-42	<b>16</b> St Theodore the Sanctified Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51	<b>17</b> Sts Andronicos and Junias Acts 12:25-13:12 John 8:51-59	<b>18</b> Leave-taking Mid-Paschaltide وداع متنصف الخمسين Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14	<b>19</b> St Patrick of Prussia Acts 14:20-28, 15:1-4 John 9:39-10:9	<b>20</b> St Thalleleos Acts 15:5-12 John 10:17-28	<b>21</b> Sts Constantine and Helena Acts 26:1,12-20 John 10:1-9
	<b>22</b> St Rita القديسة ريتا <b>Sunday of Man born Blind</b> أحد الأعمى Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38	<b>23</b> St Michael the Confessor Acts 17:1-9 John 11:47-54	<b>24</b> St Simeon the Younger Acts 17:19-28 John 12:19-36	<b>25</b> Leave-taking of Easter وداع الفصح 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15	<b>26</b> ✠ <b>Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ</b> صعود ربنا يسوع المسيح Acts 1:1-12 Luke 24:36-53	<b>27</b> 🐟 St Helladios Acts 19:1-8 John 14:1-11	<b>28</b> St Eutyches Acts 20:7-12 John 14:10-21
	<b>29</b> <b>Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> council of Nicaea</b> أحد الآباء المجتمعين في نيقية Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 John 17:1-13	<b>30</b> St Isaac of Dalmatia Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7	<b>31</b> St Hermias Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13				





# 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Welcome to*

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### 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 \$400,000, awaiting start date



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



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



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



**Flooring Upgrades:** Acquiring Proposals



**Parking Lot & Walkway Repairs:**  
Proposals received, asphalt estimated cost \$14,000, awaiting walkway quotes



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



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



**Exterior/Masonry Repairs:**



**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, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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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)*

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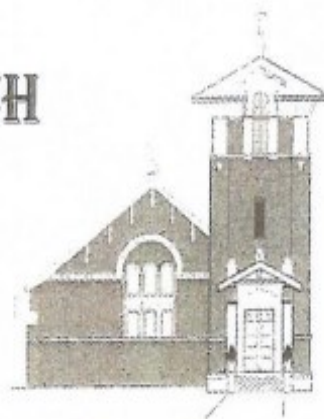




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5/3/2022

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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for two great events celebrating in one glorious affair!

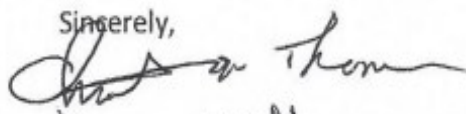
On July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Our Bishop, His Excellency Gregory J. Mansour will be visiting our Parish. At this same event, we will be celebrating Fr. Tony Saab's 25 years Ordination to the Priesthood. The festivities will begin with a concelebrated Liturgy honoring the bishop's visit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