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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday of the Paralytic أحد المخلع

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

Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Sunday

English 9:00 AM
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Religious Education

Sunday 10:00 am—11:15 AM

**Pastoral Emergencies
and anointing of the sick**
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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 our God, Who participate with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the dominion over all, You have appeared in the flesh healing infirmities. You have dispelled suffering and restored light to the blind by your divine command. You raised the Paralytic and ordered him to walk at once.

Remember us in your compassion. Shine in our hearts your pure light. Open the eyes of our minds. Set in us the fear of your commandments, so that we May live according to the spirit, doing what pleases You.

For You are our Light, our Life and our Resurrection, 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, (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glade! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of John (Tone 2)

Apostle beloved of Christ God, hasten to save a people that has no other recourse: for He who let you repose on His breast will also accept your intercession in our favor. O John the Theologian, beseech Him to dispel the cloud of paganism that is darkening us, and beg Him to grant us peace and mercy.

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.

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها المسيح إلهنا، المشترك مع الآب والروح القدس في السيادة على الجميع، لقد ظهرت بالجسم شافياً للأمراض. وأزلت الآلام وأنرت العميان. وبكلمتك الإلهية أقممت المخلع المقعد وأمرته بأن يمشي فوراً. فلذلك اذكّرنا بكثرة رحمته، وأضيء قلوبنا بصافي نورك، وافتح عيون أذهاننا، وضع فينا خشية وصاياك، لكي نسير سيرة روحية، عاملين بكل ما يرضيك لأنك أنت نورنا، أيها المسيح الإله، وإليك نرفع المجد، وإلى أبديك الأزلي وروحك القدس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثالث

لتفرح السموات. وتبتهج الأرضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزاً بساعده. ووطئ الموت. وصار بكر الأموات. وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم. ومنح العالم عظيم الرحمة

النشيد للرسول على اللحن الثاني

أيها الرسول حبيب المسيح الإله، أسرع لإنقاذ شعب عديم الحجة. لأن الذي قبلك متكنناً على صدره يقبلك متضرعاً. فابتهل إليه، أيها اللاهوتي، ان يُبدد سحابة الأمم المعاندة، طالباً لنا السلام وعظيم الرحمة.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطلقك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبّلت كلامك، الذي به بنّيت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الآب البauer ذو الكهنوت الملوكي،





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>



Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kondakion of Pascha.

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.

Prokimenon: Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world their message.

Stichon: God is our king forever; he brought about salvation in the mist of the earth.

Reading from the first Catholic Epistle of John the Apostle: 1:1-7

Beloved, [I write] of what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked upon and our hands have handled: of the Word of Life. And the Life was made known, and we have seen it, and now testify and announce it to you in order that you too may have fellowship with us, and that our fellowship may be with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that you may rejoice, and that our joy may be full.

And the message we have heard from him and announce to you is this: that God is Light, and in him there is no darkness. If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and are not practicing the truth. But if we walk in the light as he too is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

Alleluia

The heavens shall proclaim your wonders, O Lord and your truth in the assembly of the saints.

Stichon: God is glorified in the council of his saints, great and awesome to all those around him

Gospel of the Feast: John 5: 1-15 (Healing of the Paralytic)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the Evangelist

At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem, by the pool of the sheep, a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these were lying a great multitude of the sick, blind, lame, and those with shriveled limbs, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord used to come down at certain times into the pool and the water was stirred. And the first to go down into the pool after the stirring of the water was cured of whatever infirmity he had. Now a certain man was there who had been thirty-eight years under his infirmity. When Jesus "saw him lying there, and knew that he had been in this state a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred; for while I am coming another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet and walk." And at once the man was cured. And he took up his pallet and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; you are not allowed to take up the pallet." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk' "They asked him then, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet and walk?" "But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd in the place. Afterwards Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you are cured. Sin no more, lest something worse happen to you. The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

القنداق بالبحن الثاني

وإن نَزَلْتَ إلى القبر يا مَنْ لا يموت، فقد نقضتْ قُدرة الجحيم وقمتْ كظافر، أيها المسيح الإله. وللنساء حاملات الطيب قُلْتَ افرحن. ولرسلك وَهَبْتَ السَّلام، يا مانح الواقعين القيام.

مقدمة الرسالة

في كل الأرض ذاع منطقه، وإلى اقاصي المسكونة كلامه

السموات تُذيع مجد الله، والفلك يخبر بأعمال يديه

الرسالة (يوحنا 1-1-7)

الذي كان في البدء، الذي سمعناه، الذي رأيناه بعيوننا، الذي شاهدناه ولمسسته هُ وسمعناه، به نُبشركم، لتكون لكم أيضاً شركة معنا، وشركتنا انما هي مع الآب ومع ابنه يسوع المسيح. ونكتب اليكم بهذا ليكون فرحكم كاملاً. وهذه هي البشري التي سمعناها منه ونبشركم بها، أن الله نورٌ وليس فيه ظلمة البتة. فإن قلنا إن لنا شركة معه وسلكنا في الظلمة، نكذب ولا نعمل بالحق. ولكن إن سلكنا في النور كما أنه هو النور، فلنا شركة لبعضنا مع بعض، ودُم يسوع المسيح ابنه يطهرنا من كل خطيئة.

هللوا

تعترفُ السماواتُ بعجائبك يا رب، وبحقك في جماعة القديسين

اللهُ مجدٌ في جماعة القديسين، عظيمٌ ورهيبٌ عند جميع الذين خوله

انجيل احد المخلع—الانجيل (يوحنا 5: 1-15)

في ذلك الزمان صعد يسوع إلى اورشليم. وكان في اورشليم عند باب الغتم بركة تُسمى بالعبرانية بيت جسد لها خمسة أروقة. وكان مُصَّحفاً فيها جمهوٌ من المرضى، من عميانٍ وعرجٍ ويابسي. الأعضاء، ينتظرون تحريك الماء. لأن ملاكاً كان ينزل أحياناً في البركة ويُحرك الماء. والذي كان ينزل أولاً من بعد تحريك الماء كان يبرأ من كل مرضٍ اعتراه. وكان هناك رجلٌ به مرضٌ منذ ثمانٍ وثلاثين سنة. هذا إذ رآه يسوع ملقاً، وعلم أن له زماناً طويلاً، قال له أتريد أن تبرا؟ فأجابه المريض: يا سيّد، ليس لي إنسانٌ إذا تحرك الماء يُلقيني في البركة. بل بينما أكون أتياً ينزل قدامي آخر. فقال له يسوع قُمْ. احمل سريرك وأمشي. فللوقت برئ الرجل وحملَ سريرَه ومشى. وكان ذلك اليوم سبتاً. فقال اليهود للذي شفي: أنه سبتٌ فلا يحلُّ لك ان تحمل السرير. فأجابهم: إن الذي أبرأني هو قال لي: إحمل سريرك وأمشي. فسألوه من هو الرجل الذي قال لك أحمل سريرك وأمشي. فأما الذي شفي فلم يكن يعلم من هو. لأن يسوع كان قد توارى بين الجمعِ المزدحم في ذلك الموضع. وبعد ذلك وجده يسوع في الهيكل فقال له: ها قد عُوفيت فلا تُعَدُّ خطاً لئلا يُصيبك أعظم. فذهب ذلك الرجل وأخبر اليهود أن يسوع هو الذي أبرأه.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

TODAY, MAY 8, 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC. APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN. MOTHER'S DAY. WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY: For the special intention of all the MOTHERS of the Parish (both living and deceased) on the occasion of MOTHER'S DAY.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY: For the special intention of all the MOTHERS of the Parish (both living and deceased) on the occasion of MOTHER'S DAY.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS NEAR AND FAR, LIVING ON EARTH OR ALIVE WITH GOD AND THE SAINTS. MAY THEY ALWAYS BE PROUD OF US AND MAY WE ALWAYS BE FULLY WORTHY OF THEIR LOVE!

Prayer for the dead

O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: May 1, 2022: Budgets: \$4,761.00; Envelopes: \$4,476.00; Loose: \$285.00; Candles: \$36.00; Stipends: \$25.00; Addit'l Easter: \$50.00.; Cemetery: \$202.00.

A VOCATION VIEW: In the Gospel, Christ raised up the paralytic, freeing him from sin and from paralysis. He gave that power to His apostles. In the Acts, we see them raising up people who are paralyzed and even deadened, which attracted many others to follow the Lord. This power is still available through the clergy of the Church. Please pray that many will accept the Lord's invitation to the priestly ministry, diaconate and religious life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION will take place next Sunday, May 15th, Pre-K through 8th Grade following the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy in their respective classrooms. Parents are invited to accompany their children and witness the awarding of their certificates. Immediately following, children and parents are cordially invited to the Cultural Center for collation. Due to a tight schedule this year, we will have to forego the barbecue, and God willing, we hope to revert back to our past practice next school year.

St. Basil's Parish Advisory Council will hold an open meeting for all parishioners this Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center. Please spread the word. Hope to see everyone on the 12th.

REFLECTION: We need to let Jesus lead – to lay down our agenda and simply follow Him!

Dear Family of St. Basil's,

As we get closer to the Celebration of Life, on Sunday, May 22, we will be watching the COVID numbers. It is important to all that we are able to take part in this Celebration of Life for all our beloved members who have passed away during COVID, while still ensuring the safety of those that plan to attend. Given the recent increase in cases, and for your safety and the safety of all those who are planning to attend, we are kindly asking if you are showing any signs of COVID-related symptoms, kindly reconsider attending.

The Celebration of Life Committee

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.





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 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.

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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Happy Mother's Day



Mary, Mother of Jesus,
we ask you on this Mother's day to pray for our own dear mothers.

May your Son, Jesus, reward them for all the care they have
so lovingly given us over the years

May He give them peace of heart for all the time they have soothed us
in times of trouble or failure

May Jesus give them joy of spirit for all the times they
have healed our wounds and wiped away our tears

We ask you, Mary, on this day when we honor and praise our mothers
for their unconditional love and care that Jesus might bestow upon them
His peace and blessings and His deepest love.

AMEN

ليس لي إنسان ...



لماذا صنع المسيح المعجزة في يوم السبت؟

ليس هذه المعجزة الوحيدة، بل المسيح غالبًا ما كان يشفي يوم السبت. والله منع شعبه من العمل يوم السبت حتى يتفرغوا للعبادة ويذكروا انتماءهم إليه، فهو نفسه قد ارتاح يوم السبت.

ولكن ما معنى راحة الله هنا؟ وهل الله يتعب؟! الله لا يتعب حتى يستريح. ولكن راحة الله هي في خلاص الإنسان. فحينما يقول استراح الله في اليوم السابع فهذا معناه أن الله استراح حينما تم خلاص البشر. فراحة الله في كمال عمله، والراحة هي راحة الله في الإنسان، وراحة الإنسان في الله. "الله يستريح في قديسيه والقديسون يستريحون في الله"، من هنا الإنسان المخلوق على صورة الله أهم من حرفة السبت وجموده. فكيف إذا يكون الشفاء في السبت ممنوعًا؟ السبت الشريعة وضعت من أجل الإنسان؟ في سفر الخروج (الإصحاح ٢٠) نجد الله يقول إنه أعطى شعبه الشريعة والسبب ليدل على محبته له. أعطاهم الشريعة ليحيوا سعداء على الأرض، كما أعطاهم السبت ليذكروا انتماءهم إلى السماء فيكون لهم نصيب في ملكوت الله.

ونص وصية السبت كان "أذكر يوم السبت لتقدس" (خر: ٢٠: ٨) أي لتخصه، لتفرغه للرب، فيكون للصلاة والتسبيح.

اليهود خرجوا عن المعنى الروحي، وفهموا الوصية وطبقوها بمعنى حرفي فقط، فمنعوا أن يحمل إنسان حتى إبرة خياطة يوم السبت. والمسيح أتى ليصحح هذه المفاهيم، ليعيد للسبت المعنى الروحي الحقيقي والخلاصي. وهو حينما يشفي إنما يشفي الإنسان كله، روحًا وجسدًا (يو: ٢٢: ٧). وطالما أنه شفى روحه بأن غفر خطاياه، استراح هذا الإنسان في الله، والله استراح فيه، فتحقق مفهوم السبت. فالمسيح هو رب السبت (مر: ٢٨: ٢٨ + لو: ٥: ٥) وهو جاء ليعطي سببًا أي راحة من نوع جديد عوض الراحة الجسدية القديمة (عب: ٤: ١٠).

كما وأنه إذا تصادف، عند اليهود، اليوم الثامن لطفل أن كان يوم السبت، كان يختنون الطفل، إذ الختان في نظرهم عمل مقدس (يو: ٢٢: ٧)، وهذا الختان يجعل الطفل من شعب الله أي ابنًا لله. والختان هو قطع كل رباط للشر، ومريض بيت حسدا هذا كان محتويًا ولكنه أخطأ، والمسيح شفاه وغفر خطاياه، فأعاده إلى العهد مع الله، أعاده كابن لله.

بهذا يتحقق فرح الرب كما أشار إليه أشعيا النبي (١٢: ٥٨-١٤): "هو لذة الرب".

كيف يشفي المسيح موتى الخطيئة؟

الابن له حياة في ذاته، وهو يحيي من يشاء (يو: ٢١: ٢٦)، ومن يسمع له يقوم من موت الخطيئة الآن (أية ٢٥) ويقوم إلى قيامة الحياة في الأبدية (أية ٢٩).

المسيح الذي ظهر أمامنا كإنسان له قوة الحياة، فيه حياة في ذاته وقد تجسد ليعطيها لكل واحد فيحيا. ولكن الذي يحصل على هذه الحياة هو من يسمع للمسيح، ويؤمن به ويعتمد فيتحده به ويطيع وصاياه ويتناول من جسده ودمه، وإن أخطأ يتوب، فيظل عضوًا حيًا في جسده. وفي مجيئه الثاني المجيد يكون اتحاده بالمسيح بلا انفصال فلا خطيئة في السماء. وفي السماء سيكون لنا أجساد مجدة. هذا هو الشفاء الكامل والحقيقي.

مريض بركة بيت حسدا يشير إلى من ليس له أحد وهو في حالة ضعف. والفترة التي قضاها في المرض هي فترة ثمان وثلاثين سنة، الزمان الذي قضاها بنو إسرائيل في برية سيناء قبل أن يستطيعوا الوصول إلى أرض الميعاد. أي أن هذا الإنسان كان يشبه الشعب التائه في البرية قبل أن يدخل إلى أرض الميعاد.

وكأن الإنجيلي أراد أن يقول لنا بذلك إن الرب يسوع المسيح هو أرض الميعاد، وأن الإنسان يتيه ويبقى في الحيرة وفي طلبات كثيرة إلى أن يأتيه السيد. فالمسيح قد أتى إلى البشر المتروكين للتائهين ليشفيهم كما أتى إلى هذا المريض. هذه المعجزة إذا إشارة إلى أن هناك تدخلا سماويًا سيحدث ليشفي أمراض الطبيعة البشرية.

أتريد أن تبرأ؟

نعم، هناك من لا يريد أن يبرأ، فمرضه صار مصدر رزق يكتسب منه. والمسيح يحترم الإرادة الإنسانية، وهو لا يقتحم الإنسان، فنحن مخلوقون على صورته في حرية الإرادة. قال المسيح لليهود: "كم مرة أردت أن أجمع أبناءكم... ولم تريدوا" (مت: ٢٣: ٢٧). فالمسيح يريد أن يظهر أن خلاص الإنسان هو بيد الإنسان، والأهم هو شفاء الإنسان من الخطيئة. ويكون سؤال المسيح معناه هل عندك إرادة أن تترك خطيئتك، لذا قال له المسيح لا تعود تخطئ أيضًا (أية ١٤) الخطيئة لها نتائج وخيمة على الإنسان. المسيح أتى ليقدّم للمخلع وللعالم كله الشفاء المجاني، الخليقة كلها مريضة، فقدت بهاءها والرب أتى ليشفيها، ولكن عليها أولاً أن تريد أن تشفى.

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كم مرة ألقينا همنا على الناس وفشلنا؟ ولكن إذا ألقينا همنا على الله فلن نفشل

قم احمل سريرك وامش:

هذه حال كل من يصدّق المسيح، فكلمة منه تُحيي العاجز وتنتهر الخطيئة فتلاشيها (يو: ٦: ٢٥-٦٣). الله يعطي القوة والحياة لأن يسوع هو الحياة، وله سلطان عجيب: قم/ احمل/ امش. عجيب أن يقوم المخلع دون أن يسنده أحد، وبدون علاج طبيعي بعد كل هذه المدة من الشلل. المسيح أعطاه حياة جديدة: قم مع القيامة، واحمل بقوة الحياة، وامش. كلمات ترمز إلى السلوك في هذه الحياة الجديدة.

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آه، كم غلظت قلوب الكتبة والفريسيين. ينظرون ولا يرون، يسمعون ولا يسمعون. أليست هذه صورة لحالتنا؟ كم من مرة ومرة ننال لبركات والعطايا وتنكر؟ من هو ذاك؟ وبحمل هذا السؤال السخرية! فليس أعظم من ناموسنا الحجري الذي خلقناه نحن لنعيد أنفسنا من خلاله!!!

Reflections on the Healing by the Pool of Bethesda



Water is the predominate feature of the old testament reading, the responsorial psalm, and the gospel reading today as well. The water in these readings are portrayed as healing and the source of all life. In the first reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the water was portrayed as majestic, fresh and life giving as it flowed out from underneath the temple. The temple of course is where God dwells and all life on earth flows from this source, because God is our creator.

All life on earth exists because of water. This is the same with our spiritual lives too. Eternal life began for us, when we were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Original sin was washed away at our baptism and we were born into a new life in Jesus Christ, through his holy church. However, our faith was still small then, like a trickle.

God's grace increases in us as we grow older, as long as we remain connected to Jesus Christ and his church. We grow in faith, through God's grace, to be life giving to those around us. God's word flows through us into the world, bringing love and goodness into a world that is often darkened by sin. Hopefully we will change the world around us into a better place a little more each day.

In the gospel today, Jesus had compassion for a man who had been sick for 38 years. This man could not get to the healing waters in the pool of Bethesda, because there was no one to carry him (when the angel stirred the waters). So Jesus, in his compassion had pity on him and healed him. There is something worth noting about the words Jesus said to him, "Take up your mat and walk."

The Pharisees got upset with this man because he was carrying his mat on the sabbath, which was against their rules. Jesus surely must have known it was against the rules to carry your mat on the sabbath, so why did he tell this man to do this? It made the Pharisees upset with the man who had been healed, but also with Jesus for healing him on the sabbath. It's almost like Jesus intentionally provoked the Pharisees, by telling this man to take up his mat and walk.

The Pharisees questioned the man who was healed. They wanted to know who healed him, but he did not know who it was. Later, Jesus confronted the man that he had healed and told him not to sin anymore, lest something worse befall him, but the man went and told the Pharisees who he was anyway.

It really makes you wonder why Jesus did something that was against the rules of his time? He would have known the rules

since he was a child, and yet he broke them on purpose. Perhaps it was to make a point that people are more important than the rules.

Another thing that seems a bit odd is that the man who was healed told the Pharisees he didn't know who had healed him, and then Jesus purposely sought him out and told him to not sin anymore. So, of course the man who was healed ran straight to the Pharisees and told them it was Jesus who had healed him. It's almost as if Jesus wanted him to do this because this man didn't know him and that Jesus wanted him to tell others that the miracle was attributed to him. Is it possible that Jesus provoked the Pharisees on purpose? Jesus did provoke the people in his own hometown so bad that they wanted to kill him. If Jesus did provoke the Pharisees on purpose, then it must be so that God's plan of salvation would be fulfilled, if the Pharisees got mad enough at him to kill him. Jesus knew the bigger picture of the purpose of his life and may have been laying the groundwork for his eventual execution on the cross, even this early.

Things are not always what they seem to be on the surface of things. What began as a simple healing of a cripple by the pool of Bethesda, ended with the Pharisees getting so angry at Christ for doing this, that they began persecuting him for it. But, the whole thing may have been part of God's plan all along, because the reason Jesus came to earth was to die for our sins.

Both of the readings for mass today encourage us to try and see the bigger picture. The angel guided the prophet Ezekiel to see the big picture in today's first reading for mass, but the gospel reading today wasn't quite as obvious. Our own lives are like that too. It's easy to get caught up in the small details, tasks, and encounters with other people we have each day, and never really see the bigger picture of our lives.

That is a good question to ask ourselves as we travel through Lent. Do we have any idea what God's will is for our lives? Are we learning to listen to Him a little more each day, through an active prayer and sacramental life? If we have not grown very much closer to God during this Lenten season, then perhaps today's readings could be taken as a reminder to seek the Lord in prayer and listen for Him in periods of silence throughout our day. Self will is a good thing, but God's will is even better.



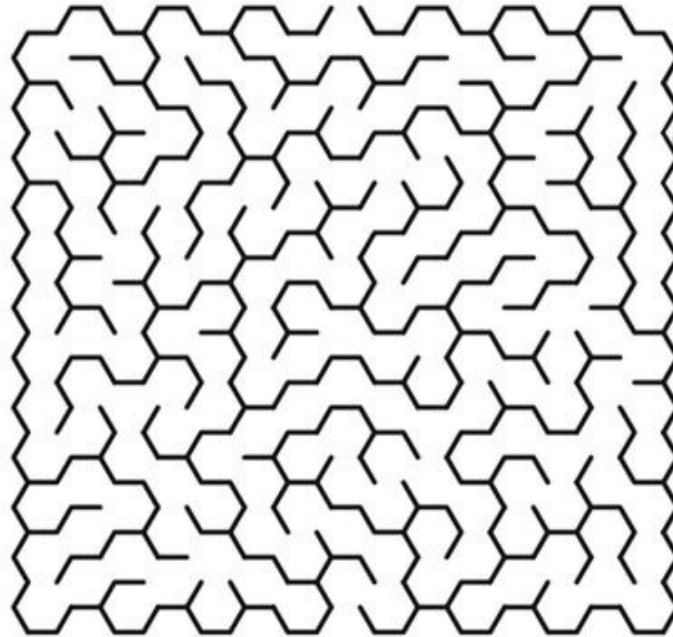
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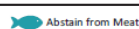
Jesus never forces us to come to Him. He simply asks us in gentleness and love if we want to be made well. All of us are sinners and Jesus paid the price so that we can be made well. We can be born again and walk with the Lord for the rest of our lives. But He never forces Himself upon us. We might be afraid of what others may think of us if we get saved, like Tony who was afraid his friends would laugh at Him if he went to the doctor; but if we will only accept Jesus and receive His forgiveness, we will keep ourselves from having a lot of pain later in our lives. What a blessing it is to find Jesus at a young age and commit your entire life to Him! When Jesus asks you if you would like to be made well, say YES! YES! YES!



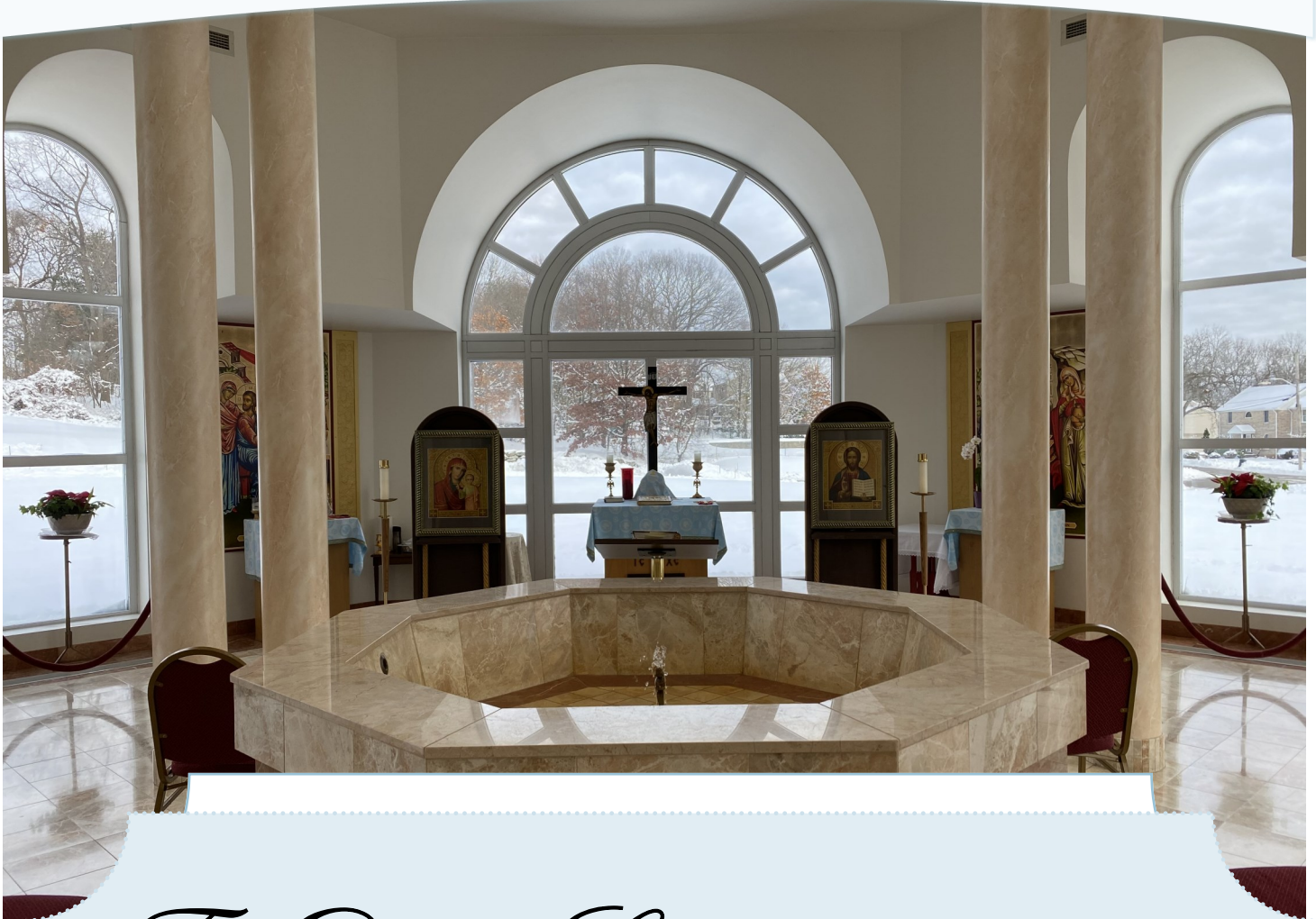
LITURGICAL CALENDAR



MAY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sunday of Holy Myrrh-bearers أحد حاملات الطيب Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:8	2 Relics of St Athanasios Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	3 Sts Timothy and Maura Acts 8:5-17 John 6:27-33	4 St Pelagia Acts 8:18-25 John 6:35-39	5 St Irene Acts 8:26-39 John 6:40-44	6 Holy Prophet Job Acts 8:40-9:19 John 6:48-54	7 Holy Cross over Jerusalem Acts 9:19-31 John 15:17-16:2
أيار — مايو 2022	8 Sunday of the Paralytic أحد المفلح 1 John 1:1-7 John 5:1-15	9 Holy Prophet Isaiah Acts 10:1-16 John 6:56-69	10 St Simon the Apostle Acts 10:21-33 John 7:1-13	11 Mid-Paschaltide منتصف الخمسين Acts 14:6-18 John 7:14-30	12 St Germanos the Hymnographer Acts 10:34-43 John 8:12-20	13 St Glyceria Acts 10:44-11:10 John 8:21-30	14 St Isidore of Chios Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42
APRIL 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	15 Sunday of Samaritan Woman أحد السامرية Acts 11:19-30 John 4:5-42	16 St Theodore the Sanctified Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51	17 Sts Andronikos and Junias Acts 12:25-13:12 John 8:51-59	18 Leave-taking Mid-Paschaltide وداع منتصف الخمسين Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14	19 St Patrick of Prussia Acts 14:20-28, 15:1-4 John 9:39-10:9	20 St Thalleleos Acts 15:5-12 John 10:17-28	21 Sts Constantine and Helena Acts 26:1,12-20 John 10:1-9
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	29 Fathers of 1 st council of Nicaea أحد الآباء المجتمعين في نيقية Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 John 17:1-13	30 St Isaac of Dalmatia Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7	31 St Hermias Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13				



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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.



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