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# Divine Liturgies Tuesday through Friday at 9: 00 AM Sunday

English 9:00 AM Arabic 11:15 AM

### **Religious Education**

Sunday 10:00 am-11:15 AM

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

**Holy Mysteries** 

### Reconciliation

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

### **Baptism**

Please arrange with the pastor

### Marriage

A notice of at least 6 months should be given to the pastor, before the proposed wedding date to arrange for the required interview and instructions



# ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican

احد الفريسي والعشار

### Antiphon Prayer (PLC p.429)

O Christ our God, You condemned the Pharisee proud of his works and justified the Publican bent by repentance. We implore You in your mercies to give us repentant hearts and to enlighten our minds so that we may recognize our sins and confess them. Forgive us our trespasses and restore us to the initial justification which we have lost by rebelling against your divine commandments. For You alone are merciful and compassionate 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.

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

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

### Troparion of the Encounter (1st tone)

Hail, O Woman full of grace, Virgin and Mother of God: from you has arisen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who stand in darkness, In You too, O just Elder Simeon, rejoice, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, our Resurrection.

### صلاة الأنديفونة

أَيُها المسيخُ إلهُنا الحقيقي، يا من حَكم على الفرَّسِيّ المفتخر بأعماله، وبرَّرَ العشَّارَ المنخيَ بالتَّوبة، نسأل مراحمك ان تهبَنا قلوباً مُنسحقةً نادمة، وتُنيرَ ضمائرنا لنعرف خفيًانا ونُقِرً بأخطائنا، ونصفحَ عن سيئاتنا، مُعيداً إلينا البرارة التى فقدناها بعصياننا أوامرَك الإلهية

لأنك أنت وحدَك رحيمٌ وغفور، واليك نرفع المجد، وإلى أبيك الأزليَّ وروحك القدوس، الصالح والمحيي، ألآن وكل أوان وألى دهر الداهرين. آمين.

### طروباربة القيامة باللحن الرابع

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمنَ من الملاكِ بشرى القيامةِ البهيجة. ونبذنَ القضاءَ على الجدين، وقلن للرسلِ مفتخراتٍ: لقد سُلب الموت، ونهض المسيحُ الاله، واهباً للعالمِ عظيمَ الرحمة.

طروبارية عيد الدخول باللحن الأول افري يا والدة الإله العذراء الممتلئة نعمةً لأنه منك أشق شمس العدل المسيح إلهنا منيراً الذين في الظلام، سر و ابتهج أنت أيها الشيخ الصديق حاملاً على ذراعيك المعتق نفوسنا و المانح إيانا القيامة.



### **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.

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**NAMW:** Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States. <a href="https://melkite.org/namw">https://melkite.org/namw</a>



### **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 Pharisee and the Publican

Let us shun the proud attitude of the boastful Pharisee and learn humility from the Publican's sighs; let us cry out to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, O You who alone are merciful!"

### Epistle of the Pharisee & the Publican, 2 Timothy, 3:10-15

Prokimenon (Tone 8) Psalm 75:12, 2

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

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

### Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, my behavior, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my patience, my persecutions, my afflictions such as befell me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, such persecutions as I suffered: and out of them all, the Lord delivered me. And all who want to live piously in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But the wicked and impostors will go from bad to worse, erring and leading into error. As for you, keep on with the things you have learned and which have been entrusted to you, and remember from whom you have learned them. For you have known from infancy the Sacred Scriptures which are able to give you instruction for your salvation by the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia (Tone 8) Psalm 94:1,2

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord!

Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

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

### Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14 (The Pharisee and the Publican) -

The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and began to pray thus within himself: 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, robbers, dishonest, adulterers, or even like this publican. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all I possess.' But the publican, standing far off, would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you; this man went back to his home justified rather than the other; for anyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself shall be exalted.

### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقُك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قَبِلَتْ كلامك، الذي به بيَّنت العقائدَ بياناً إلهيّاً، وأوضحتَ طبيعةَ الكائنات، ونظَّمتَ أخلاقَ البشر. فيا أيها الآبُ البارُّ ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

#### القنداق

لنهرين من صلفِ الفريسي. ونتعلمنَّ تواضع العشارِ من زفراته، هاتفين إلى المخلص: إغفرْ لنا، أنت الحليمَ وحدك.

### مقدمة الرسالة

انذروا وأوفو الربَّ إلَهنا كلُ الذين حولَهُ يأُتونَ بهداما

أَللَّهُ معروفٌ في يهوذا واسمه عظيمٌ في إسرائيل الرسالة (2 تيموثاوس 3: 10-15)

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، إنك تتبَّعتَ تعليمي وسيرتي وقصدي، وإيماني وطولَ أناتي، ومحبتي وصبري، واضطهاداتي وآلاي، تلك التي أصابتني في انطاكية وايقونية ولشترة، وأيَّ جميعها. وجميع الذين يُريدون أن يَحْيَوا بالتقوى في المسيحِ يسوعَ يُضطَهَدون أن يَحْيَوا الأشرارُ والمغوُونَ من الناسِ فيزدادونَ شرًا، أصلين وأمنت به، عارفاً مِمَّن تعلَّمتَ. وأنكَ منذ، الطفولية تعرفُ الكتبَ المقدسة، القادرة أن تُصَيرَكَ حكيماً للخلاص، بالإيمانِ الذي بالمسيح يسوع.

فللوبا

هلمُّوا نبتهجُ بالربّ، ونهّلل لله مخلَّصِنا لنُبادرُ إلى وجههِ بالاعتراف، وبالمزامير نُهَلّل له.

أنجيل الفريسي والعشار (لوقا 18:18-14)

قال الربُّ هذا المثل: رجلانِ صعدا الى الهيكلِ ليصلّيا، أحدُهما فرّيسيٌ والآخرُ عشَّار. فالمرّيسيُ والآخرُ عشَّار. فالمرّيسيُ انتصب يصلي في نفسه هكذا. اللهمَّ أي اشكرُكَ لاني لستُ كسائر الناسِ الخطفةِ الظالمينَ الفاسقين. ولا مثلَ هذا العشَّار. إني أصومُ في الاسبوع مرتين، وأعشرُ كلَّ ما هو لي. أَصَّومُ في الاسبوع مرتين، وأعشرُ كلَّ ما هو لي. وأمّا العشَّارُ فوقفَ عن بُعدٍ ولم يُردُ حتَّ أَن يرفعَ عينيهِ إلى السماء. بل كان يقرعُ صدرَهُ قائلاً: أللهمَّ اغفر لي أَنا الخاطي. أقولُ لكم: إن هذا نزلُ إلى بيته مبرَّراً دونَ ذاك. لأَن كلَّ من رفعَ نفسَه وضعَ فمن وضعَ نفسَه





### 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.



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# **Divine Liturgy Intentions**

TODAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE CROSS. SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN. (Due to the snowstorm, Liturgy Intentions for January 30<sup>th</sup>, are included in today's Remembrances).

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

- JAMES ALLAM (45<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by the Family.
- + JOSEPH SHABOUK (Brooklyn, NY) by Maryjoan & Steve Walsh.
- + LOUISE AMEEN (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Judy Ameen.
- + WAYNE LACY (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) by his wife Helen & Family.
- + STEVEN KANAKRY by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE by Michael L. Koussa, Jr.
- + FREDERICK KOUSSA by Ms. Sharon Kishfy Landry & Gregory.
- + MARGARET SABBAGH by Marie Boudjouk.
- + LILLIAN NASSANEY by Alice & Joe Azar.
- + VICTORIA PROCHNIAK by Najat Khoury.
- + MICHAEL MASSUD by Richard, Christine, Rebecca & Marissa Barrett.
- + 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:

- LOUIS P. KISHFY (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) by his wife Georgette, Children & Families.
- + FLORENCE SARKAS SALOME by M/M Elias Deeb & Family.
- + ROSE KHOURY by Micheline Ghanem.
- + GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL by Dr. Nabil & Nancy Toubia.
- + JULIA & FRED KISHFY by Norman & Diane Kishfy.
- + GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL by Aboud & Mira Saggal.
- + JOSEPH WARD (Valencia, Venenzuela) by Mrs. Nadia Loze.
- + MARY TAHAN by Norman & Diane Kishfy.
- + YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA by George & Kristen Baalbaki & Family.





**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** January 30, 2022: (Cancellation of the Liturgies due to the snowstorm did not allow for collections).

Please be advised that the weekly bulletin has not been printed due to the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, but presently, information is available online, church Facebook page and on YouTube.

<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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in the parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funerals: \$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.

<u>CUMBERLAND/LINCOLN LIONS CLUB</u> offers a general scholarship for a graduating senior from area high schools who is a Cumberland or Lincoln resident. The scholarship is for \$1,000 and the application deadline is Tuesday, March 15. One of our parishioners, BAHJAT ALKOURY, was the recipient of the last scholarship. Our deepest congratulations and best wishes to him on this award. May this year be an incentive for other parishioners to apply.

Another Scholarship is given to a Cumberland or Lincoln resident studying in the medical field – doctor, nurse, pharmacist, therapist, CNA, etc. Applicants should be college or university students already enrolled in a related college program. The scholarship is for \$1,000 and the deadline for the application is Friday, April 15.

Applications for both scholarships are currently available to download at the Cumberland/Lincoln Lions website, <a href="http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/cumberlandri">http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/cumberlandri</a>. For more information , contact Mark Jackman, president of the Cumberland/Lincoln Lions Club at <a href="markjackman117@gmail.com">markjackman117@gmail.com</a>.

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the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
Holy Mother, I knock, I
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be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
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**FATHER DAN UPDATE:** Dear loved ones, family and friends: Personally, I have much to be thankful for this past year. Eight months after my cancer operation, there is no sign of a return of sarcoma. The hole left by the removal of the tumor and calf muscle is almost closed. And I am now doing ministry here at our Tewksbury residence and in local parishes. I have been able to accept more responsibilities within the community, including driving my brothers to local appointments and solving computer and loud-speaker problems. I have been giving monthly conferences and have been asked if I could start up again weekly talks as I did before going to White Earth. Until the provincial gives me an assignment, I shall be serving here. I may not know my future, but I do know God is with us. I love you all and keep you present in my prayers morning and night. And, even if Covid keeps getting in the way of free travel, you are always with me. May your Christmas not only be merry, but blessed, full of Christ Child's graces, and the New Year under the promised protection of our Blessed Mother. - Father Dan.

<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.

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

<u>A SPECIAL THANK YOU</u> to those who voluntarily welcome visitors to our church by inviting them to the Cultural Center and/or sitting with them during Coffee Hour or inviting them to visit again. You are good apostles of & for our church! If God willing, our Parish grows, it will be because of these actions.

May we all remember to be thankful for everything that we have and be always ready to display that gratitude honestly & fairly!

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

REFLECTION: Don't keep doing what isn't working to give you peace. Make a U-turn to God.

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# زمن التيريودي... زمن الرجوع إلى الله

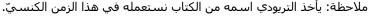
### - كلمة تريودي:

هي كلمة يونانيّة تعني ثلاث أوديات أي قصائد، فكلمة أوُدية δήستشير إلي قصائد ً من المدح ً أُو التسبيح، وهي من فعل » اغنّي.«

وقد سُمّيَت هذه الفترة 'تريودي" لأنّنا نستعيضُ القوانين

(اَلْتُسابيح) الَّتي فِيها ٩ أُودَّبِّات (قصائد) بكتاب التريودي الطِقسيّ الذي يقتصر

على ٣ أوديات. (أنظر في الأسفل شرح الكلمات: قوانين- أودية).



### - ىداىتە:

يبدأ التربودي مع أحد الفرّيسي والعشّار ويستمّر حتّى يوم السبت العظيم. هو زمن خشوعي بامتياز يرجع فيه الإنسان إلى نفسه وإلى الله ليقوم مع المسيح خليقةً جِديدةً إن تاب توبة صادقة. إنّه زمن تطّهير الذّات وصرخة »يا الله ارحمني أنا الخاطيء.«هذا ما نقرأه حقيقةً في السنكسار من مطلع

"يا ميدع كلّ شـيء سـماويًا كان أم أرضيًا إقبل أمّا من الملائكة فتسبيحاً ثالوثياً، وأمّا من البشر فتريودياً شريفاً خشـوعياً".

السِماء والأرض تؤلَّفان جوقًا واحدًا، الملائكةِ والبشر تتآلفان في تسبيح "مبدع كلّ شيء"، الملائكة تنَّشدَ تسبيحًا مثلَّثُ التقديس (تريصَّاجيون) قدّوس قَدُّوس قَدُّوس... والبشر تجيب بأودية تسبيح ثالُوثيَّة (تُريوديوُن) شريفةٌ

يقول كاتب سنكسار التريودي نيكيفوروس كالستوس كسانتوبولس إنّ أوّل ناظميٍ الأودياتِ الثلاث هو قزما المنشئ أسِقف مايوما الذي رِتبها كي تكون رسماً للثالوُّثُ الأقدس عنصِّر ألحياة، وهذَّه الأوديات ترتُّل في الأُسبُوع العظيمُ. ثُم تلاه مؤَّلفون عديدون منهم الودوروس ويوسيف من دير ستوديون فَي القسطنطينية، وقد ألفا قوانين لأسابيع االصوم الأربعيني.

### - المراحل الثلاث الآساسيّة:

أ- فترة التهيئة ب- الصوم الأربعيني ث- الأسبوع العظيم.

ملاحظة سبت لعازر وأحد الشعانين يُحسَبان فترة تهيئة لدخول الأسبوع العظيم المقدّس، بحيث نشاهد الرب يسوع يقيم لعازر من القبر كحدث استباقُى لقيامته المقدّسة.

### أ- المرحلة الأولى هي فترة التهيئة:

المرحلة الأولى َ هَي فترة التَّهيئة لَّلصوم، وتمتد لشهر وتتضمَّن أربعة آحاد هي: الفرّيسي والعشّار – الأبن الشاطر – الدينونة (مرفع اللحم) – الغفران (مرفع الجبن).

يتخلّل هذه المرحلة سبت الراقدين الذي يأتي قبل أحد الدينونة مباشرةً.

### 1- أحد الفرّيسيّ والعشّار: (لوقا ٩:١٨-٩٤١)

في هذا الأحد يُتلى المثَل الَّذي سِاقه الربِّ عن فضيلتَي التوبة والتواضع، مبيّنًا كم هما محبوبتان لدى الله، أكثر من الذبائح والعبادة الظاهريّة المرفقة بروح الكبرياء والتعالي على الآخرين.

تاليًا، تنبُّهنا الكنيسـة أنّ حجر الأسـاس لفترة الصوم هو التواضع المقرون

المغزى من وضع إنجيل الفرّيسـي والعشّار في الأحد الأوّل الذي يفتتح زمن

لما سُئل القدّيس مقاريوس "ما هي أعظم الفضائل ؟" أجاب "كما أن التكّبر أسِقط ملاكًا من علوّه وأسقط الإنسان الأوّل، كذلك الاتّضاع يرفع صاحبه من

ويقول القدّيس إسحق السرياني عن التواضع: الذي يتنّهد كلّ يوم على نفسه





بسبب خطاياه، خيرٌ من أِن يقيم الموتى. والذي استحق أن يبصر خطایاه، خیر له من آن یبصر ملائكة.

من يخال نفسه أنّه بلا خطيئة يضلّ ويكون متكبرًا (ايوحنا 8:1). نحن في حاجة دائمة إلى أن نصرَح مع العشار "اللهم أرحمني أنا الخاطَّئ" (لوقًا 18:13). مهماً نِقتِي من الفضائل فلنذكر دائمًا أننا تضعفاء معرّضون لأن نخطئ

ولنطلب الرحمة والغفران من الله.

### ٢- أحد الابن الشاطر: (لوقا 11:15-32)

في هذا الأُحّد يُتلى المثُلِّ الّذي ساقه الرِّبِّ عن الابن الضال الذي بدّد ثروة أبيه ثمّ تاب وعاد إليه. يُدعى "الشاطر" لأنّه "شطر" ميراث أبيه وأخذ قسمه على حياة والده.

المغزى من هذا المثل محبّة الله اللامتناهية وهو الذي ينتظر عودتنا إليه. نحن جميعنا أبناء الله بالتبنّي، فالتوبة الصادقة الحقيقيّة هي قيامةً وحياة.

ومن أجمل ما في هذا المثل عبارة " فرجع إلى نفسـه ". الرجوع هو نقطة تُحوَّلُ وتصويب. فحينما يهدأ الإنسان من الداخل يبدأ يفكّر في حاله ويكتشف أن لا سلام ولا خلاص ولا طمأنينة إلاّ في العودة إلى البيت الأبوّي الحاض، وخاصة بعد أنَّ يدرك مرارة التغرّب عنَّ الله وُحلاوةُ العودة إليه.

### ٣- أحد الدينونة (مرفع اللحم): (متى 31:25-46)

في هذا الأحد يُتلى إنجيل الدينونة، كما يصف السيّد المسيح نفسه مجيئه الثاني في إنجيل متّى. يشبّه البشر الّذين خلقهم بالماشية، لأنّ صورة الراعي صِوْرةُ شائعة عن الله في العهد القديم، كُما أنَّها صورة شائعة عُن الكَهنةُ (أنظُرُ نبوءات إشعيا وإرميا وحزقيال 34:11).

وفي العَهد الجَديد يشيّه المَّسَيحَ نفسه بالراعيْ، علمًا بأنّه أيضًا الحمل الّذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. ولأنّه تألّم من أجلنا وحدها محبّته نستطيع أن تدين جحود

المغزى من هذا الإنجيل في أحد مرفع اللحم أن يدرك المرء أهميّة المحبّة الصادقة تجاه الآخرين لأنّ الآخر هو الرّبّ يسوع المسيح نفسه وها نحن نقف المامه. الإنسان يدين نفسه بنفسه، فكلّ أعماله تُكشف كما هي أمام حكم

نتوقّف في هذا الأحد عن أكل اللحوم (أكل بلا دم) لندخل رويدًا رويدًا في حالة ملكوت الله السلاميّة كالإنسان الأول قبل السقوط.

### قنداق أحد مرفع اللَّحِم باللَّحن الأوّل

اذا أُتيتَ يا اللهُ على الأُرضِ بمجدٍ، فترتعدُ مِنكَ البرايا بأسرها، ونهرُ النّار يجري أمامَ المِنبر، والمصاحفُ تُفتَحُ والْخفايا تُشَهَّر. فنجِّني من النّار الّتي لا تُطفأ، وأهِّلني للوقوفِ عن يمينِك، أيُّها الدَّيّانُ العادِل.

### ٤- الغفران (مرفع الجبن): (متى 6:14-21)

هو أيضًا ذكرى طرد آدم من الفردوس. في هذا الأحدِ قبل بدءِ الصِوم الكبير، تتِلو الكِنيسة إِنجِيل من العظة على الجبل، وتشدّد على أهمّيّة الرحمة والمصالحة مع الناس قبل تقريب ذبيحة الصوم.

المغزى من هذا الإنجيل في الأحد قبل بدء الصوم هو إدراك أهميّة الغفران. فنحن نطلب من الله أن يغفر لنا خطايانا بعد أن نسامح الآخرين، وهذا شرط أساسَـي لاَ مفرّ منه. لا يمكننًا أن نصوم ونحقد! فالله لا يقبل صلّاة الحقود!

إنّ الصوم هو رحلة المصالحة مع الله. ولكنّ الربّ يساوينا بنفسه، لا بل يساوي قريبناً بنفسه، ويقول: إن َلم تصالَحٍ قَريبكُ لا تستَطيع أن تصالحني، والعكس صحيح. لم يعلَق الرّب يسوع على أيّ طَلب في الصِلْإَة الربانية سوَّى طُلَب الْغفران: " فإنه إن غفرتم للناس زلاتهم يغفر لكم أيضًا أبوكم السماوي. وإن لم تغفَّروا للناسْ زِلاِّتِهم لَا يُغفر لكُّم أَبوكُم أَيضًا زِلاَّتكُم (متى 6:14-15) . ابتداءً من هذا الأحد يبدأ الصوم الكامل بالانقطاع عن الزفرين.

### ب- المرحلة الثانية الصوم الأربعيني:

تتضمّن َ هذه المرحلة خُمُس َ آحاد: أحد الأرثوذكسيّة - أحد القدّيس غريغوريوس ٍ بالاماس - أحد السّجود للصليب المقدّس - أحد القدّيس يوحنّا السلَّمَي - أحد القدِّيسة مريم المصرية.

# THE TRIODION PERIOD



The Triodion begins ten weeks before Easter and is divided into three main parts: three Pre-Lenten weeks of preparing our hearts, the six weeks of Lent, and Holy Week. The main theme of the Triodion is repentance—mankind's return to God, our loving Father.

This annual season of repentance is a spiritual journey with our Savior. Our goal is to meet the risen Lord Jesus, Who reunites us with God the Father. The Father is always waiting to greet us with outstretched hands. We must ask ourselves the question, "Are we willing to turn to Him?"

During Great Lent, the Church teaches us how to re-ceive Him by using the two great means of repentance—prayer and fasting.

THE LENTEN FAST: The word "fast" means not eating all or certain foods. As Orthodox Faithful, we can fast completely at certain times of great importance, and especially each time before receiving Holy Communion. Usually, fasting means limiting the number of meals and/or the type of food eaten. The purpose of fasting is to remind us of the Scriptural teaching, "Man does not live by bread alone." The needs of the body are nothing compared to the needs of the soul. Above all else, we need God, Who provides everything for both the body and the soul. Fasting teaches us to depend on God more fully. The first sin of our parents, Adam and Eve, was eating from the forbidden tree (Genesis 3:1-19). We fast from food, or a food item, as a reminder that we are to fast from sin-ning and doing evil. There are several benefits of fasting. Fasting helps us pray more easily. Our spirit is lighter when we are not weighed down by too much food or food that is too rich. Through fasting, we also learn to feel compassion for the poor and hungry and to save our own resources so that we can help those in need. The other members of the body also need to fast: our eyes from seeing evil, our ears from hearing evil, our limbs from participating in anything that is not of God. Most important of all, we need to control our thoughts, for thoughts are the source of our actions, whether good or evil.

Fasting is not an end in itself. Our goal is an inner change of heart. The Lenten Fast is called "ascetic." This refers to a ctions of self-denial and spiritual training which are central to fasting.

Fasting is a spiritual exercise. It is not imposed or forced upon us. In the same way that true repentance cannot be forced upon anyone, each of us makes the choice to turn away from our sinful ways and go toward our loving, for giving Father in Heaven.

### THE PRELENTEN WEEKS

Before Great Lent begins, four Sunday lessons prepare us for the Fast. Humility is the theme of the first Sunday, called the Sunday of **the Publican** and the Pharisee. The Lord's parable in Luke 18:10-14 teaches that fasting with pride is rejected by God. For this reason, there is no fasting the week following this Sunday. This includes no fasting on Wednesday and Friday that week. (Wednesdays and Fridays are usually fast days throughout the year—Wednesday's Fast recalls the betrayal of Christ by Judas; Friday's Fast commemorates the Lord's Crucifixion.)

Repentance is the theme of the second Pre-Lenten Sunday, called the Sunday of **the Prodigal Son**. Before we can return to God, we need to recognize that we are far from God because of sin. Like the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), we are in a self-imposed exile. Will we come to our senses as did the Prodigal Son and return to our Father?

The next Sunday is called both **Meatfare Sunday** and the **Sunday of the Last Judgment**. The second name refers to the Gospel lesson (Matthew 25:31-4 6) read on this day. The Lord tells us we will be judged at the end according to the love we have shown for our brother. "I was hungry...thirsty..naked...a stranger...in prison...sick... What ever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine you did for Me." Almsgiving goes hand in hand with fasting. This Sunday is called Meatfare because it is the last day meat, fish or poultry is eaten before Easter, for those keep-ing the Lenten Fast.

The last Pre-Lenten Sunday is called both **Cheesefare Sunday and the Sunday of Forgiveness**. This is the last day dairy products are eaten before the Fast. The Gospel lesson (Matthew 6:14-21) read on this day tells us that our fast must not be hypocritical or "for show." Our work and our appearance are to continue as usual and our extra efforts are to be known only by God. The Gospel reading also reminds us that God the Father will forgive us in the same manner as we forgive our brother. With this promise of forgiveness, Great Lent begins on the next day, which is called Clean Monday. Clean Monday is a total fast day, except for a little water. No other beverages or food are taken.

### **HOLY WEEK**

The week before Easter, Holy Week, is a special time of fasting separate from Great Lent. Like the first week, a strict fast is kept. Some Orthodox Christians try to keep a total fast on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday. Most eat a simple Lenten meal at the end of each day before going to the evening Church services.

On Holy Thursday, wine is allowed in remembrance of the Last Supper. Holy Friday is kept as a strict fast day, as is Holy Saturday . Holy Saturday is the only Saturday in the entire year when oil is not permitted.

It is important to keep in mind that fasting is not a law for us—rather, a voluntary way of remembering to not sin and do evil, and to help keep our focus on prayer, repentance and doing acts of kindness, for we "are not under the law but under grace" (Romans 6:14).

### EASTER, BRIGHT WEEK AND THE PASCHAL SEASON

The Lenten Fast is broken following the midnight Easter service. With the proclamation, "Christ is risen!" the time of feasting begins. The week after Easter is called Bright Week and there is no fasting. For the next 40 days, the Church celebrates the Paschal (Easter) season. Joy and thanksgiving are the fulfillment of our Lenten journey.

### A PRAYER FOR LENT

The Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian is traditionally said many times throughout each day during Great Lent, in addition to our daily prayers.

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. (+)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant. (+)

Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sin and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed from all ages to all ages. Amen. (+)

# Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican

#### The Pharisees

The word "Pharisee", of Aramaic origins, means "separate", that is, one who segregates others as sinners. These Pharisees were priests and lay people who among the Jews who began their ministry in the period between the Old and New Testament. separated They themselves into groups as they were profoundly concerned about the decline in religion and the neglect of God's law among the Jewish people at that time.

They began teaching accurate observance of the Jewish law (the Torah) in an effort to restore godliness to the people, but in a short time, they became so caught up with their desire to be righteous that they soon had confidence in their own interpretation of the Law rather than learning from what it was designed to teach them.

They boasted about keeping the Law

and knowing it by heart, teaching it and putting it into literal practice. However, their behavior was only external, for the Lord said to them: "You have forsaken truth, mercy, and faith". They were keeping the Sabbath, the Ten Commandments, and the tithes just an appearance. That is why the Lord compared them to whitened tombs: white from the outside and rotten from inside. Most of them boast about their authority and run after money, positions, and cheap earnings, and do not sympathize with the people, especially the poor.

As for their doctrine, the Pharisees acknowledged all the books of the Old Testament (The Torah, the Prophets, and the other historical and literary books), as well as the Talmud and other written teachings of Moses. They also believed in the resurrection, reward and punishment, and angels, in contrast to the Sadducees. They were expecting the coming of a Messiah, a Savior of Israel, as a great king to lift them above all the peoples of the world.

They were accusing Jesus of violating the Sabbath and mixing with sinners and tax collectors (Matthew 11: 9).

### The Publicans (Tax Collectors)

The word Publican or "tax collector" comes from Latin publicum: 'public revenue'. It is used to indicate the tax collectors who collected tithes. Tithes (one tenth) is cited of the Old Testament (Leviticus 27: 30). But the tax collectors did not respect nor implement the Law. As they were levying taxes imposed on the Jewish people by the Romanian authorities, they were ruthless, often adding to their collections and



skimming some off the top for themselves as they bled the people dry. They made huge profits from this job, and they scrutinized people to earn more.

Tax collectors were most hated and despised by the Jewish people because they represented the oppressive Roman government and were considered traitors. Teachers of the Law equaled them with thieves, as it is said in the Gospels (Matthew 9:10; Marc 2:15; Luke 5:29)

The Lord Jesus gave them in example in His Sermon on the Mount: "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?" (Matthew 5:46)

The Lord Jesus spoke about three tax collectors:

• Levi who left everything and followed Him becoming Matthew the Evangelist (Luke 5: 27-28).

- The tax collectors who went home justified (Luke 10:18).
- Zacchaeus the Chief tax collector (Luke 19:2).

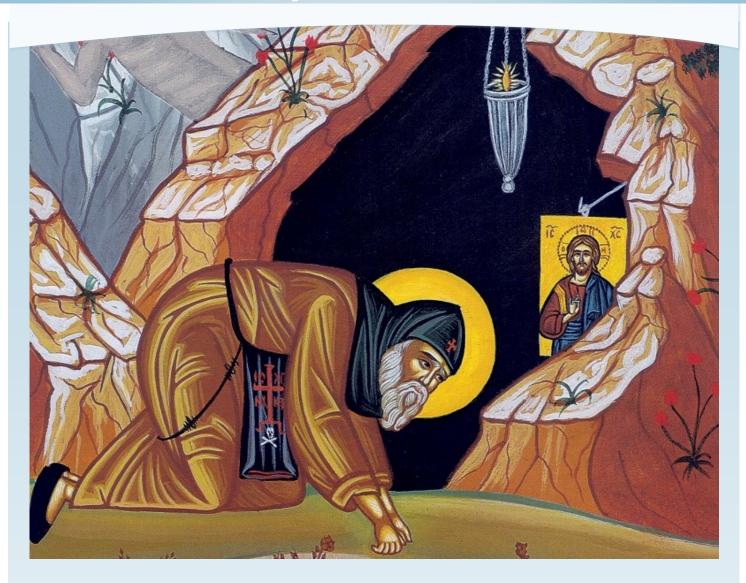
Fasting: The Jews fasted according to their Law, which required fasting on the Day of Atonement from sunset to sunset on the tenth day of the seventh month (Yom Kippur) of the Hebrew calendar (Leviticus 23:26-32). Other pious occasional fasts were practiced too. History shows us that the Pharisees practiced normal pious fasts on the second and fifth day of every week (Matthew 9:14; Luke 18:12).

#### The Temple

It is known as Solomon's Temple Solomon built it in Jerusalem the first time. There were two main divisions in the temple: the first main section is only entered by the priests and is called the Holy place, and it contains the Holy of Holies, where only the great priest can enter once a year to offer a sacrifice for his sins and the shortcomings of the people. The second major section is for Jews only. The temple also contained an inner yard with a place for women and an outer court with porticos, some of which were open to non-Jews.

Note: The Temple is the only place where Jews offered sacrifices for their sins, and every Jew was required to visit the Temple at least once a year.

# **Prayer for Lent**



"O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, the lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to your servant. Yes, O Lord, and King grant me to see my own sin and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed Now and forever and ever. Amen"

(Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian)

# Following Jesus Kids bulletin



# Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?

The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think

that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner!

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Look in the mirror to find out!

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR



FEBRUARY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Preparation of Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple	Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple	3 Sts Simeon & Anna	4 St Isidore of Pelusium	<b>5</b> St Agatha
			1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27	دخول السيد إلى الهيكل Hebrews 7:7-17 Luke 2:22-40	Hebrews 9:11-14 Luke 2:25-38	2 Peter 1:1-10 Mark 13:1-8	2 Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8
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شبا <b>ط</b> — فبراير 2022	Publican & Pharisee Sunday أحد الفرّيسيّ والعشّار	St Luke the Greek	Holy Prophet Zechariah	Leave-taking of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord	St Charalampos	St Blaise	St Meletios
JANUARY 2022	2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14	2 Peter 1:20-2:9 Mark 13:9-13	2 Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23	2 Peter 3:1-18 Mark 13:24-31	1 John 1:8-2:6 Mark 13:31-14:2	1 John 2:7-17 Mark 14:3-9	1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 20:45-21:4
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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	Sunday of the Prodigal Son أحد الابن الشاطر	St Maron the Hermit	St Onesimos	St Pamphilos and his companions	St Theodore	St Leo, Pope of Rome	First Saturday of the dead
30 31  MARCH 2022	1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32	1 John 2:18-3:8 Mark 11:1-11	1 John 3:9-22 Mark 14:10-42	1 John 3:21-4:11 Mark 14:43-15:1	1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15	2 John 1-13 Mark 15:22, 25, 33-41	1 Corinthians 10:23-29 Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36
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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 31	Meat-fare Sunday أحد مرفع اللحم	Holy Father Timothy	Relics of Martyrs at Eugenios	St Polycarp of Smyrna	Discoveries of the Head of John the Forerunner	St Tarasios	Saturday of Ascetics مبت جميع الأباء النساك
27 20 20 00 01	1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46	3 John 1-13 Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39	Jude 1-10 Luke 22:39-23:1	Romans 14:6-9 Matthew 26:57-75	2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15	Ephesians 5:8-19 John 19:25-37	Romans 14:19-23; 6:25-27 Matthew 6:1-13
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	Cheese-fare Sunday أحد مرفع الجبن	Beginning of Holy and Great Fast بدء الصوم المقدس الكبير					
	Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21	1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Luke 21:8-36					
		Church Major Feasts	Abstain from Meat	Fast from midnight until noon	Lenten Season		



# **The Daily Divine Liturgy**

At St. Elias Chapel (St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Tuesday - Friday before or after the Divine Liturgy

## **LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS**



Divine Liturgy intentions can be scheduled for those who have died, and on the occasion of a birthday, wedding anniversary, for healing for the conversion of sinners, for the grace to face the challenges in life, for the success in a new job, for those serving in the church and country in different levels, for good weather, bountiful harvest, for world peace, in thanksgiving for the blessings received, etc. You can find so many reasons to think about a Mass offering. We offer the Mass for a specific intention because we believe in the immense spiritual value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The custom of giving offering to have Liturgies said for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Church teaching and Canon Law (nos. 942-958) provide important guidelines on how to preserve the dignity and appreciation of this practice. Overall, it should be well noted that Liturgy offerings are never to be viewed as a means of parish fundraising.

<u>COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DEAD</u>: The Apostolic Constitutions refer to the repetition of the Mass on the third, ninth and fortieth days: "Let the third day be observed in remembrance of the dead with psalms, lessons, and prayers, because Christ rose from the dead on the third day. Let the ninth day be observed in remembrance both of the living and the dead, and also the fortieth day, in accordance with mourning customs of the Israelites at the time of Moses' death. Finally, let the anniversary day be observed in memory of the dead."

In contemporary Byzantine practice, the dead are commemorated on the ninth and fortieth days and on the anniversary of their departure from this world.

Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g., clergy attire, stipends (Mass Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

Effective January 1, 2008, which by-passed us, the schedule of offerings for Masses in parishes is now \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Masses more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Masses must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received (Canon 955 #2.)

May the memories of our beloved deceased be eternal and many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these guidelines and restrictions.

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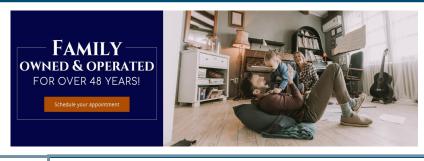
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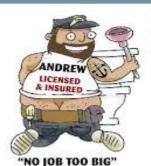
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