



January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865

### Parish Website :

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### Office hours :

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

### Divine Liturgies :

Tuesday through Friday at 9: 00 A.M.

Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

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

### Holy Mysteries:

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:30–3:30 P.M.,

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

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

**Marriages:** a notice of at least 6 months should be given to the pastor, before the proposed wedding date to arrange for the required interview and instructions.

### Sunday of the Prodigal Son



### أحد الابن الشاطر

#### Antiphon Prayer

O God of mercy and compassion, Who do not want the sinner to die but to repent and live, we ask You to shine the Light of your Face upon us. Convert us to You, for the enemy has deceived us and stripped us of your grace. Restore to us our initial vestment. Open to us the doors of your great mercy, that we may enter your heavenly Dwellings with the Elect and praise your glory forever.

For You have sent your Only-begotten Son in forgiveness to the World. Through Him we render glory, thanksgiving and worship to You Eternal Father, and to your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

#### Troparion of the resurrection (2nd tone)

When you descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your Divinity, and when you raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, glory to you.

#### Troparion of St Basil

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

#### Kondakion of the Prodigal Son,

When in my wretchedness I ran away from your fatherly love, I squandered in wickedness the riches You had given me. And so now, like the Prodigal Son, I cry out to You: "I have sinned in your sight, O Merciful Father: receive me now that I repent and make me as one of your hired servants."

#### Hirmos

It is truly right to call you blessed, O Theotokos, You are ever-blessed and all blameless, and the Mother of our God. Higher in honor than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, You gave birth to God the Word in virginity, You are truly Mother of God. You do we exalt.

#### صلاة الأنديقونة

يا إله الرحمة والرأفة، يا مَنْ لا يشاء موت الخاطيء، بل يُريد أن يتوب ويحيى، نسألك أن تُنير علينا بوجهك وترجعنا إليك، نحن الذين خدعهم العدو وعزّاهم من نعمتك، وأن تُعيدَ إلينا الخُلة الأولى، وتفتح لنا أبواب رحمتك الواسعة، فندخل ديارك مع المختارين ونسبح عزتك على الدوام لأنك أرسلت ابنك الوحيد غُفراناً للعالم، وبه نرفعُ إليك المجد والشكر والسجود، أيها الأب الأزلي، وإلى روحك القدوس الصالح والمحّي، الآن وكلّ أوان...

#### نشيد القيامة باللحن الثاني

لما نزلت إلى الموت، أيها الحياةُ الخالدة، أمتّ الجحيم بسنى لاهوتك. ولما أقمّت الاموات من تحت الترى، صرخت جميعُ قوات السماوين: أيها المسيحُ ألهنا، يا مُعطي الحياة، المجد لك.

#### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاعَ منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبِلت كلامك، الذي به بيّنت العقائدَ بياناً إلهيّاً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب البار ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إنتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

#### نشيد الختام (القنداق) باللحن الثالث

لَمَّا نفرّت من المجد الابوي بغباوة، بدّرت في الشرور الثروة التي أعطيتنيها. لذلك أصرخُ إليك كالابن الشاطر: خطئْتُ أَمَامَكَ، أيها الأب الرؤوف. فاقبلي تائباً واجعلي كأحدِ أجرائك.

#### النشيد لوالدة الإله

إنه واجبٌ حقاً أن نُعَبِّطُك، يا والدة الإله، الدائمة الغبطة، والمُنزّهة عن كلّ عيب، وأُمّ إلهنا يا من هي أكرم من الشروبيم، وأمجد بلا قياس من السرافيم، يا من ولدت الله الكلمة وَلَبِثَتْ بتولاً، إنكِ حقاً والدة الإله. أيّاكِ نُعَظِّم.





### 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.

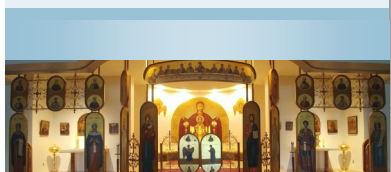
<https://melkite.org/maya>

**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 of the Pharisee & the Publican

Prokimenon (Tone 1) Psalm 32:22,1

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are fitting. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of anyone. Food is for the belly, and the belly for food, but God will destroy both the one and the other. Now, the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. For God has raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of a prostitute? By no means! Or do you not know that one who cleaves to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For the two, it is said, shall be one flesh (Gn.2: 24). But he who cleaves to the Lord is one spirit with him. Flee immortality. Every sin a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your members are the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God and that you are not your own? For you have been bought at a great price. Glorify God therefore in your body and in your soul which both are God's.

Alleluia (Tone 1) O God, you granted me retribution and make peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

Stichon: Therefore, I will proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32 (Parable of the Prodigal Son)

The Lord told this parable: "A man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his possessions between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered up all his wealth and traveled to a far country; and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. And after he had spent all, there came a severe famine over that country, and he began to suffer from it. And he went and joined one of the local landowners, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. And he longed to fill himself with the pods the pigs were eating, but no one offered to give them to him. But when he had come to his senses, he said, 'How many hired men in my father's house have bread in abundance, while I am perishing with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.' And he got up and went to his father. But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the Father said to his servants, 'Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him, and give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; because this my son was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came close to the house, he heard music and dancing. And calling one of the servants he asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe.' But he was angered and would not go in. His father, therefore, came out and began to beg him. But he answered and said to his father, 'Look, these many years I have been serving you, and have never disobeyed any of your orders; and yet, you have never given me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours comes, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes; you have killed for him the fattened calf!' But he said to him, 'Son you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours; but we were bound to make merry and rejoice, for this your brother was dead, and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

### مقدمة الرسالة

لَتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، بِحَسَبِ اتِّكَلَانَا عَلَيْكَ ابْتَهِجُوا أَيُّهَا الصَّادِقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ، بِالْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ يَلِيْقُ التَّسْبِيحُ

الرسالة (1كورنثوس 6: 12-20)

يا أخوة. كل شيء يجوز لي، ولكن ليس كل شيء ينفع. كل شيء يجوز لي، ولكن لا يتسلط علي شيء. ان الاطعمة للجوف والجوف للطعمة. وَسَيُبِيدُ الله هذا وتلك. أما الجسد فليس للزنى بل للرب. والرب للجسد والله قد أقام الرب. وسيقمينا نحن أيضاً بقوة. أما تعلمون ان اجسادكم هي أعضاء المسيح؟ أفأخذ أعضاء المسيح واجعلها أعضاء زانية؟ حاشى. أوما تعلمون ان من اقترن بزانية يصير معها جسداً واحداً؟ لأنه قد قيل: يصيران كلاهما جسداً واحداً. أما الذي يقترن بالرب فيكون معه روحاً واحداً. اهربوا من الزنى. ان كل خطيئة يفعلها الإنسان هي خارج الجسد. أما الزنى فإنه يجرم الى الجسد. أوما تعلمون ان اجسادكم هي هيكل الروح القدس الذي فيكم، الذي نلتّموه من الله، وأنكم لستم لأنفسكم. لأنكم قد اشتريتم بثمن كريم؟ فمجدوا الله اذن في جسدكم وروحكم اللذين هما لله

هللوا

الله هو المنتقم لي، ومخضع الشعوب تحتي

المعظم خلاص الملك، والصانع رحمة إلى مسيحه

### انجيل الابن الشاطر لوقا 15: 11-32

قال الرب هذا المثل: إنسان كان له ابْنَان. فقال أصغرهما لأبيه: يا أبتي أعطني نصيبي من المال. فقسم بينهما أمواله. وبعد أيام غير كثيرة جمع الابن الاصغر كل شيء له وسافر إلى بلد بعيد. وبذّر ماله هناك عائشاً في الخلاعة. فلما أنفق كل شيء له، حدث في ذلك البلد مجاعة شديدة. فأخذ في العوز. فذهب وأنضوى إلى واحد من أهل ذلك البلد. فأرسله إلى حقولِه يرعى الخنازير، وكان يشتهي أن يملأ بطنه من الخنوب الذي كانت الخنازير تأكله، ولم يعطه أحد. فرجع إلى نفسه وقال. كم لأني من أجراً يفضل عنهم الخبز، وأنا اهلك جوعاً. أقوم وأمضي. إلى أبي وأقول له: يا أبتي قد خطئْتُ إلى السماء وأقامك. ولست مُستحقاً بعد أن أدعى لك ابناً، فأجعلني كأحد أجرائك. فقام وجاء إلى أبيه. وفيما هو بعيد، رآه أبوه فتحركت أحشأؤه. وأسرع وألقى بنفسه على عنقه وقبله. فقال له الابن: يا أبتي قد خطئْتُ إلى السماء وأقامك، ولست مُستحقاً أن أدعى لك ابناً. فقال الابن لعبيده: هاتوا الحلة الاولى والأبسوه. واجعلوا خاتماً في يده وحذاء في رجله. وأتوا بالعجل المسنّن وأذبحوه فنأكل ونفرح. لأن ابني هذا كان ميتاً فعاش، وكان ضالاً فوجد. فطفقوا يفرحون. وكان ابنه الأكبر في الحقل. فلما أتى وقُرِب من البيت سمع أصوات الغناء والرقص. فدعا أحد الغلمان وسأله ما عسى أن يكون هذا. فقال له: قد قدّم أخوك، قدّبح أبوك العجل المسنّن، لأنه لقيه سالماً. ففضّبت ولم يرد أن يدخل. فخرج أبوه وظيفق يتضرّع اليه. فأجاب وقال لأبيه كم لي من السنين أخذمك ولم أتعدّ وصيتك قط. وأنت لم تعطني قط. جدياً لأفرح مع أصدقائي. ولما جاء ابْنُك هذا الذي أكل أموالك مع الزواني، ذبحت له العجل المسنّن. فقال له يا ابني أنت معي في كل حين، وكل ما هو لي هو لك. ولكن كان ينبغي أن تتنعم وتفرح. لأن أخاك هذا كان ميتاً فعاش، وكان ضالاً فوجد.



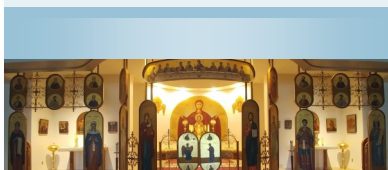


## ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.



**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** January 24, 2021: Budgets: \$4,811.00: Envelopes: \$4,801, Loose: 10.00; Stipends: \$490.00; Candles: \$65.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$25.00; Addit'l Christmas Offerings: \$50.00; Addit'l Initial Offerings: \$30.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; Religious Ed. Donation: \$1,000.00; Raffle Donations: \$1,500.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$10.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$25.00.

**TODAY,** January 30 & 31, there will be a special collection for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please be as generous as you can.

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.

**IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE:** Please continue to remember in your prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and the suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Are you formally registered with this Parish Church? How about your relatives and friends? Although this may not be the custom in some of the countries of our origin, it is the accepted procedure here. We cannot be of service to you if we do not know you as a member of our Parish Family. Some benefits that flow from this are receiving the parish mailings highlighting the ongoing activities and life of the church, having the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and also Funerals celebrated for your family here in our church, receiving Letters of Recommendation, Introduction, Freedom to Marry Certificates, having the privilege and duty to support the church, etc. Merely attending here on any level does not really constitute being a member. Membership too has its ongoing responsibilities. Please contact Father Ephrem or Father Joe or go on-line to formally register.

**PRAYERS FOR FR. DANIEL NASSANEY:** For several years now, Fr. Dan has been stationed in Minnesota on the Canadian Border and has recently been named Pastor of the Parish served by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Three weeks ago, he was transferred to the Provincial House in Tewksbury, MA, where he served for a length of time. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with a rare case of leg cancer and had begun 25 radiation sessions to shrink the cancer over five or six weeks followed by a month of rest before cutting out the tumor. He is presently under the care of DANA FARBER CANCER RESEARCH HOSPITAL in Boston, MA. Please remember him in your prayers, as he in turn remembers you. May Almighty God, Physician of our souls and bodies stretch forth His right hand above the priest-servant, Fr. Dan, and heal him from this devastating illness in His Divine Providence.

**REFLECTION:** Life is a journey, not a destination.

**MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:** The three Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist are always celebrated together in one ceremony. One month notice is required and one baptismal preparation meeting is required with the pastor.

**MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSIONS:** In one way or another, we have neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. No matter what we have done, we can always return home. Available weekly one hour before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

**MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING:** Six month notice, an initial meeting with the priest, marriage preparation sessions are required. You must be an active member of the parish.

**MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING:** Available for anyone who is ill. Please contact Fr. Ephrem.

**IN GOOD STANDING:** For your Pastor to sign letters of recommendation, family and student school related papers, character reference or any civil document for a registered parishioner, one must be in good standing with the Church, spiritually and giving noticeable TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE on a regular and continuing basis to our parish.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). However, it is appropriate to offer a gift of thanksgiving. Following are the suggested offerings to the Church for parishioners who request pastoral services. Liturgy \$10.00; 40-Day Memorial \$35.00; Baptism \$75.00; Wedding \$300.00; Funeral \$300.00.



## Divine Liturgy Intentions



**TODAY, JANUARY 30, AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021: NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER. SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON.**

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

- + **ADEL BATAL** By the Family.
- + **WAYNE LACY (1 st Anniv.)** by his wife Helen & Family.
- + **MANNY VINCENT ( 3<sup>r</sup> Anniv.)** by his wife Madeline Vincent & his Family.
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA (Birthday Remem.)** by his brothers & sisters & Family.
- + **MICHAEL MASSUD ( Birthday Remem. )** by Richard, Christine, Rebecca & Marissa Barrett.
- + **MARY TAHAN** by Joyce & Bob Perry.
- + **BARBARA CIMINI** by Cheryl & Stanley Balon.
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg and Katie.

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

- + **ADEL BATAL** by the Family
- + **LINDA KOUSSA (Birthday Remem.)** by her Family.
- + **ZEEKY (JERRY) KOUSSA (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by his wife & children.
- + **ELAINE LAYTON** by Ron & Mary DiGregorio & Family.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by George & Kristen Baabalki & Family..
- + **FUAD & ALICE BRAHIMSHA** by Tony & Myrna Brahimsa.
- + **GABRIEL & DORIS ALTONGY** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **ALICE SARKAS NASSANEY** by Dennis Dakake.
- + **ALBERT ALBA, SR.** by the Alba Family.
- + **LINDA ALKHOULY HADDAD** by John & Najat Alkhoury & Family.
- + **YUSEF AGHIA** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Wayne & Judy Rawan & Family.
- + **ELIAS, RAYMOND, FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Michael & Lina Raheb.
- + **ROBERT D. KING, SR.** by Joe & Najat Charchafiah.
- + **RUTH PERRY** by Kenneth, Ann, Allyson & Kimberly Sabbagh.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR.** by Dennis Dakake.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Dr. Roland & Micheline Ghanem.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Irene Balon.
- + **YOUSSEF MADOUR** by Thomas Khoury.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Tony & Andree Charchafiah.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by Charles & Francine Robot.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Mrs. Sarah Peters.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Nelly Kishfy.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by M/M Joseph Saggal.



### Prayer for the dead



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

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





# New relationship with the Father



The parable of the Prodigal Son is likely one of the most quoted and most versatile of all the stories in the Gospel. And it is so because at various times in our lives it is easy to identify with one or all of these three characters. Of course our motives for identifying with them can be mixed, such as when we prefer to put ourselves in the shoes of the generous father. He has been deeply wronged, and his youngest son has been a keen disappointment. We've all been there. And there is more than a hint of disappointment to be found in the eldest son, who complains that he has not gotten proper recognition from the father. We've all been the aggrieved elder brother. But unlike the father, are there times when we've preferred to wallow in our grief and refuse to turn the page and move on?

We've also been in the shoes of the penitential son, who returns hat in hand from a wasted life, hoping to begin all over again. If the truth be told, most of us have a hard time imagining ourselves doing horrible things from which we need to repent. Repentance and change of life are generally what other people need to do, and each of us, without much trouble, could compile a list of friends and neighbors who are in need of a healthy dose of repentance.

More often than not, however, many of us prefer to be the older brother. We've been good boys and girls throughout life, been well-behaved, worked hard. But why is it that all the wicked people around us seem to prosper? Where is justice in this world?

So we end up with a story in which one person desperately wants forgiveness; a second wants to give it freely; and a third begrudges the easy forgiveness that the undeserving brother gets. But therein is the struggle that goes on daily in our lives.

Just for today let's pretend that we are not the generous father. Let's pretend that we are not the virtuous older brother who does everything right and gets so little recognition in return. For a moment, let's pretend, hypothetically of course, that we are the younger brother – the sinner, the wastrel, the guy who needs to turn his life around. If you have to, stretch your imagination on this, even if you've never been there.

For years there was an element in this parable that had never occurred to me, until someone pointed out to me how unconditional the father's love really is. There is no sequel to this parable, but if there were, it would not include a scene like this. Having forgiven his son on Monday, the father wakes up on Tuesday and begins a lifetime of nagging his son – a lifetime of reminding his son of how much he had forgiven him. On the contrary, the parable assumes there will be no daily reminders of the ridiculous life his son had led, because the father has moved on emotionally. He's wiped the son's slate clean, but the father has also rid himself of any memory of disappointment that could haunt him for the rest of his life. He counts his blessings and leaves the burden of his son's sins behind

him.

And so for the father this story of forgiveness is wonderfully liberating. But it is liberating for the son too. For the son the reconciliation is genuine. There is no burden of sin to contend with. There is the joy of having a clean slate on which to write the next stage of his life, and an

appreciation of how generous his father had been. And while the absence of a sequel to the parable lets us guess, I'd like to think that on Tuesday the prodigal son starts his life all over – with a vengeance. We have to assume that after forgiveness on Monday, he does not resume his old ways on Tuesday. Instead, there is a genuine conversion experience. He's gotten another chance, and with forgiveness has come responsibility. With his father's forgiveness and love, he now can't go back. His commitment must be total and complete and be lived out every day. He must be a new man, building on the gifts that were already there but never used before.

There's one other piece to the parable that makes it perfect for this Investiture vigil. At the welcome home, after the son has repented and committed himself to a new life, the father clothes him in a colorful robe. Whatever else that robing accomplished, it most definitely was not meant to honor his son's past life. Rather, it was a sign to the son and to everyone else that something important had taken place. He was the same old son, but he is a new son, and acceptance of the robe is a sign of a covenant between the repentant son and the loving father. The son cannot go back to the old ways, because the robe is a reminder to everyone of the new responsibility that the son accepts.

You and I are repentant sons and daughters as we approach the altar this afternoon. God is our loving father, and we know that his forgiveness is complete. We should also know that if today we are the perfect and aggrieved elder brother, then we don't need the robe that symbolizes a change of life. The robe is for those who need to repent; the robe is for those who commit their lives in response to a loving father.

**Shortly you will each be clothed in the robe that is a sign of our commitment to walk in the steps of a loving father. As such, we are all prodigal sons and daughters. But like the prodigal son, be sure of your willingness to make the confession of sin to our loving Father; be sure of your willingness to start life anew in a very special relationship with God; be sure that you can accept the responsibility to live in this covenant you make with God. The Lord invites us as a loving Father to confess, to amend our lives, and to walk always in his paths. If we choose to do this, the Lord will always walk with us.**

# زمن التيرودي... زمن الرجوع إلى الله



«إنسان كان له ابنان:»

ماذا يمثل هذان الابنان؟ للقديس كيرلس الكبير رأي في ذلك:

«هناك رأي لبعض يقول إن الابنين يُمثّلان: الملائكة القديسين، ونحن سكان الأرض. فالابن الأكبر، الذي يقي في البيت آمناً يُمثّل شركة الملائكة القديسين، بينما الابن الأصغر أو الضال يمثّل الجنس البشري. والبعض الآخر يُفسّر تفسيراً آخر فيقول: إن الابن الأكبر ذا السلوك الحسن يمثل إسرائيل حسب الجسد؛ بينما الابن الآخر، الذي اختار العيش في التمتّع بالملذات وانتقل بعيداً عن أبيه، يمثل جماعة الأمم» (2).

تَرَكَ الابن الأصغر لأبيه:

اعتبر الآباء أن ترك الابن الأصغر لأبيه يمثّل ترك الإنسان لنفسه، إذا جاز هذا التعبير، فيقول القديس أمبروسوس بهذا الصدد:

«تعلّمون أن الميراث الإلهي يُعطى لمن يسأله. فلا ينبغي أن تُفكروا أن الأب كان مُخطئاً حين أعطى الابن الأصغر (النصيب) الذي يخصه. فلا يوجد عُمر يعجز عن بلوغ الملكوت، كما لا يُقاس الإيمان بعدد السنين في الإيمان. فالابن الذي طلب الميراث، بالتأكيد حكم على نفسه أنه مستحق أن يأخذ ما له. ولكن بعد أن ذهب بعيداً، فهو يمثل الذي غادر الكنيسة ثم بَدُرَ ميراثه. يقول الكتاب: «وبعد أيام ليست بكثيرة جمع الابن الأصغر كل شيء وسافر إلى كورة بعيدة» (لو 15:13).

وماذا يكون أبعد من أن يسافر الإنسان بعيداً عن نفسه، وليس مجرد عن مكان ما؟... حقاً إن من يفصل نفسه عن المسيح هو متنفّذ بعيداً عن وطنه، لقد أصبح مواطناً للعالم. نحن لسنا غرباء ونُزلاء بل نحن «رعية مع القديسين وأهل بيت الله» (أف 2:19)؛ لأننا كنا من قبل بعيدين، ولكننا صرنا قريبين بدم المسيح (أف 2:13).

لا يصحّ أن ننظر بازدرار للعائدين من الأرض البعيدة، لأننا نحن أيضاً كنا في أرض بعيدة، كما يُعلّم إشعياء: «الجالسون في أرض ظلال الموت أشرق عليهم نور» (إش 2:9).

هناك دائرة متسعة لظلال الموت، ولكننا نعيش الآن في ظل المسيح. لهذا تقول الكنيسة: «تحت ظلّه اشتبهت أن أجلس» (نش 3:2) [(3)].

«حدث جوع شديد في تلك الكورة» (لو 14:15):

يتابع القديس أمبروسوس شرحه فيقول:

«لم يكن جوع بسبب صوم، ولكن جوع إلى الأعمال الصالحة والفضائل. وما أصعب هذا الجوع! حقاً إن من يُفارق كلمة الله فإنه يجوع، لأنه «ليس بالخبز وحده يحيا الإنسان بل بكل كلمة من الله» (لو 4:4). فمن يترك كنزاً فإنه حتماً يحتاج. ومن يترك الحكمة فإنه حتماً يصير غيباً. ومن يترك الفضيلة فإنه حتماً يهلك. أمّر طبيعي جداً أن يبدأ (الإنسان) في الاحتياج، لأنه ترك كنوز الحكمة ومعرفة الله (كو 3:2)، وأعماق الغنى السماوي؛ فابتدأ يحتاج، وهكذا عانى الجوع، لأنه ليس هناك ما يُشبع الملذات الطائشة. من لا يعرف كيف يمتلئ من الشبع الأبدي، فإنه دائماً يُعاني من المجاعة» [(4)].

«فمضى والتصق بواحدٍ من أهل تلك الكورة» (لو 15:15):

من يكون هذا «الواحد» الذي مضى إليه الابن الأصغر؟ يشرح ذلك القديس أمبروسوس:

«كل من التصق بآخر فهو في فخّ. وهذا الواحد الذي من أهل تلك الكورة هو رئيس هذا العالم (يو 31:12؛ 30:14؛ 11:16). لقد أرسل الابن الضال إلى الحقول، التي كان قد اشتراها هذا الرجل الذي عزل نفسه عن المملكة (لو 14:18). كان الابن يرعى الخنازير، تلك التي يشاء إبليس أن يدخل فيها، وهؤلاء قد طرحهم إلى بحر العالم حيث يعيشون في الفسق والفجور (انظر مت 31:8-32). وهناك من يُفسّرون الخنازير على أنها أعداد الشياطين، أما الخرنوب فيرمز إلى فقدان الفضيلة عند أدنياء الناس» [(5)].

الاعتراف الأول: «يا أي أخطأتُ إلى السماء وقَدّامك:»

نعود أيضاً إلى القديس أمبروسوس حيث يكمّل قائلاً:

«هذا هو الاعتراف الأول أمام خالق الطبيعة، آب الرحمة، والقاضي ضد الخطية. رغم أن الله يعلم كل شيء (راجع أسير 4:17 حسب السبعينية، يو 17:21)، فهو ينتظر كلمات اعترافك... اعترف، حتى يشفع المسيح من أجلك، الذي هو لنا شفيع لدى الأب (1 يو 2:1). اعترف، حتى تصلي الكنيسة من أجلك وبنيك الناس من أجلك. لا تخف من أن لا تنال الغفران. لقد وعد الشفيع بالغفران، الأب يمنح النعمة، المُدافع عنا يُعِدُّ بالمصالحة مع مسرة الأب بك. آمن لأن هذه هي

الحقيقة (راجع يو 6:14؛ 1 يو 5:6).

عُدّ إلى رشدك لأن ذلك فضيلة. هو لديه السند لكي يشفع لك، وإلاّ يكون قد مات عنك باطلاً (راجع غلاطية 2:21). والأب أيضاً له سند للغفران، لأن الأب يريد ما يريده الابن» [(6)].

«لستُ مستحقاً أن أدعى لك ابناً. اجعلي كأحد أجراءك» (لو 15:19):

نتابع القديس أمبروسوس في شرحه لإنجيل لوقا:

«كان الابن الضال في هذه الحالة متضعضعاً، وحالته المتضعضة سوف ترفعه: «اجعلي كأحد أجراءك»، هناك فرق بين الأبناء والأصدقاء وبين الأجراء والعبيد. أنت ابن بالمعمودية، وحبیب من خلال الفضيلة، وأجير من خلال العمل، ولكنك تصير عبداً من خلال الخوف. الأصدقاء يمكن أن يكونوا سابقاً من بين العبيد والأجراء، حسب المكتوب: «أنتم أحبائي إن فعلتم ما أمركم به. لا أعود أسَمِّيكُم عبيداً» (يو 15:14-15) [(7)].

«فقام وجاء إلى أبيه. وإذ كان لم يزل بعيداً، رآه أبوه فتحنن، وركض، ووقع على عنقه، وقبّله» (لو 20:15):

الأب هو الذي يبدأ المصالحة، وهكذا يتابع القديس أمبروسوس فيقول:

«المسيح يختار القائمين. فمّم واركض إلى الكنيسة. هنا الأب والابن والروح القدس. هذا الذي يسمعك سبق أن أطلع على أفكارك المخفية في عقلك، ف «ركض» نحوك (مثل الأب في مثل الابن الضال). وحينما تكون بعيداً، يراك ويركض إليك. يرى ما في قلبك. يركض إليك لنلا يعوقك أحد، ويعانقك. إن ركضه نحوك، يُعبّر عن معرفته السابقة بك، وعن رحمته التي ظهرت في عناقه واستعلائه المحبة الأبوية. إنه يقع على عنقك لكي يرفع الإنسان المنكسر. والمثقل بالخطايا، ثم يُجده بعد أن مال إلى الأضيات، فيُعيدّه إلى السماء. المسيح يقع على عنقك لكي يُحرّر عنقك من نير العبودية، ويضع يده الحلو على أكتافك (راجع مت 30:11) [(8)].

الأب يقبل الابن الضال، ويدعوهُ إلى الغرس الإلهي كابن:

هذه بالتأكيد مضادة فكرية! ولكن لها هدف - كما ذكرنا من قبل - وهو أن نفرح بتوبة الخطاة. يقول القديس أناسيوس الرسولي في رسالته الفصحية السابعة:

«حينئذ يقوم ويأتي إلى أبيه، ويعترف له: «أخطأتُ إلى السماء وقَدّامك، ولستُ مستحقاً بعد أن أدعى لك ابناً». «حين يعترف الابن العائد، فهو بهذا يُحسب أنه مستحق أكثر مما كان يفكر. أما أبوه فلا يأخذه كأحد الأجراء، ولا يعامله كغريب؛ بل بالعكس، فإنه يُقبّله كابن، ويُقبّله كإنسان كان ميتاً فعاش، ويحسبه مستحقاً للغرس الإلهي، ويُلبسه الثوب الثمين الذي كان يلبسه.

وهناك في هذا المثال، فرح وترتيل في بيت الأب. ما حدث هو نتيجة لنعمة الأب ومحبته، لأنه ليس فقط يعود بالابن من الموت إلى الحياة؛ بل يُظهر نعمته بالروح بوضوح. ولكي يستبدل الفساد ألبسه ثوباً عديم الفساد. ولكي يُشبع الجائع، فإنه يذبح العجل المُسمّن. ويوفّر الأب له حذاءً في رجليه حتى لا يسافر بعيداً (أي إلى طريق الشر فيما بعد). وأجمل الكل أن يجعل خاتماً في يده، أي يلده جديداً في صورة مجد المسيح» [(9)].

الابن الأكبر وأبوه:

الآباء الحاذقون في التفسير أعطونا تفسيراً مقنعاً عن موقف الابن الأكبر تجاه أبيه. أهم هؤلاء هو القديس كيرلس الكبير الذي ذكرنا رأيه من قبل، أنّ الابن الأكبر يُمثّل شركة الملائكة القديسين، ويُضيف:

«إن كان أحد يقول إن الابن العاقل والعفيف يرمز إلى إسرائيل حسب الجسد، فلا يمكن أن نوافق على هذا الرأي. فإنه من غير المناسب أن نقول إن شعب إسرائيل قد اختار الحياة التي بلا عيب. فخلال كل الكتاب المقدس الموحى به، نراهم وقد سقطوا في التذمّر وعدم الطاعة ...

وإن ظن أحد أن الابن العاقل والعفيف يعني إسرائيل، فكيف يقول إسرائيل لأبيه بجسارة إنه لم يُعطَ. هـ جذياً؟ وسواء قلنا جديداً أم حملاً، فإن المسيح يُفهم على أنه الذبيحة المقدّمة عن الخطية. وهو لم يُقدّم كفدية عن الأمم فقط، بل وأيضاً لكي يفدي إسرائيل، الذي لأجل تكرار تعذيبه للناموس، أتى باللوم الكثير على نفسه. يشهد بذلك بولس الحكيم قائلاً: «يسوع أيضاً لكي يُقدّس الشعب بدم نفسه تألم خارج الباب»





# JANUARY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## JANUARY



كانون الثاني - يناير  
2021

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Liturgical Symbols:  
 Church Major Feasts  
 Abstain from meat  
 Fast from midnight until noon  
 Lenten Season

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Sunday of the Prodigal Son الأحد الابن الضال 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32					<b>1</b> St Basil the Great Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ ختان الرب Colossians 2:8-12 Luke 2:20-22, 40-52	<b>2</b> Pope Sylvester Saturday before Theophany السبت قبل الظهور الإلهي 1 Timothy 3:13-4:5 Matthew 3:1-6
<b>3</b> Sunday before Theophany الأحد قبل الظهور الإلهي 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Mark 1:1-8	<b>4</b> Synaxis of the 70 disciples 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:18-28	<b>5</b> Paschomy of Theophany بارموني الظهور الإلهي (الغسل) 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Luke 3:1-18	<b>6</b> Theophany of our Lord عيد الظهور الإلهي (الغسل) Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Matthew 3:13-17	<b>7</b> Synaxis of John the Baptist السابق المجيد يوحنا المعمدان Acts 19:1-8 John 1:29-34	<b>8</b> St Dominica 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 John 3:22-33	<b>9</b> Saturday after Theophany السبت بعد الظهور الإلهي Ephesians 6:10-17 Matthew 4:1-11
<b>10</b> Sunday after Theophany الأحد بعد الظهور الإلهي Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17	<b>11</b> St Theodosios Hebrews 13:7-16 Luke 3:19-22	<b>12</b> St Tatiana 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 John 10:39-42	<b>13</b> Sts Emylios and Stratonicos 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 20:1-8	<b>14</b> Leave-taking of Theophany وداع الظهور الإلهي Hebrews 10:32-38 Luke 12:32-40	<b>15</b> St Paul of Thobas Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 12:32-40	<b>16</b> Veneration of the Chains of St Peter the Apostle Acts 12:1-11 John 21:14-25
<b>17</b> St Anthony the Great 19th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس عشر بعد الصليب Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 19:1-10	<b>18</b> Sts Athanasios and Cyril Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	<b>19</b> St Macarios the Egyptian 1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27	<b>20</b> St Euthymios the Great 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:17-23	<b>21</b> St Maximos the Confessor 1 Peter 4:12-5:5 Mark 12:38-44	<b>22</b> St Timothy the Apostle 2 Peter 1:1-10 Mark 13:1-8	<b>23</b> St Clement of Ankyra 2 Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8
<b>24</b> Publican & Pharisee Sunday الأحد الفريسي والمفتري 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14	<b>25</b> St Gregory the Theologian Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	<b>26</b> St Xenophon and relatives 2 Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23	<b>27</b> Relics of John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	<b>28</b> St Ephrem the Syrian 1 John 1:8-2:6 Mark 13:31-14:2	<b>29</b> Relics of St Ignatius 1 John 2:7-17 Mark 14:3-9	<b>30</b> The Three Hierarchs Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19

“IF GOD IS WITH US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?” (RM 8:31)

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

At your command, the sick were made well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

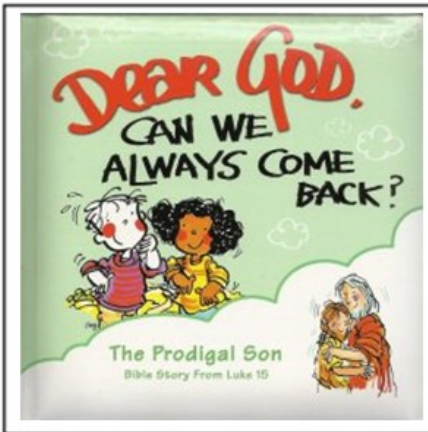
Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

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

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

# Following Jesus

## Kids bulletin



Jesus told a story about God's mercy: A man had two sons. The younger one said, 'Father, give me my share of your estate.'



After taking his money, the son left to a far country and squandered his wealth.



Soon, he had to work in a pig farm to feed himself. He felt sorry for his sins and decided to go home to beg for forgiveness.



As he approached his house, his father came out to hug him. The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'



The father told the servants to prepare a big feast as he said, 'My son was dead, and is alive again!'



The elder son was angry when he heard this but his father said, 'Son, all that is mine is yours. We should rejoice for your brother was lost and is found!'



This story shows how God is like. He is a Father Who forgives us despite our past wrong-doings and He asks us to forgive those who have hurt us. He eagerly waits for us to return to Him everyday!



**"I will be merciful  
and remember their  
sins no more."  
Hebrews 8:12**

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

*Remember me in your Kingdom*

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

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



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

For tickets or more information please contact:

- Sandra (Elias) Longtin, 401-617-8433
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Thank you for your continued prayer and generosity.

# Alerts and Latest Guidance

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

## REOPENING RI

### Wear a mask that protects you and others

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



#### RECOMMENDED

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



#### NOT RECOMMENDED

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

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

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