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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgies

Sunday Divine Liturgy
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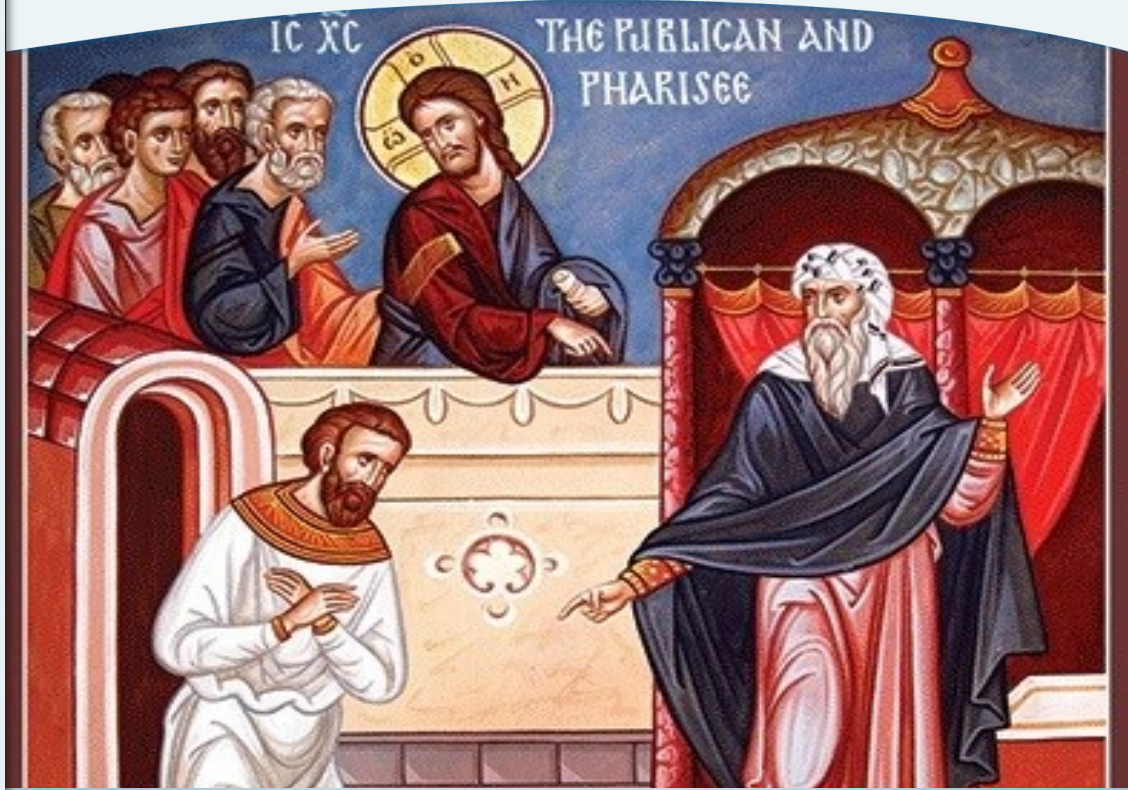
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
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Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

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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 Pharisee and the Publican

أحد الفريسي والعشار

Antiphon Prayer

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 (1st tone)

After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching Your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers cried out to you, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your economy, O You who alone are the lover of mankind!"

Troparion of St Basil The Great

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.

صلاة الأنديفوننة

أيها المسيح إلهنا الحقيقي، يا من حكم على الفريسي المفتخر بأعماله، وبرّر العشار المنحني بالتوبة، نسأل مراحمك ان تهبنا قلوباً مُنسحقة نادمة، وننير ضمائرنا لنعرف خفيّاتنا ونقرّ بأخطائنا، ونصفخ عن سيناتنا، مُعيداً إلينا البرارة التي فقدناها بعصياننا أوامرِكَ الإلهية لأنك أنت وحدك رحيمٌ وغفور، واليك نرفع المجد، وإلى أبليك الأزلي وروحك القدس، الصالح والمحيي، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين. آمين.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الاول

إن الحجر ختمه اليهود، وجسدك الطاهر حرسه الجنود. لكنك قمت في اليوم الثالث، أيها الخالص، واهباً للعالم الحياة. لذلك قوات السماوات هتفت اليك، يا مُعطي الحياة: المجد لقيامتك أيها المسيح. المجد لمليك. المجد لتدبيرك، يا محب البشر وحدك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فإنها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بينت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب الباهر ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.





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>



Kondakion of the Presentation of our Lord

O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have blessed the arms of Simon, You have come today to save us. When wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.

Epistle of the Pharisee & the Publican, 2 Timothy 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.

قنداق دخول ربنا يسوع المسيح الى الهيكل-
 اللحن الاول
 أيها المسيح الاله، يا من بمولده قدس
 المستودع البتولي، وبارك يدي سمعان كما
 يليق. لقد بادرت الآن ايضا وخلصتنا. فاحفظ
 رعتك بسلام في الحروب. وأيد الملوك الذين
 أحببتهم أيها المحب البشري وحذك.

مقدمة الرسالة

انذروا وأوفوا الرب إلهنا كل الذين حولهُ بأنون
 بهدايا

الله معروف في يهوذا واسمه عظيم في إسرائيل
 الرسالة (2 تيموثاوس 3: 10-15)

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، إنك تتبعت تعليمي
 وسيرتي وقصدي، وإيماني وطول أناتي،
 ومحبي وصبري، واضطهاداتي وآلامي، تلك
 التي أصابتنني في انطاكية وإيقونية ولسترة، وأي
 اضطهاداتي احتملت. وقد أنقذني الرب من
 جميعها. وجميع الذين يريدون أن يحيوا
 بالتقوى في المسيح يسوع يضطهدون. أما
 الأشرار والمغوون من الناس فيزدادون شرًا،
 مُضِلِّين ومُضِلِّين. وأنت فاستمر على ما
 تعلمته وأمنت به، عارفًا ممن تعلمت. وأنت
 منذ الطفولية تعرف الكتب المقدسة، القادرة
 أن تُصيرك حكيماً للخلاص، بالآيمان الذي
 بالمسيح يسوع.

هللوا

هللوا نبتعج بالرب، ونهلل لله مخلصنا
 لنبادر إلى وجهه بالاعتراف، وبالمزامير نهلل له.

أنجيل الفريسي والعشار (لوقا 18: 10-14)

قال الرب هذا المثل: رجلان صعدا الى الهيكل
 ليصليا، أحدهما فريسي. والآخر عشار.
 فالفريسي انتصب يصلي في نفسه هكذا. اللهم
 أنا اشكرك لأني لست كسائر الناس الخطفية
 الظالمين الفاسقين. ولا مثل هذا العشار. إني
 أصوم في الأسبوع مرتين، وأعشر كل ما هو لي.
 وأما العشار فوقف عن بُعد ولم يرد حتى أن
 يرفع عينيه إلى السماء. بل كان يقرع صدره
 قائلاً: اللهم اغفر لي أنا الخاطئ. أقول لكم: إن
 هذا نزل إلى بيته مبرراً دون ذلك. لأن كل من
 رفع



You Yourself have shown us, O Christ, that the best path to exaltation is humility; and You have emptied Yourself and taken the form of a servant. You have not harkened to the arrogant prayer of the Pharisee, but in heaven You have accepted the contrite sighing of the Publican as a blameless sacrifice. Therefore I also cry to You: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, my Saviour, and save me.



Prayer for the dead

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

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



Divine Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023: TENTH SUNDAY BEFORE PASCHA. SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE & PUBLICAN

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL MASSUD (Birthday Remem.)** by his wife, children & grandchildren.
- + **WAYNE LACY** by his wife, Helen Lacy & Family.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK (3rd Anniv.)** by his children & grandchildren.
- + **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 & Katie.
- + **M/M CHARLES & HELEN SARKAS** by the Family.

11:15 DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **VIOLETTE (HAGGAR) SAGGAL (Australia)** by Eugenie & Mary Mashata.
- + **JEANNETTE AYOUB DAIKH (Aleppo, Syria)** by M/M Justin Boudjouk & Family.
- + **MARIE SAURIOL** by Dr. George & Mrs. Carol Daikh & Family.
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** Kevin J. Kishfy.
- + **EFRAIN MARTINEZ** by Daad Mardenly.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Bud & Mary Saggal & Family.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 22, 2023: Budgets: \$3,199.00; Envelopes: \$3,098.00; Loose: \$101.00; Candles: \$111.00; Building Fund: \$210; Stole Offerings: \$455.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$50.00; Initial Offerings: \$5.00; Melkite Support: \$5.0

TODAY, JANUARY 29th, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT.** Please help subsidize our monthly payment for the operation of our Diocese. Kindly give generously so that they will meet their expenses on an ongoing basis..

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS,** please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

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.

2023 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available – free for the taking – at both entrances 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.

ENVELOPE USERS: It would be helpful to us if you could please check off the amount on the outside of the budget envelope. This will allow for more efficiency and accuracy in the recording of your budgets. Thank you kindly! Also, it has been observed that some people have forgotten to fill their budget envelopes with their offering (some sealed, others unsealed), and it is awkward to put us in this kind of position. We humbly ask you to be more careful in this regard.

IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE: Please continue to remember in your prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and 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.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: It's not too late to **give an end-of-year tax deductible gift** to thank God for all the blessings you and your family have received in 2022. December 31st, 2022, the annual Bishop's Appeal officially ended in all parishes. However, gifts to the Bishop's Appeal will continue to be received and credited to our parish until 31 January 2023, for all who make end-of-year donations. Your gift means so much to so many! Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Francois, thanks you for your generous support and asks God's abundant blessings upon you and all your family as we ushered in this New Year of grace!

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE is underway. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 146-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic in your mailbox each week, please either drop the specially marked parish budget envelope into the collection basket at Liturgy, call Circulation Manager Sue Richard at 401-272- 1010 ext. 0, or visit the newspaper's website, www.thericatholic.com, and click on Subscribe to order and pay for a subscription. The cost for a year of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only \$30.

Online payments, checks or money orders (made payable to Rhode Island Catholic) is preferred.

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,
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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.





NO COST MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Medical Equipment for home use only to those in need and the willingness to return when no longer needed. wheelchairs ,Electric beds, hoier lifts, crutches, shower chairs etc.

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CLEANLINESS & HEALTH: Please pick up after yourselves and the children during and following Coffee Hour; insects and rodents are attracted by what we leave throughout and around the interior and exterior of the building; it takes but a few moments to clean up well. Cultural Center, kitchen, and bar should always be free of open food items. Everyone: please take note. Hall dining tables, coffee serving areas, stainless steel tables, counters, sinks, stove, etc. should be soap washed after every use and before leaving the building. The custodian does not always come in on our desired schedule. Thank you!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, 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.

EPHESIANS 4:22-24: Many of us like to make resolutions in the new year. It's a great idea to get off to a fresh start and begin now, good habits. Ephesians 4:22-24 speaks to this.

FEBRUARY 2ND

Feast of the PRESENTATION of our Lord, God and Savior JESUS CHRIST to the Temple, and PURIFICATION of the Blessed VIRGIN MARY

In the Byzantine Rite, the title of this feast is Hypapanty, a Greek word that signifies "Meeting" for the Presentation is in fact the first meeting of the Lord with his people. The birth of Christ, the adoration of the shepherds and wise men had been confined to the small circle of the Holy Family's abode. Today, Christ appears in the midst of his people, for Simeon and the Prophetess Anna represent the elect. Christ, being an infant at the time, acted through his Mother Mary's miraculous motherhood placed her above the Mosaic Law, yet she chose to obey it. Forty days after the birth of her Son, she went to Jerusalem in order to offer the prescribed sacrifice: a lamb, or if the parents' means did not permit it, two doves or two young pigeons.

The Church has maintained until the present day the meaningful ceremony of "churching."

REFLECTION: "Any fool can know. The point is to understand." - Albert Einstein

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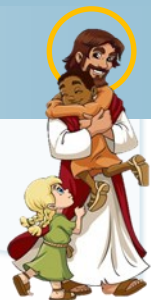
THE MEETING OF OUR LORD



We will be celebrating
**THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S
ENCOUNTER IN THE TEMPLE**
on Thursday, Feb 2nd at 9:00 a.m.
at St. Elias's Chapel

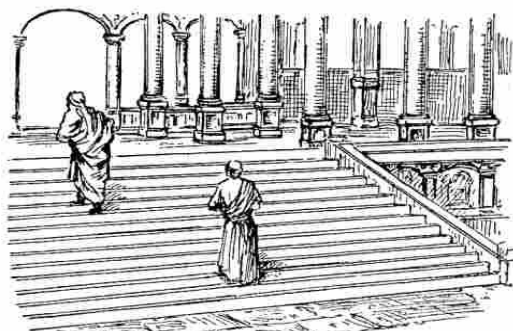
At this feast we bless candles,
remembering that Christ is the light of the world.

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN.

And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and



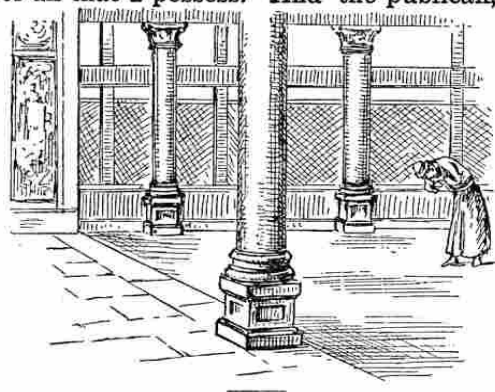
to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee



thus with
himself, God,
I thank thee,
that I am
not as other



are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican,



would not lift
up so much
as his eyes
unto heaven,
but smote



saying, God be
merciful to me
a sinner. I tell
you, this man



justified rather than
the other: for every
one that exalteth himself
shall be abased; and
he that humbleth
himself shall be exalted.

THE TRIODION PERIOD

Mankind's return to God, our loving Father



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 Catholic/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 sinning 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 25:31-46) 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. (+)

زمن التريودي... زمن الرجوع إلى الله

- كلمة تريودي:

هي كلمة يونانية تعني ثلاث أوديات أي قصائد، فكلمة أودية ὁδὸς تشير إلى قصائد من المدح أو التسبيح، وهي من فعل «أغنى» αἰδῶ. وقد سُميت هذه الفترة "تريودي" لأننا نستعير فيها عن القوانين (التسايج) التي فيها ٩ أوديات (قصائد) بكتاب التريودي الطقسي الذي يقتصر على ٣ أوديات.



بسبب خطاياه، خير من أن يقيم الموتى. والذي استحق أن يبصر خطاياه، خير له من أن يبصر ملائكة.

من يخال نفسه أنه بلا خطيئة يضل ويكون متكبراً (ايوحنا 8:1). نحن في حاجة دائمة إلى أن نصرخ مع العشار "اللهم ارحمني أنا الخاطئ" (لوقا 13:18). مهما نفتن من الفضائل فلنذكر دائماً أننا ضعفاء معرضون لأن نخطئ

ولنطلب الرحمة والغفران من الله.

٢- أحد الابن الشاطر: (لوقا 11:32-15)

في هذا الأحد يُتلى المثل الذي ساقه الربّ عن الابن الصال الذي بدّد ثروة أبيه ثمّ تاب وعاد إليه. يُدعى "الشاطر" لأنه "شطر" ميراث أبيه وأخذ قسمه على حياة والده.

المغزى من هذا المثل محبة الله اللامتناهية وهو الذي ينتظر عودتنا إليه. نحن جميعنا أبناء الله بالتبني، فالتوبة الصادقة الحقيقية هي قيامه وحياة.

ومن أجمل ما في هذا المثل عبارة " فرجع إلى نفسه ". الرجوع هو نقطة تحوّل وتصويب. فحينما يهدأ الإنسان من الداخل يبدأ يفكر في حاله ويكتشف أن لا سلام ولا خلاص ولا طمأنينة إلا في العودة إلى البيت الأبوي الحاضن، وخاصة بعد أن يدرك مرارة التغرّب عن الله وحلاوة العودة إليه.

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

في هذا الأحد يُتلى إنجيل الدينونة، كما يصف السيّد المسيح نفسه مجيئه الثاني في إنجيل متى. يشبه البشر الذين خلقهم بالماشية، لأن صورة الراعي صورة شائعة عن الله في العهد القديم، كما أنها صورة شائعة عن الكهنة (أنظر نبوءات إشعيا وإرميا وحزقيال 34:11).

وفي العهد الجديد يشبه المسيح نفسه بالراعي، علماً بأنه أيضاً الحمل الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. ولأنه تألم من أجلنا وحدها مجتبه نستطيع أن تدين جحود العالم.

المغزى من هذا الإنجيل في أحد مرفع اللحم أن يدرك المرء أهمية المحبة الصادقة تجاه الآخرين لأن الآخر هو الربّ يسوع المسيح نفسه. وهنا نحن نقف أمامه. الإنسان يدين نفسه بنفسه، فكلّ أعماله تُكشف كما هي أمام حكم الله العادل.

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

فنداق أحد مرفع اللحم باللحن الأول

إذا أتيت يا الله على الأرض بمجد، فترنّد منك البرايا بأسرها، ونهزّ التار يجري أمام المنبر، والمصاحف تفتح والخفايا تُشهر. فنحن من التار التي لا تطفأ، وأهلني للوقوف عن يمينك، أيها الديان العادل.

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

هو أيضاً ذكرى طرد آدم من الفردوس. في هذا الأحد قبل بدء الصوم الكبير، تتلو الكنيسة إنجيل من العظة على الجبل، وتشدّد على أهمية الرحمة والمصالحة مع الناس قبل تقرب ذبيحة الصوم.

المغزى من هذا الإنجيل في الأحد قبل بدء الصوم هو إدراك أهمية الغفران. فنحن نطلب من الله أن يغفر لنا خطايانا بعد أن نسامح الآخرين، وهذا شرط أساسي لا مفرّ منه. لا يمكننا أن نصوم ونحقد! فالله لا يقبل صلاة الحقد!

إن الصوم هو رحلة المصالحة مع الله. ولكيّ الربّ يساونا بنفسه، لا بل يساوي قريتنا بنفسه. ويقول: إن لم تصالح قريبك لا تستطيع أن تصالحني، والعكس صحيح. لم يعلّق الربّ يسوع على أيّ طلب في الصلاة الربانية سوى طلب الغفران: " فإنه إن غفرت للناس زلاتهم يغفر لكم أيضاً أبوكم السماوي. وإن لم تغفروا للناس زلاتهم لا يغفر لكم أبوكم أيضاً زلاتكم (متى 6:14-15) ". ابتداءً من هذا الأحد يبدأ الصوم الكامل بالانقطاع عن الزفرين.

ب- المرحلة الثانية الصوم الأربعيني:

تتضمّن هذه المرحلة خمس آحاد: أحد الأرثوذكسية - أحد القديس غريغوريوس بالاماس - أحد السجود للصليب المقدس - أحد القديس يوحنا السلمى - أحد القديسة مريم المصرية.

يأخذ التريودي اسمه من الكتاب نستعمله في هذا الزمن الكنسيّ.

- بدايته:

يبدأ التريودي مع أحد الفريسي والعشار ويستمرّ حتّى يوم السبت العظيم. هو زمن خشوعيّ بامتياز يرجع فيه الإنسان إلى نفسه وإلى الله ليقوم مع المسيح خليفة جديدة إن تاب توبة صادقة. إنّه زمن تطهير الذات وصرخة «يا الله ارحمني أنا الخاطئ». هذا ما نقرأه حقيقة في السنكسار من مطلع التريودي: "يا مبدع كلّ شيء سماوياً كان أم أرضياً اقبل أمّا من الملائكة فتسبيحاً ثالوثياً، وأمّا من البشر فتريودياً شريفاً خشوعياً".

السماء والأرض تؤلّفان حقّاً واحداً، الملائكة والبشر تتألّفان في تسبيح "مبدع كلّ شيء"، الملائكة تشدّد تسبيحاً مثلث التقديس (تريصاجيون) قدّوس قدّوس قدّوس... والبشر تجيب بأودية تسبيح ثالوثية (تريوديون) شريفة خشوعية.

يقول كاتب سنكسار التريودي نيكيفوروس كالستوس كسانتوبولس إنّ أوّل ناظمي الأوديات الثلاث هو قزما المنشئ أسقف مايوما الذي رتبها كي تكون رسماً للثالوث الأقدس عنصر الحياة، وهذه الأوديات ترتل في الأسبوع العظيم. ثم تلاه مؤلفون عديدون منهم ثاودوروس ويوسيف من دير ستوديون في القسطنطينية، وقد ألفا قوانين لأسابيع الصوم الأربعيني.

- المراحل الثلاث الأساسية:

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

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

أ- المرحلة الأولى هي فترة التهيئة:

المرحلة الأولى هي فترة التهيئة للصوم، وتمتد لشهر وتتضمّن أربعة آحاد هي: الفريسي والعشار - الابن الشاطر - الدينونة (مرفع اللحم) - الغفران (مرفع الجبن).

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

1- أحد الفريسيّ والعشار: (لوقا ١٨:٩-١٤)

في هذا الأحد يُتلى المثل الذي ساقه الربّ عن فضيلتي التوبة والتواضع، مبيّناً كم هما محبوبتان لدى الله، أكثر من الذبائح والعبادة الظاهرية المرفقة بروح الكبرياء والتعالي على الآخرين.

تالياً، تنبّهنا الكنيسة أنّ حجر الأساس لفترة الصوم هو التواضع المقرون بالتوبة.

المغزى من وضع إنجيل الفريسي والعشار في الأحد الأوّل الذي يفتح زمن التريودي هو التواضع.










لما سُئل القديس مقاريوس "ما هي أعظم الفضائل ؟" أجاب "كما أن التكبر أسقط ملاكاً من علوه وأسقط الإنسان الأوّل، كذلك الاتّضاع يرفع صاحبه من الأعماق".

ويقول القديس إسحق السرياني عن التواضع: الذي يتنهد كلّ يوم على نفسه



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	8 Sunday after Theophany الأحد بعد الظهور الالهي Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17	9 St Polyuctos James 2:14-26 Mark 1:9-15	10 St Gregory of Nyssa James 3:1-10 Matthew 4:25 & 5:1-12	11  St Theodosios Hebrews 13:7-16 Luke 3:19-22	12 St Tatiana 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 John 10:39-42	13  Sts Eremylos and Stratonicos 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 20:1-8	14 Leave-taking of Theophany وداع الظهور الالهي Ephesians 6:10-17 Matthew 4:1-11
	15 12th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثاني عشر بعد عيد الصليب Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 17:12-19	16 Veneration of the Chains of Peter the Apostle تكريم سلاسل الرسول بطرس Acts 12:1-11 John 21:14-25	17 St Anthony the Great القديس أنطونيوس الكبير Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23	18  Sts Athanasios and Cyril Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	19 St Macarios the Egyptian Galatians 5:22-6:2 John 10:9-16	20  St Euthymios the Great 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:17-23	21 St Maximos the Confessor 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 John 15:1-13
	22 15th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس عشر بعد عيد الصليب 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10	23 St Clement of Ancyra 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 Mark 12:13-17	24 St Xenia the Roman 1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27	25  St Gregory the Theologian Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	26 Australia Day St Xenophon and relatives 1 Peter 4:12-5:5 Mark 12:38-44	27  Relics of St John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	28 St Ephrem the Syrian 2 Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8
	29 Publican & Pharisee Sunday أحد الفريسي والمغشاة 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14	30 The Three Hierarchs Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	31 Sts Cyrus and John 2 Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23				



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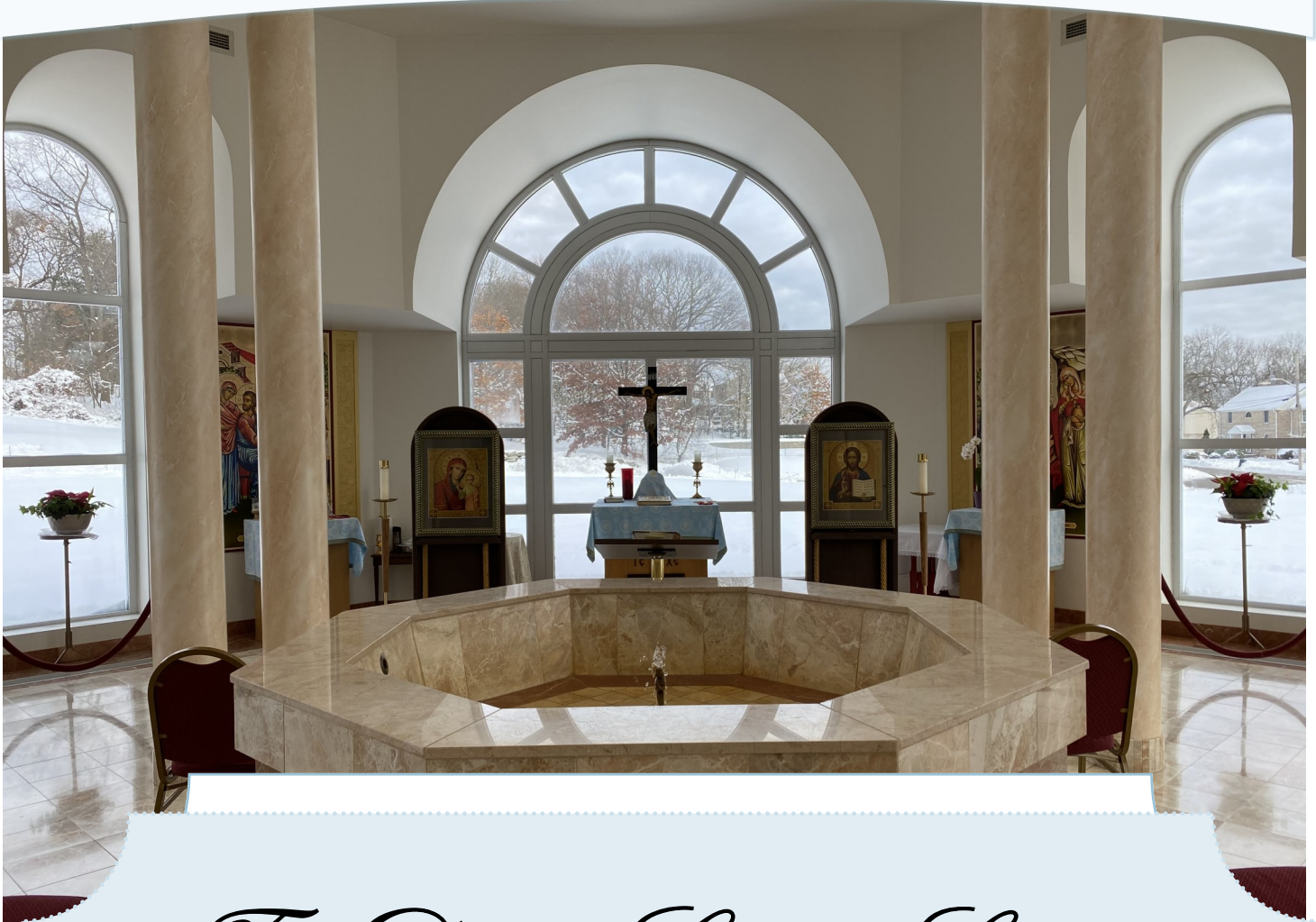
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The Divine Liturgy Schedule

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Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



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% of Active Families Participation: 51%

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Church Roof Repair: Project completed, estimated cost of \$400,000...final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Repair: Proposals received, estimated cost \$18,000, pending review.



Church Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000, pending review.



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



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), pending review.



Parking Lot Sealing: Project complete at both Rectory & Church...final cost \$14,000.



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning estimated cost \$9,000.



Exterior/Masonry /Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals.



Security Cameras/Door Upgrades: Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Door proposal received, pending review.

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- 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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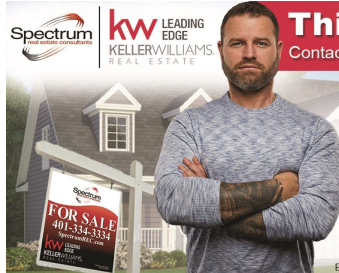
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