



December 4, 2022

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Divine Liturgies

Sunday Divine Liturgy
9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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



10th Sunday After the Holy Cross - Holy Great Martyr Barbara

الاحد العاشر بعد الصليب - تذكّار
القديسة العظيمة في الشهيدات بربارة

Troparion of the resurrection (1st tone)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

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.

Troparion of St. Barbara (Tone 8)

Let us praise the most honorable Barbara: she thwarted the enemy's power, and through the might and the strength of the cross, she was made free in her flight to God.

Kondakion of the Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is, in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded: with the angles and the shepherds, glorify Him who chose to be seen as a new-born Babe, while remaining God in all eternity.

نشيد القيامة بالحن الاول

إن الحجر ختمه اليهود، وجسدك الطاهر حرسه الجنود. لكنك قمت في اليوم الثالث، أيها الخالص، واهباً للعالم الحياة. لذلك قواُت السماوات هتفت اليك، يا مُعطي الحياة: المجدُ لقيامتك أيها المسيح. المجدُ لملكك. المجدُ لتديرك، يا محب البشر وحده.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

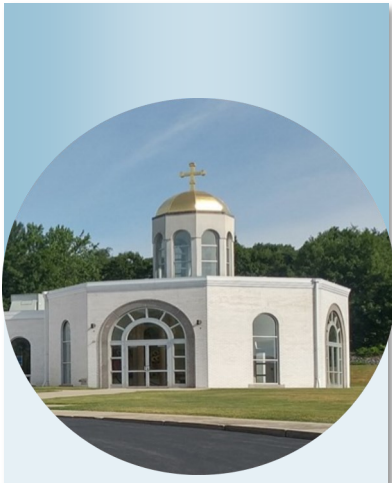
لقد ذاع منطلقك في كل الأرض. فإنها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بينت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب البائس ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

نشيد للشهيدة بربارة بالحن الثامن

لتكرمن القديسة بربارة. فقد كسرت هذه الجذيلة الوقار فخاب العدو، ونجت منها كالعصفور، بمعونة الصليب وسلاحه.

نشيد الختام (قنداق) تقدمة ميلاد ربنا يسوع المسيح بالحن الثالث

اليوم العذراء تأتي الى المغارة، لتلد الكلمة الكائن قبل الدهور، ولادة يُعجزُ بيانها. فأطربي ابنتها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة، من شاء ان يظهر طفلاً جديداً. وهو الإله الذي قبل الدهور.



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>



Epistle: Thursday of 15th of Pentecost, Galatians 3: 23-4:5 Prokimenon (Tone 4)

Awesome in his saints is God, the God of Israel.
 Stichon: In the churches, bless God, the Lord of Israel's wellsprings.

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians: 3: 23-29; 4: 1-5

Brethren, before the faith came, we were kept imprisoned under the Law, shut up from the faith that was to be revealed. Therefore, the Law has been our tutor unto Christ, that we might be made holy by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. For all you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor freeman; there is neither male nor female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

(4: 1) Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the master of all; but he is under guardians and tutors until the time set by his father. So, we too, when we were children, were enslaved under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that he might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Alleluia

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

Stichon: He set my feet upon a rock; he made firm my steps.

Gospel: 10th of Holy Cross, Luke 13: 10-17 (Healing of a Crippled Woman)

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of their synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over and utterly unable to look upwards. When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said to her, "Woman, thou art delivered from thy infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and instantly she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, addressed the crowd, saying, "There are six days in which one ought to work; on these therefore come and be cured, and not on the Sabbath." But the Lord answered him and said, "Hypocrites! Doesn't each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or ass from the manger, and lead it forth to water? And this woman, daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound, lo, for eighteen years, ought not she to be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame; and the entire crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

مقدمة الرسالة

عجيب الله في قديسيه، إله إسرائيل
 في المجامع باركوا الله، الرب من ينباع إسرائيل

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الى اهل غلاطية 3: 23 الى 4:5

يا إخوة قبل أن يأتي الايمان كُنَّا مُحْفُوظِينَ تَحْتَ الناموس. مُغْلَقًا عَلَيْنَا إِلَى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الْإِيمَانُ الْآتِي فَالْثَامُوسُ إِذَنْ كَانَ مُؤَدِّبَنَا يُرْشِدُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيح. لِكَيْ نُبَرِّزَ بِالْإِيمَانِ فَبَعْدَ أَنْ جَاءَ الْإِيمَانُ لَسْنَا بَعْدَ تَحْتِ مُؤَدِّبٍ لَأَنْكُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لَأَنْكُمْ جَمِيعٌ مَنِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ لَبَسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ لَيْسَ يَهُودِيٌّ وَلَا يُونَانِي. لَيْسَ عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ. لَيْسَ ذَكَرٌ وَأُنْثَى. لَأَنْكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ فَإِذَا كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ فَانْتُمْ إِذَنْ نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. وَوَرِثَةُ بَحْسَبِ الْمَوْعِدِ وَأَقُولُ إِنَّ الْوَارِثَ مَا دَامَ طِفْلًا فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْعَبْدِ. مَعَ كَوْنِهِ رَبِّ الْجَمِيعِ لَكِنَّهُ تَحْتَ أَيْدِي الْأَوْصِيَاءِ وَالْوَكَلَاءِ. إِلَى الْأَجْلِ الَّذِي سَبَقَ الْأَبُ فَحَدَّهُ وَهَكَذَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا إِذْ كُنَّا أَطْفَالًا كُنَّا مُتَعَبِّدِينَ تَحْتَ اِرْكَانِ الْعَالَمِ فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ مِلَأُ الزَّمَانِ. أَرْسَلَ اللَّهُ ابْنَهُ مَوْلَدًا مِنْ امْرَأَةٍ. مَوْلُودًا تَحْتَ النَامُوسِ لِيَفْتَدِيَ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ النَامُوسِ لِنَنَالَ التَّيَّابِي.

هللوا

انتظرت الرب انتظارة، فأصغى إليّ وسمع تضرعي وأقام على الصخرة رجلي، وقوم خطواتي

فصل من بشارة القديس لوقا الانجيلي البشير (لوقا 13: 10 – 17)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ يُعَلِّمُ فِي أَحَدِ الْمَجَامِعِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ، وَإِذَا امْرَأَةٌ بِهَا رُوحٌ مُرَضٍ مِنْذُ ثَمَانِي عَشْرَةِ سَنَةٍ، وَكَانَتْ مُنْحَنِيَةً لَا تَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ تُنْتَصِبَ التَّيَّةَ. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا يَسُوعُ دَعَاها وَقَالَ لَهَا: يَا امْرَأَةُ أَنْتِ مُطْلَقَةٌ مِنْ مَرَضِكَ. وَوَضَعَ يَدَيْهِ عَلَيْهَا، وَفِي الْحَالِ انْتَصَبَتْ وَجَعَلَتْ تَمْجُدُ اللَّهَ فَقَالَ رَئِيسُ الْمَجْمَعِ لِلْجَمِيعِ، وَهُوَ مُغْتَاطٌ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ يَسُوعَ فِي السَّبْتِ: لَكُمْ سِتَّةُ أَيَّامٍ يَنْبَغِي الْعَمَلُ فِيهَا، فَفِيهَا تَأْتُونَ وَتَسْتَشْفُونَ، لَا فِي يَوْمِ السَّبْتِ. فَأَجَابَهُ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ: يَا مُرَائِي، أَمَا يَحُلُّ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْكُمْ ثَوْرَهُ أَوْ جِمَارَهُ فِي السَّبْتِ مِنَ الْمِذْوَدِ وَيَنْطَلِقُ بِهِ فَيَسْقِيهِ؟ وَهَذِهِ ابْنَةُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الَّتِي رَزَّطَهَا الشَّيْطَانُ مِنْذُ ثَمَانِي عَشْرَةِ سَنَةٍ، أَمَا كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نُطَلِّقَ مِنْ هَذَا الرِّبَاطِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ؟ وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا، خَرَجَ جَمِيعٌ مَقَاوِمِيهِ، وَفَرَحَ الْجَمْعُ كُلُّهُ بِجَمِيعِ الْأُمُورِ الْجَيِّدَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ تَجْرِي عَلَى يَدَيْهِ..



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, DECEMBER 4, 2022: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. GREAT-MARTYR BARBARA & FATHER JOHN THE DAMASCENE.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY by his sister Bertha Yany & Family,
- + FREDERICK KOUSSA (Birthday Remem.) by his wife Linda A. Koussa.
- + KEVIN DURNIN (12th Anniv.) by Christine.
- + ABOUD & ANTOINETTE TAHAN by Christine.
- + ANTHONY J. KUFFREY (5th Anniv.) by Caroline St. Germain & Family.
- + WILLIAM T. ASERMELY by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).
- + RICHARD E. AZAR, SON of the late Louis & Marie Azar.
- + VICTORIA (THOMAS) LAZIEH (30th Anniv.) by the Lazieh & Ghazal Families.
- + GEORGE J. NASSANEY (33rd Anniv.) by the Lazieh & Ghazal Families.
- + REV. ELIAS EL HOYEK(Remem.) by the Lazieh & Ghazal Families.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ROSE & HOUNEIN KHOURY by Micheline Ghanem.
- + JEANNETTE AYOUB DAIKH (Aleppo, Syria) by Dr. Hassan & Mrs. Zaina Zayoud & Family.
- + RAYMOND & VIOLETTE SAGGAL by Aboud & Mira Saggal.
- + GEORGE & GEORGETTE SAGGAL by Aboud & Mira Saggal.
- + FRANCIS & GEORGETTE SAGGAL by Aboud & Mira Saggal.
- + STEPHAN & VERONICA KHOURY by Aboud & Mira Saggal.
- + MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ) by Mrs. Nelly Kishfy.
- + MARIE C. SAURIOL by Laila Raheb.
- + JULIA, FRED, & ELIAS J. KISHFY by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: November 27, 2022: Budgets: \$3,042.00: Envelopes: \$2,916.00, Loose: \$126.00; Candles: \$110.00; Stole Offerings: \$150.00; Building Fund: \$190.00; Additl: Fuel: \$45.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$5.00.

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.

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022, there will be a special collection for the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**. Please be generous in your support to help defray the cost of books, paper stock, visual aids and all that is involved to perfect our program and meet present day standards in this field of education.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022, there will be a special collection taken up for your **FUEL OFFERINGS**. Help defray the cost of heating the church and rectory as prices escalate rapidly. We must remember that utilities are more than doubled in our new complex. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

The **CHRISTMAS FAST** for the Melkite Church begins Saturday, December 10, 2022. (The time of this Fast previously was begun on November 15th). Let the Holy Spirit lead you in personal preparation for this Holy Season.

The **MYO** will be making blankets and donating them to **AMOS HOUSE** this year. We will be seeking monetary or fabric donations for this worthy cause. If you would like to donate, kindly see any **MYO** member or contact: Joe Massud at 1-508-802-7585 or Christine Barrett at 1-401-265-0386. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Much appreciated!

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.

ST. BASIL'S PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL will hold an open Parish Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. You will be kept abreast of all the activities and operations of the Church. This is the opportune time if you wish to raise any needs, thoughts, concerns, questions, misunderstandings, suggestions, etc. Let us remain the united and caring community that we are! Everyone is welcomed!

ADVENT SEASON: Behold, the time of our salvation draws near: let the cave be ready, for the Virgin is about to give birth; and you, Bethlehem of Juda, rejoice and be glad, for the Lord will soon shine forth from your midst. Listen all of you, mountains and hills, and country of Juda: Christ is coming to save men, his creatures, for He is the Lover of Mankind.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
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DECEMBER 4: St. Barbara was martyred under Emperor Maximianus. There are many legends concerning her. The only thing certain is that she was put to death by her own father Dioscorus because of his hatred for the Christian religion.

DECEMBER 6: St. Nicholas, born in Asia Minor, was favored by God with the power of miracles, and is therefore called "The Wonderworker." While still a youth, he saved three young girls by being sold by their penniless father: he secretly tossed through their window enough money for their dowry so they could marry. He is said to have brought back to life three children who had been killed by a butcher and were to be sold as salted meat. His miracles and his works of charity are still celebrated in the person of "Santa Claus," whose name is a corruption of St. Nicholas. After being elevated to the see of Myra, Nicholas probably took part in the Council of Nicaea in the year 325. The Council condemned Arianism and promulgated the Nicene Creed which is recited in the Divine Liturgy.

DECEMBER 9: Feast of the MATERNITY OF ANNE, "The Mother of the Theotokos." (Immaculate Conception):

Today the bonds of barrenness are loosed: God has heard the prayers of Joachim & Anne; He has promised against all hope the birth of the Maiden of God from whom the Infinite Himself is to be born as a man, He who had ordered the Angel to cry out to her: "Hail, O Woman full of grace!"

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

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True or False: What did Jesus say?

*How does Jesus tell us we should act toward others?
Which of these are true and which are false?*



1. When someone hits you on one cheek, you should hit them back.
True or False?

2. If someone tries to take your coat, you should give them your tunic as well. True or False?

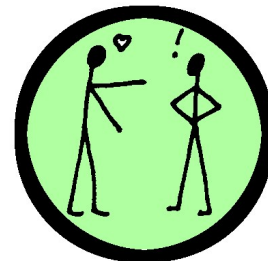


3. If someone makes you walk a mile with them, you should walk two miles.
True or False?



4. If someone asks for something, you shouldn't lend it to them, since they might not give it back.
True or False?

5. You should love your friends and hate your enemies. True or False?



6. You should love your enemies and do good to the people who hate you.
True or False?



7. You should be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.
True or False?

Bent and Twisted



There are few things in life more difficult to bear than a prolonged illness or permanent condition. In the Gospel today, we meet a woman who probably expected a lifetime of physical pain and struggle. She had been contorted not just for a week or a month or a year, but for a full eighteen years. There was no reason to believe her situation would change. She was bent over at the waist – contorted, the Fathers say, by an evil spirit. She had a most abnormal crease in the middle of her body. She couldn't straighten up. The Lover of mankind looked with concern and sympathy on this miserable human creature, and saw in her not a withered and twisted animal, but a daughter of Abraham, a soul created by God and deserving of His mercy.

Bent and twisted as this lady was, we should notice that her priorities were a lot straighter than those of many who walk upright. Saint Luke tells us that her miraculous healing occurred in one of the Synagogues on the Sabbath. We may ask ourselves, "What was this lady doing in the synagogue?" Well, obviously, she was there to worship. But you know what? It couldn't have been easy for her to be there. If she had been looking for an excuse not to be there, she had a pretty good one! You can imagine her saying, "Rabbi, I just prefer to stay home. It's hard for me to walk to synagogue, my back hurts terribly by the time I get there. When I'm there, people stare at me and I feel so uncomfortable. It's just better for me to stay home!"

The truth is that she was there because it was a priority for her to be there. Her body may have been bent, but her priorities were straight. God came first. She did not let the obstacles of life get in the way; she didn't let it stop her. She was there and that is the point. She made herself available so that God in His time and through His means could heal her. All she did was to show up and be present.

The example of the woman healed today is a good lesson for all of us. If we take our life in Christ seriously, and believe that the church through her sacraments offers us grace and healing, as long as we are physically able, it is important for us to be present in the life of the church. If we are honest: most people usually figure out a way to do the things they really want to do. This crippled woman struggled to put God first. She, in her own feeble way, was saying yes to the Master.

It should be stressed that in today's gospel the woman's healing was the result of her presence in the synagogue that day, not the cause of it. There is no indication in the text that she came looking for healing. She just came to the assembly where God's people were gathered, as was probably her custom. Jesus saw her and called out to her. She didn't see Him and call to Him; she was not even near Him. So we can see that because she was there, she was available. She was available to receiving the healing grace that Jesus offered that day. Had she just stayed home that Saturday, her back would have remained just as bent as it was on Friday.

Here's the point for us: A most basic condition for the grace of the Holy Spirit to be present in our lives is that we be available to God. Sounds simple... So how do we practically make ourselves available? We try, with God's help, to continually say Yes to God in all that we do throughout our day and we practice patience in our infirmities, no matter what they are. We also have many gifts of grace available to us. In addition to the rich services of the church and the holy sacraments, a consistency in a rule of prayer, accountability and an ongoing relationship with a Priest. Sometimes we forget that what attracts the grace of God is just being quiet and still, saying the Jesus prayer. Also visiting monasteries, and making pilgrimages to holy sites, and the observances of fasts and feasts are aids for us in reminding us of what is important on this earth. All these, and much more, have the purpose of rendering us available to God.

We all should realize that the bent over woman in the Gospel had no special claim to the mercy and grace of God. God simply was a priority in her life; so much so, that she was willing to endure pain, suffering, and discomfort to be faithful to him, and wait on Him with patience. But in that process of putting God first, she found the solution to the thing she struggled most with. When the mercy and salvation of God entered that synagogue on that day, she was there. She didn't have to plead for anything from God; but she was available. And so the abundance of God's goodness was poured out on her. Let us be reminded of Jesus' words: "...seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."

Let us take those words to heart. Seek first the kingdom of God; be present; make yourself available; and may His great mercy and grace be poured out on you now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

رأها – دعاها – شفاها – حماها



هذه ابنة إبراهيم قد رَبَطَهَا الشيطان منذ ثمانى عشرة سَنَةً، أَمَا كَانَ يَجِبُ أَنْ تُحَلَّ مِنْ رِبَاطِهَا يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ؟" (لوقا 13/10-17)

كلمة الانسان في اليونانية "انثروبوس" ومعناها النظر الى فوق. لقد لاحظ اليونانيون ان الانسان هو الكائن الوحيد الذي رأسه ناظر الى اعلى وليس الى الاسفل مثل باقي الحيوانات.

قال داود في مزمور 42 هذه العبارة 3 مرات "لماذا انت منحنية في يا نفسي؟".

هناك امراض جسدية ، يمكن ان تذهب الى الطبيب فيفحصك ويصف لك الدواء، لكن هناك امراض اخرى سببها هو ابليس. يقول الكتاب عن هذه المرأة انها كانت بها "روح ضعف"، يذكر لنا الكتاب المقدس ان هناك "ارواح مضلة"، "روح الكذب"، "روح الغي"، "روح الزنا"، "روح يعمل في ابناء المعصية".

هناك شخص سر ابتعاده عن الله وضعفه الروحي والنفسي والجسدي، انه مربوط من عدو الخير. لو القيد من سلاسل حديد او نحاس يمكن ان تقطع، لكن لو كان القيد روحى، لا يوجد سوى شخص احد قادر ان يحطم هذه الربط والقيود. لذلك قال لنا السيد المسيح في نفس الاصحاح بعد ان اطلق المرأة التي اراد اليهود رجمها لانها سقطت في الزنا. "تعرفون الحق والحق يحرركم". "ان حرركم الابن فبالحقيقة تكونون احرارا" (يو8)

هناك 4 امور يقدر ان يعملها يسوع:

رأها – دعاها – شفاها – حماها

- رأها: اريد ان اقول ان المسيح يعرف ما انت فيه. لا يوجد سبب يجعلك تخفي بؤسك. ان المسيح يعرف كل ضعفك. اسف في التعبير "انت متعب وتتعبد من حولك".
- دعاها: الرب يقول لكل منا "دعوتك باسمك. انت لي". كان هناك اناس كثيرون، لكن المسيح لم يدعو الا زكا وقال "ينبغي ان امكث اليوم في بيتك".
- شفاها: فوضع عليها يده ففي الحال استقامت" "في الحال" ليس شفاء تدريجي. "
- حماها: حمى المسيح من انتقاد رئيس المجمع والفريسيين، الذي وجه كلامه الى المرأة "سنة ايام. فيها تعالوا واستشفوا". لكن الرب رد عليهم "من له ثور يذهب في السبت ويسقيه". هذه المرأة ليست بالنسبة لي حالة، لكنها "ابنة ابراهيم"، ونحن ابناء الله لاننا خليقته، ولأننا على صورته. الله يستطيع ان يحلنا من ربطنا. لقد ربط المسيح على الصليب لكي يحلنا من رباطات خطايانا.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



DECEMBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 كانون الأول – ديسمبر 2022					1 Holy Prophet Nahum 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 20:9-18	2  Holy Prophet Habakkuk 1 Timothy 4:4-8,16 Luke 20:19-26	3 Holy Prophet Zephaniah Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 12:32-40
	4  St John the Damascene 10 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد العاشر بعد عيد الصليب Galatians 3:23-4:5 Luke 13:10-17	5 St Sabbas the Sanctified Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 11:27-30	6  St Nicholas of Myra Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23	7  St Ambrose of Milan 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 Luke 21:5-8, 10-11, 20-24	8  Prep of Maternity of Anne, grandmother of our Lord 1 Timothy 6:17-21 Luke 21:28-33	9  Maternity of Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	10  Beginning of the Nativity Fast بدء صوم الميلاد Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 13:19-29
	11  Holy Ancestors of Christ أحد الأجداد القديسين Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 14:16-25	12  St Spyridon of Trimythus Ephesians 5:8-19 John 10:9-16	13  St Eustrates and his companions 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4 Mark 8:22-26	14  St Thyrcos and his companions 2 Timothy 4:9-22 Mark 8:30-34	15  St Eleutherios 1 Titus: 5-14 Mark 9:9-15	16  Holy Prophet Haggai Titus 1:15-2:10 Mark 9:33-41	17  Holy Prophet Daniel Ephesians 1:16-23 Luke 14:1-11
18  Genealogy of Christ أحد نسب السيد المسيح Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40 Matthew 1:1-25	19  St Boniface Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19 Mark 9:42-10:1	20  Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord Hebrews 4:1-13 Mark 10:2-12	21  St Juliana of Nicomedia Hebrews 5:11-6:8 Mark 10:11-16	22  St Anastasia Hebrews 7:1-6 Mark 10:17-27	23   Paramony of Christmas بارمون الميلاد Hebrews 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20	24  Saturday before the Nativity السبت الذي قبل الميلاد Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 13:19-29	
25  Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ ميلاد سيدنا يسوع المسيح Galatians 4:4-7 Matthew 2:1-12	26  St Joseph the Betrothed Synaxis of the Theotokos Hebrews 2:11-18 Matthew 2:13-23	27 St Stephen Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 Matthew 21:33-42	28 Holy Martyrs of Nicomedia Hebrews 10:1-18 Mark 11:22-26	29 Holy Innocents in Bethlehem Hebrews 10:35-11:7 Mark 11:27-33	30 St Anysia Hebrews 11:8-16 Mark 12:1-12	31 Leave-taking of the Nativity وداع الميلاد 1 Timothy 3:13-4:5 Matthew 3:1-6	

NEW YEAR – THEOPHANY

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE



Saturday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy.

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy with Youth Pageant.

Sunday, December 25 – The Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Vigil Divine Liturgy **Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – St Basil's Feast - New Years' Day**
(at St. Elias's Chapel)

Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy (at St. Elias's Chapel)

11:15 a.m. Arabic Divine Liturgy (at St. Elias's Chapel)

Friday, January 6 – Feast of the Theophany

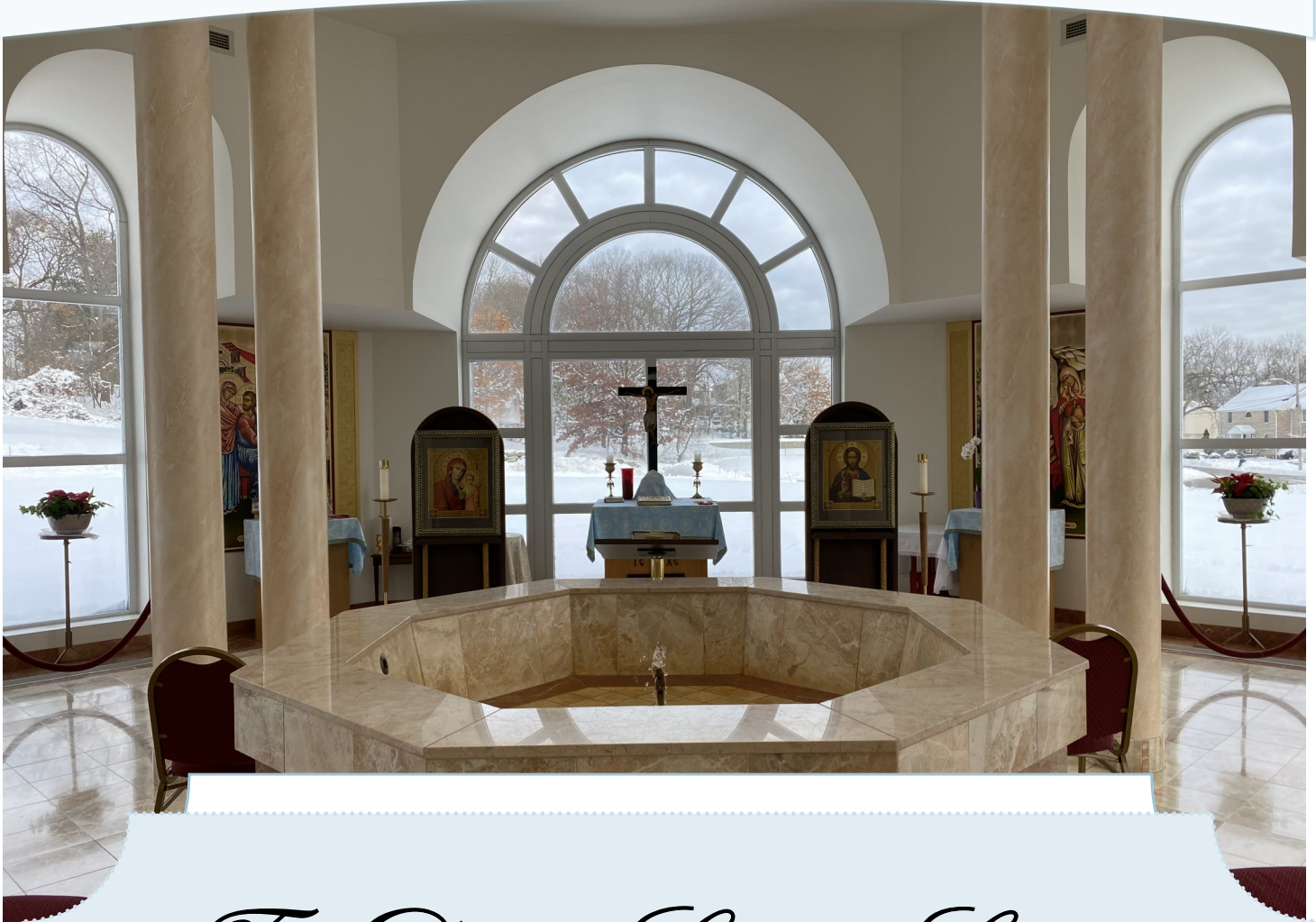
6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

Sunday, January 8 – Solemnity of the Theophany

9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

11:15 a.m. Arabic Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Divine Liturgy

- **9:00 am**
- **11:15 am**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
Tuesday to Friday before or after the Divine Liturgy.

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Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



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Contribution Ranges: \$20 to \$50,100

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Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 51%

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Current & Future Projects:



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.



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



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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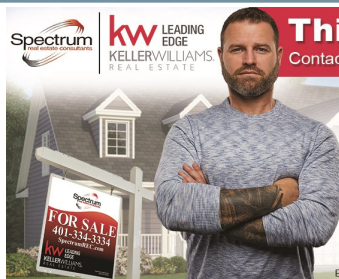
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