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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

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**Pastoral Emergencies
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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



Glorious Resurrection of our Lord أحد الفصح العظيم المقدس

Antiphon Prayer

Almighty Word of God, Who rose from the tomb and appeared to your beloved ones, show us the prints of the nails and the wound of your side. Strengthen our faith so that we April confess before the world that by your suffering, You healed the sufferings of our souls and by your glorious Resurrection, you granted mankind a pledge of their own resurrection.

For You are our Light and our Resurrection, O Christ God, 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 Pascha, 3 times

Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who were in the tomb.

Hypacoi of Pascha

Mary and her companions went forth before dawn. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb and heard the angel say, "Why do you seek Him as a man among the dead, when He is in eternal splendor? Behold, the shroud is laid aside. Hasten and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen and has put Death to death, for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها الكلمة القديم، يا من قام من القبر وأتى أحبائه، أرنا آثار المسامير وطعنة جنبك، وثبث إيماننا، لكي نعتزف أمام الجميع بأنك تألمت فشفت آلام نفوسنا، وقمت من بين الأموات فوهبت للعالم عربون القيامة بقيامتك المجيدة.

لأنك أنت نورنا وقيامتنا، أيها المسيح الإله، واليك نرفع المجد، وإلى أبينا الأبدي وروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين.

نشيد العيد باللحن الخامس (3 مرات)
المسيح قام من بين الأموات ووطيء الموت بالموت ووهب الحياة للذين في القبور (ثلاثاً)

الاباكوئي باللحن الرابع

سبقت الصبح اللواتي كن مع مريم، فوجدن الحجر مخرجاً عن القبر. وسمعن من الملاك: لم تطلبن من هو في الضوء الأزلي بين الموتى كنسان؟ أنظرن لفائف الأكفان. أسرعن وبشرن العالم بأن الرب قد قام وأمات الموت، لأنه أبن الله المخلص جنس البشر.





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 Pascha

Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

The Epistle: Acts of the Apostles: 1: 1-9

PROKIMENON (Tone 8) Ps.117: 24, 1'

This is the day the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice in it! Stichon: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

READING from the Acts of the Apostles

In the preceding book, Theophilus, I was concerned with everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, until the day he was taken up, after giving commandments through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. To them also he showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about God's kingdom. And while eating with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise, "of which you have heard," he said, "by my mouth. For while John baptized with water, you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit within a few days."

Now, those gathered there questioned him, asking, "Lord, is it now that you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" But he answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or the proper moments the Father has set by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and even to the very ends of the earth."

ALLELUIA (Tone 4)

You shall arise and have mercy upon Sion, for the time to pity her, the right time has come.

Stichon: The Lord has looked down from heaven upon all the sons of men.

Gospel of Pascha: John 1: 1-17 (In the beginning was the Word)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was made nothing that has been made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to as many as received him he gave the power of becoming children of God; to those who believe in his name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us. And we saw his glory (glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and of truth. John bore witness concerning him, and cried, "This was the one of whom I said, 'He who is to come after me has been set above me, because he was before me.'" And of his fullness we have all received, grace for grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

القنداق باللحن الثاني (أو الثامن)

وإن نَزَلْتَ إلى القبر يا مَنْ لا يموت، فقد نقضتْ قُدْرَةُ الجحيم وقمّتْ كظافر، أيتها المسيح الإله. وللنساء حاملات الطيب قُلْتَ افرحن. ولرسلك وَهَبْتَ السَّلامَ، يا مَناخِ الواقِعِينَ القِيامَ.

مقدمة الرسالة

هذا هو اليوم الذي صَنَعَهُ الرَّبُّ، فلنبتهِجْ ونفرحْ به
 اعترفوا للرَّبِّ فإنه صالحٌ. لَآنَ إلى الابدِ رحمتهُ

الرسالة (أعمال الرسل 1: 9-1)

قد أنشأتُ الكلامَ الأوَّلَ يا ثاوفيلُسُ، في جميعِ الأمورِ التي أبتدأَ يَسُوعُ يَعْمَلُهَا وَيُعَلِّمُهَا، إلى اليومِ الذي صَعَدَ فيه. من بَعْدِ أَنْ أوصى بالروحِ القُدُسِ الرُّسُلَ الذينَ اصطفاهم، الذينَ أراهم أيضاً نَفْسَهُ حَيًّا بَعْدَ تَأْلَمِهِ بِتَراهِينَ كثيرة. وهو بِترايَ لَهُمْ مُدَّةَ أربَعينَ يوماً ويكلِّمُهُم عَمَّا يَخُصُّ مَلِكوتَ اللهِ. وفيما هُوَ يَأْكُلُ مَعَهُمْ أوصاهُم أَن لا تَبرحوا من أُورُشليم. بل انتظروا مَوعِدَ الآبِ الذي سَمِعْتُمُوهُ مِنِّي. فَإِنَّ يوحنا إِنَّمَا عَمَّدَ بالماء. أمَّا أنتم فستُعمدونَ بالروحِ القُدسِ بَعْدَ هَذِهِ الأَيامِ بَقليل. فسألهُ المَجمَعونَ قائلين: يا رَبُّ أَفي هَذا الزَمانِ تَردُّ المَلِكَ إلى إِسرائيل؟ فقال لَهُم. لَيسَ لَكُم أَن تَعرِفوا الأوقاتَ والأزمنةَ التي جَعَلها الآبُ في سُلطانِهِ الخاصِّ، لكنكم ستَنالون قُوَّةَ بِحلولِ الروحِ القُدسِ عَلَيتُكم. فتَكونونَ لي شُهوداً في أُورُشليم. وفي جميعِ اليَهوديةِ والسامرةِ وإلى أَقاصي الأَرضِ.

هَللُويا

أنتَ يا رَبُّ تَقومُ وتُرافُ بِصهيون لأنَّهُ وَقْتُ الرَافَةِ بِها. والوقتُ قد حَضَرَ
 الرَّبُّ مِنَ السَماةِ نَظَرَ، فأبصَرَ جميعَ بني البَشَرِ.

الانجيل (يوحنا 1: 1-17)

في البَداةِ كانَ الكَلِمَةُ. والكَلِمَةُ كانَ عِندَ اللهِ. وكانَ الكَلِمَةُ اللهُ. هَذا كانَ في البَداةِ عِندَ اللهِ. كُلُّ بِهِ كَوْنٍ. وبغيرِهِ لَم يَكُونا شَيءٌ مِمَّا كَوُنَ. فيه كانَتِ الحَياةُ. والحَياةُ كانتِ نُورَ النَّاسِ، والنُّورُ يَضيءُ في الظُّلُمَةِ. والظُّلُمَةُ لَم تُدرِكهُ. كانَ رَجُلٌ مُرْسَلٌ مِنَ اللهِ أَسْمُهُ يوحنا، هَذا جاءَ لِلشَّهادَةِ لِكَي تَشهَدَ للنُّورِ. حَتى يُؤمِنَ الجَميعُ بِواسِطَتِهِ. لَم يَكُنْ هُوَ النُّورُ بل كانَ ليشهَدَ للنُّورِ. كانَ النُّورُ الحَقيقيُّ الذي يُنيرُ كُلَّ إِنسانٍ آتٍ إلى العالَمِ، كانَ في العالَمِ والعالَمُ بِهِ كَوُنَ. والعالَمُ لَم يَعرِفهُ. أَتى إلى خاصَيتِهِ وخاصَيتِهِ لَم تَقبَلهُ فَأَمَّا كُلُّ الذينَ قَبِلُوهُ فَأَعطاهُم سُلطاناً أَن يَكونوا أَبناءَ اللهِ. الذينَ لا مِن دَمٍ ولا مِن مَشيئةٍ لَحْمٍ، ولا مِن مَشيئةٍ رَجُلٍ، لَكن مِنَ اللهِ وَلِدوا. والكَلِمَةُ صارَ جَسَداً وَحَلَّ فينا. وَقَدْ أَبصَرنا مَجدَهُ مَجدَ وَحيدٍ مِنَ الآبِ، مَملُوءاً نَعمَةً وَحَقاً. وَيوحنا شَهِدَ لَهُ وَصَرَخَ قائلاً: هَذا هُوَ الذي قُلْتُ عَنهُ إِنَّ الذي يَأْتِي بَعدي قد كانَ قَبلِي لأنَّهُ أَقَدَمُ مِنِّي. وَمِن امِثالِهِ نَحْنا كُلُّنا أَخَذنا، وَنَعمَةٌ مَكانَ نَعمَةٍ، لأنَّ الناموسَ أَعْطى بِموسى. وَأما النَعمَةُ وَالْحَقُّ فَبِيسوعَ المسيحِ قَدْ حَصلَ.



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

THIS WEEKEND, SATURDAY, APRIL 16, & SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022: EASTER SUNDAY. THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

6:30 p.m. SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGY:

For the **SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE** of all the Parishioners and Friends of St. Basil's Church, and the **ETERNAL REPOSE** of all those who have preceded us to everlasting life in the **HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION.**

10:00 a.m. SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY:

For the **SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE** of all the Parishioners and Friends of St. Basil's Church, and the **ETERNAL REPOSE** of all those who have preceded us to everlasting life in the **HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION.**





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: April 10, 2022: Budgets: \$3,038.00; Envelopes: \$2,918.00; Loose: \$120.00; Candles: \$193.00; Stipends: \$50.00; Building Fund: \$75.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$106.00; Add'tl Melkite Diocesan Support: \$72.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$13.00; Religious Ed: \$290.00; Cigna Stock Dividend: \$2.24.

This Weekend, April 16 & 17 Easter Sunday, there will be a special collection taken up for your **EASTER OFFERINGS**. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 24th, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please help subsidize our monthly payment for the operation of our Diocese by giving generously.

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.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. **PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES!** A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Liturgies more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Liturgies must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received. (Canon 955 #2). Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since 1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g. every day clergy attire, stipends (Liturgy Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

PLEASE NOTE: Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in the parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funeral: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00; Baptisms: \$100.00.

Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar to the customs of Spiritual Bouquets, Perpetual Mass Enrollments & Memorial Cards, as in Chapels, Shrines, & Monasteries.

May the memories of our beloved deceased rest in peace & be eternal. Many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these canonical guidelines and restrictions.

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.





DEAR PARISHIONERS: A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTER TO EACH OF YOU!

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in our parish work and extend to you and your loved ones our prayerful best wishes as we chant the victory hymn:

“CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BY HIS DEATH, HE HAS TRAMPLED UPON DEATH, AND HAS GIVEN LIFE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN THE TOMBS.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Ephrem, Father Joe, Father Dan, Deacon Edmond, Deacon Gilbert

**CHRIST IS RISEN! AL MASEEH QUAM! KHRISTOS ANESTI!
WITH APPRECIATION**

Thank you to all who made our Great Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Celebration beautiful and memorable: those who made donations especially the eggs, those who offered flowers, altar servers, choirs, readers, ushers, tomb-bearers, epitaphios bearers, errand runners, those who decorated, cleaned and set up the church, those responsible for the Easter Decorum of the Church, those who organized the chair layout, server coordinators, sacristans, those who contributed to the Easter Collection as their Love Gift, the who prepared the Social Hour in the Cultural Center following the Easter Vigil, and to all those who came, prayed, worshipped, and joined in the never-ending experiencing of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Many thanks to those who decorated the Epitaphion (Tomb) and enhanced the sanctuary area by the giving of their time and talents. **OH! What can happen when we all work together for the honor and glory of God!**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

THIS MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022, Father Ephrem Kardouh, our Pastor, will celebrate his 9th Anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. Father Joe, Father Dan, Deacon Edmond, Deacon Gilbert and the Community of St. Basil's offer him our heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes for the short time he has been among us and his magnanimous ministerial accomplishments. We thank God for the generous and selfless ministry rendered to our community. As the Lord fills the earth with new life, new beginnings, and fresh hope, may He richly fill him with the joy and peace that are ours in the Risen Christ, and many more blessed years: **AXIOS! MUSTAHIQ! WORTHY!**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, please remember to inform the church office at (401) 722-1345. Please also be sure to update new telephone numbers because **there is a cost that the Church has to absorb which adds up slowly but surely.**

2022 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available – free for the taking – at the entrance of the Church. By following the liturgical cycle of the church year and remembering the Saints each day, is an excellent way to attach yourself more closely to the worshipping community, that is the church.

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

REFLECTION: Should Church be spontaneous, creative & out-of-the box? **“We are fools for Christ.”**

O Jesus, Who has said,
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فرح القيامة

الكنيسة المسيحية على الإطلاق.

- القيامة هي عربون قيامة

قيامة المسيح هي موضوع إيماننا وإساس رجائنا في القيامة في اليوم الأخير. قام يسوع باعتباره "باكورة الراقدين (1 قورنثس 15: 20) وهو "أَوَّلُ الْقَائِمِينَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ" (أعمال الرسل 26: 23). فنحن نقوم، لأن يسوع قد قام "فَالَّذِي أَقَامَ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يُحْيِي أَيْضًا أَجْسَادَكُمْ الْفَانِيَةَ بِرُؤُوحِهِ الْحَالِّ فِيكُمْ" (رومة 8: 11). ويقول الرسول بطرس أننا قد وُلدنا من جديد إلى رجاء حي عن طريق قيامة يسوع المسيح من الموت "تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَبُو رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، سَمَلْنَا بِوَأْفِرِ رَحْمَتِهِ فَوَلَدَنَا ثَانِيَةً لِرَجَاءٍ حَيٍّ بِقِيَامَةِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ" (1 بطرس 1، 3). ويصريح بولس الرسول "نَنْتَظِرُ مَجِيءَ الْمُخْلَصِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي سَيُعْزِّزُ هَيْئَةَ جَسَدِنَا الْخَفِيرِ فَيَجْعَلَهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِهِ الْمُجِيدِ بِمَا لَهُ مِنْ قُدْرَةِ يُخْضِعُ بِهَا لِنَفْسِهِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ" (فيلبي 3: 21).

موقفنا تجاه القيامة

بعدما بحثنا في معاني قيامة المسيح يكشف يوحنا الإنجيلي عن مراحل نرتقي بها إلى معرفة القيامة وفهمها من خلال الانتقال من رؤية مريم المجدلية السطحية، إلى نظرة بطرس التحليلية، الرؤية التلميذ الحبيب وإيمانه. فمن خلال خبرة الرسل يمكن ان يتخذ المرء اربعة مراحل ليصل الى الايمان بقيامة يسوع من الاموات:

المرحلة الاولى: التساؤل

قد يظن المرء ان القيامة مجرد تليفق يُستحال تصديقه او فكرة إمكانية خطف الجثة كما كان الحال مع مريم المجدلية التي تساءلت امام القبر الفارغ "أَخَذُوا الرَّبَّ مِنْ الْقَبْرِ، وَلَا تَعْلَمُ أَيْنَ وَضَعُوهُ" (يوحنا 20: 2). فقد رأت مريم المجدلية كما يرى كل إنسان بحاسة النظر ولم تفقه بعد سبب القبر الفارغ ولم تدخل اليه. والجدير بالذكر ان انجيل يوحنا أشار بان مريم المجدلية كانت وحدها عند القبر دون ذكر سائر النسوة، لأنها مثل توما ترمز الى الذين يحتاجون الى ان يروا لكي يؤمنوا.

المرحلة الثانية: التحليل والايمان

تقوم المرحلة الثانية بتحقيق المرء من الحقائق كما هو الحال مع بطرس ويوحنا "دَخَلَ الْقَبْرَ فَأَبْصَرَ الْفَاقِئَةَ مَقْدُودَةَ" (6: 20) رأى بطرس الاكفان مرتبة في مكانها على الارض واستدل من كل ما رأى ان جسد يسوع قد تحرر من اللغائف والمندبل ولكنه ظلّ مدهولاً من حدث القيامة؛ بطرس رأى وتعجب كما يصفه لوقا الإنجيلي "غَيْرَ أَنَّ بَطْرُسَ قَامَ فَاسْرَعَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ وَانْحَنَى، فَلَمْ يَزَلْ الْفَاقِئَ، فَانْصَرَفَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُتَعَجِّبًا مِمَّا جَرَى" (لوقا 24: 12)، اما يوحنا الحبيب "فَرَأَى وَأَمَنَ" (يوحنا 20: 8). فهم يوحنا فوراً لغة القبر الفارغ، والاكفان الممدودة، والمندبل ملفوفاً على حدة. فهذه التفاصيل تنفي سرقة الجسد. فأمن بقيامة الرب. وعلى إيمان الرسل ثبت إيمان الكنيسة. وليس الإيمان تصديق الأشياء التي تتناقض مع العقل، بل هو فوق وما وراء العقل كما جاء في تعليم صاحب الرسالة الى العبرانيين "فَالْإِيْمَانُ قُوَامُ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي تُرْجَى وَبُزْهَانُ الْحَقَائِقِ الَّتِي لَا تُرَى" (عبرانيين 11، 1). إن أساس الإيمان المسيحي هو أحداثاً جرت بالفعل، من شهادة شهود عيان جديرين بالثقة.

يسوع المسيح هو شخصيا "القيامة والحياة من آمن بي، وإن مات، فسَيَحْيَا" (يوحنا 11: 25). وهو يُشركنا منذ الآن في الحياة الجديدة عن طريق علامات اسرار الكنيسة. فالحياة الجديدة التي دخلنا فيها ليست شيئاً آخر سوى حياته ذاتها كشخص قام من بين الاموات "مع أننا كُنا أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِنَا، أَحْيَاَنَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ (بِالْتَّعَمُّعِ لِنَلْمُ الْخَلَاصِ) وَأَقَامَنَا مَعَهُ وَاجْلَسَنَا مَعَهُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ (أَفَسَسَ 2: 5-6). إن ايماننا بقيامة يسوع يوجه كل كياننا المسيحي "أَمَّا وَقَدْ قُمْنَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، فَاسْعَوْا إِلَى الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي فِي الْغُلَى خَيْثُ الْمَسِيحُ قَدْ جَلَسَ عَنْ يَمِينِ اللَّهِ". (قولوسي 3: 1).

أبها الرب يسوع المسيح، يا من غلبت الموت وخرجت من ظلمة القبر منتصرةً ونقض موتك موتنا وبقيامتك أعدت الحياة البنا، امنحنا رُوحَكَ الْقُدُوسَ وأظهر غفرانك وسلامك وفرحك في قلوبنا وحياتنا فنشهد بِقِيَمَا أَنْ يَسُوعَ رَبِّ، وَنُؤْمِنَ بِقَلْبِنَا أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَنُكُونُ شُهَدَاً لِقِيَامَتِكَ عَلَى مِثَالِ الرِّسْلِ "فَلَا تَسْتَطِيعُ السُّكُوتُ عَنْ ذِكْرِ مَا رَأَيْنَا وَمَا سَمِعْنَا وَمَا اخْتَبَرْنَا" (أعمال الرسل 4: 21)، ونشع هذا الايمان للجميع متشددين مع الكنيسة "المسيح قام من بين الاموات ووطئ الموت بالموت. ووهب الحياة للذين في القبور".



المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

للقيامة معاني كثيرة: هي ختام عمل الفداء وتمجيد يسوع وتحقيق النبوات والوعود ومركز كرازة الجماعة المسيحية الاولى وموضوع ايماننا المسيحي الاساسي:

- قيامة يسوع تكملة عمل الفداء

بدأ يسوع عمل الفداء بالتجسد والالام والصلب والموت وأكملة بالقيامة. أنقذنا الرب يسوع من الخطايا، وبقيامته أعاد كل ما فقدناه من خلال الخطيئة وفتح لنا أبواب الحياة الأبدية كما جاء في تعليم بولس الرسول "أَسْلِمَ إِلَى الْقَوِي مِنْ أَجْلِ زَلَّاتِنَا وَأَقِيمَ مِنْ أَجْلِ بِنَانَا". (رومة 4، 25). فإن كان قد ذُبح لأجلنا، فقيامته تؤكد قبول الذبيحة. وإن كان قد صُلب من أجل ديون ذنوبنا، فقيامته تعلن وفاء الدين. وعلق القديس ميليتيوس أسقف سربدينا "اتخذ الرب، مع كونه إلهًا، طبيعة الإنسان، وتألّم عمقاً كان يتألم. وفقد بدل من كان مُقَدِّدًا، وحُكِمَ عليه بدل من كان مُجْرِمًا، ودُفِنَ بدل من كان مدفونًا، وقام من بين الأموات.

- قيامة يسوع طريق للمجد

دخل يسوع الى المجد من خلال قيامته. فعندما كان يسوع على الارض لم يظهر مجده الا ببعض العلامات "جاء إلى بيته. فما قبله أهل بيته. (يوحنا 1: 11)، وفي لحظات قصيرة لكحلة التجلي "مضى يسوع بِطَرَسَ ويعقوب ويوحنا فانقَرَدَ بِهِمْ وَحَذَهُمْ عَلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ، وَتَجَلَّى بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ". (مرقس 9: 2)؛ اما بعد القيامة دخل يسوع عالم جديد تنبأ عنه اشعيا النبي (اشعيا 65: 17) وأصبح "رَبُّ الْفَجْدِ" (1 قورنثس 2: 8). إن جسده الآن مُمَجَّدٌ، خالداً وغير قابل للتدمير. يُشارك جسد المسيح الرب في المجد الذي كان لديه من البداية، عندما كان حاضراً مع الآب قبل الخلق. وبهذه القيامة، أثبت المسيح الرب مجد ألوهيته. لم يُقِيمَهُ أَيْ أَحَدٌ بِلَهِ قَامَ بِقُوَّتِهِ الذَاتِيَّةِ. قال الرب يسوع: "أَبْدِلُ نَفْسِي لِأَنَّا لَهَا ثَانِيَةً مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَنْتَرِظُهَا مِنِّي بَلْ إِنِّي أَبْدِلُهَا بِرُضَايَ. قُلِي أَنْ أَبْدِلَهَا وَلِي أَنْ أَنَالَهَا ثَانِيَةً" (يوحنا 10، 18-19).

- قيامة يسوع تحقيق للنبوءات

ان قيامة يسوع حققت ما قد تنبأ يسوع نفسه لتلاميذه "أَنْ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ يَجِبُ عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يُعَانِيَ أَلَامًا شَدِيدًا، وَأَنْ يَرْذَلَهُ الشُّيُوعُ وَغُلَامَةُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَالْكَتَبَةِ، وَأَنْ يُقْتَلَ، وَأَنْ يَقُومَ بَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ" (مرقس 8: 31). فقيامة يسوع حققت نبوءة علامة يونان "فكما بقي يونان في بطن الحوت ثلاثة أيام وثلاث ليال، فكذلك يَبْقَى ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي جُوفِ الْأَرْضِ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ وَثَلَاثَ لَيَالٍ" (متي 12: 40). وقيامة يسوع هي أيضاً علامة الهيكل كما اشار يسوع الى ذلك بقوله "انقضوا هذا الهيكل أقمه في ثلاثة أيام" (يوحنا 2: 19-21).

- قيامة يسوع تحقيق للوعود

حققت القيامة وعد رفع يسوع ممجدا الى يمين الله "فداود لم يصعد إلى السموات، وهو نفسه مع ذلك يقول: قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِزَبِّي: اجْلِسْ عَنْ يَمِينِي" (أعمال الرسل 2: 34) كما حققت القيامة تمجيد عبد الرب "لِيَجْرِيَ الشَّفَاءُ وَالْآيَاتُ وَالْأَعَاجِيبُ بِاسْمِ عَبْدِكَ الْقُدُوسِ يَسُوعَ" (أعمال الرسل 4: 30) كما حققت القيامة ايضا الوعد بجلوس يسوع عن يمين الله "هَذَا إِيَّيْ أَرَى السَّمَوَاتِ مُتَّقَنَّةً، وَابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ قَائِمًا عَنْ يَمِينِ اللَّهِ" (أعمال الرسل 7: 56).

- القيامة هي مركز الكرازة الرسولية

وتقوم كرازة الرسل على ان يسوع قد صلب ومات، الا ان الله اقامه، وبه يُقَدِّمُ للناس الخلاص كما صرَّح بطرس الرسول "فَتَلْتَمِسُ سَبِيلَ الْحَيَاةِ، فَأَقَامَهُ اللَّهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَنَحْنُ شُهَدَاً عَلَى ذَلِكَ" (أعمال الرسل 3: 14-15). ويؤكد لنا بولس الرسول ايضا إيمان الجماعة الأولى بالقيامة، حيث يقول "سَلَّمْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ قَبْلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مَا تَسَلَّمْتُهُ أَنَا أَيْضًا، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ خَطَايَانَا كَمَا وَرَدَ فِي الْكُتُبِ، وَأَنَّهُ قَبْرَ وَقَامَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ كَمَا وَرَدَ فِي الْكُتُبِ" (1 قورنثس 15: 3-4). "وإن كان المسيح لم يُقَمْ، فَتَبْشِيرُنَا بَاطِلٌ وَإِيْمَانُكُمْ أَيْضًا بَاطِلٌ" (1 قورنثس 15: 14). وإن رؤساء اليهود لم يكذبوا حقيقة القيامة بل اكتفوا بالبحث عن تفسير آخر له وذلك برشوة رجال الحرس بقولهم لهم "قولوا إن تلاميذه جاؤوا ليلاً فسرَقوه ونَحْنُ نائِمون" (متي 28: 13). ويمكننا أن نلقب سفر الأعمال ببشارة القيامة. للجماعة المسيحية الأولى القيامة لها الأهمية الأولى إذ بدون قيامة الرب لما قامت

The Joy of the Resurrection

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:14-15). With these words Saint Paul explains quite drastically what faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means for the Christian message overall: it is its very foundation. The Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead.

If this were taken away, it would still be possible to piece together from the Christian tradition a series of interesting ideas about God and men, about man's being and his obligations, a kind of religious world view: but the Christian faith itself would be dead. Jesus would be a failed religious leader, who despite his failure remains great and can cause us to reflect. But he would then remain purely human, and his authority would extend only so far as his message is of interest to us. He would no longer be a criterion; the only criterion left would be our own judgment in selecting from his heritage what strikes us as helpful. In other words, we would be alone. Our own judgment would be the highest instance.

Therefore it is necessary to listen with particular attention as the New Testament bears witness to the Resurrection. Yet first we have to acknowledge that this testimony, considered from a historical point of view, is presented to us in a particularly complex form and gives rise to many questions.

- 1) We are to be a Resurrection people: Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of despair, discouragement or doubt, nor that of death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).
- 2) We need to seek our peace and joy in the Risen Jesus: The living presence of the Risen Lord gives us lasting peace and celestial joy in the face of the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. "Peace be with you!" was His salutation to His disciples at all post-Resurrection appearances. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.
- 3) We are to be transparent Christians: We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others, through our lives of love, mercy, compassion and self-sacrificing service, that the Risen Jesus is living in our hearts.
- 4) We need to live new, disciplined lives in the Risen Jesus: Our awareness of the all-pervading, loving presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming



resurrection, help us control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. These salutary thoughts inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the Risen Lord is present in our neighbors and in all those we encounter should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.






















































- 5) We need to remember Easter in our Good Fridays: Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share the power of His Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations – but keep on trying to overcome them – we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope – even when our hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our Faith in Him.
- 6) We are to be bearers of the Good News of Resurrection power. Resurrection is Good News, but at the same time, it's sometimes painful because it involves death. Before the power of the Resurrection can take hold in our own lives, we're called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to die to our own dreams, so that God can do what He wants to do with our lives. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. Early that Easter morning, Mary Magdalene did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imagined: The Risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God's new ways of working in the world. That's the power of the Resurrection. When those moments come, we must spread the news – just as Mary Magdalene did: We have seen the Lord!
- 7) We need to be Easter people: We are in truth called to be an "Easter people", because there are many Easter moments in our lives. It may be in prayer, when for a moment we really experience the love of God, especially having felt His absence, as we often do, like the disciples who experienced the emptiness of the tomb. It may be that moment when we are touched and given hope by a word of Scripture - like the disciples on the road to Emmaus when their hearts were uplifted in joy and hope as the Lord opened up the scriptures to them. Or it may be a moment during the sacrament of reconciliation, after we have acknowledged honestly our weakness and selfishness, our sinfulness and come to experience his forgiveness. Indeed, there are times in our lives when we know, through Faith, that the times of calm after the storm, of joy after sorrow, of restored vitality after weary days on our journey of Faith, are truly times when we share in his paschal mystery

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



The Easter Story



While  and His apostles were in the  of Gethsemane, wicked men came and took Him away. And at a place called Calvary, they crucified  on a  between two thieves. From the   prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Later  cried, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." and bowed His head and died. The death of  made the  who loved Him very sad. His body was taken to a  in a nearby . After wrapping Him in white fine linen, He was tenderly laid in the . A large  was rolled in front of the entrance to the . Those who had put to death asked that the  be sealed.  were also ordered to stand guard. For two days  lay in the  and the  kept watch. Then before the morning  of the third day an  came and rolled the  away. When the  saw the , they were frightened and fell to the ground. The  then fled in fright. On this same morning  and several other  came to the tomb bringing  for the body of . They found the  gone and the  rolled away. There was an  standing at the , and the  were afraid. The  said, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." The  told the  to go and tell the . Later  returned to the . As she stood outside the  weeping,  appeared to her. Many other  also saw . He appeared to the  and stayed with them for **40** days. He ate with His  and taught them many things.  told these men to teach all nations and baptize the . After  taught the , He blessed them. Then the  saw  taken up to heaven and two  declared, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."




LITURGICAL CALENDAR



APRIL	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 نيسان – أبريل 2022						1  St Mary the Egyptian 2 Corinthians 5:10-15 Luke 12:42-48	2  Saturday of the Akathist Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 8:27-31
	3  Sunday of Mary of Egypt أحد مريم المصرية Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45	4  St Joseph the Hymnographer Colossians 3:12-16 Luke 11:34-41	5  St Victor 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23 Mark 8:30-34	6  St Eutychios of Constantinople Ephesians 4:7-13 Luke 12:16-21	7  St Callippos Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 18:18-27	8  St Hermes and his companions Ephesians 2:4-10 John 8:21-30	9  Lazarus Saturday سبت لعازر Hebrews 12:28-13:8 John 11:1-45
MARCH 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	10  Palm Sunday أحد الشعانين Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18	11  Great & Holy Monday الاثنين العظيم المقدس Ezekiel 1:1-21 Zephaniah 3:14-19 Zechariah 9:9-15	12  Great & Holy Tuesday الثلاثاء العظيم المقدس Ezekiel 1:21-28 Exodus 1:1-20 Job 1:1-12	13  Great & Holy Wednesday الأربعاء العظيم المقدس Ezekiel 2:3-10; 3:1-3 Exodus 2:5-10 Job 1:13-22	14  Great & Holy Thursday الخميس العظيم المقدس 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Matthew 26:1-27:1-2 John 13:3-17 Luke 22:43-44	15  Great & Holy Friday الجمعة العظيمة المقدسة Eothion: Twelve Gospels	16  Great & Holy Saturday سبت التور المقدس Romans 6:3-12 Matthew 28:1-20
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	24 St Thomas Sunday أحد الرسول توما Acts 5:12-20 John 20:19-31	25 Anzac Day St Mark the Apostle 1 Peter 5:6-14 Luke 10:16-21	26 St Basil of Amasia Acts 4:1-10 John 3:16-21	27 St Simeon Acts 4:13-22 John 5:17-24	28 Sts Jason and Sosipater Acts 4:23-31 John 5:24-30	29 St Memnon the Wonderworker Acts 5:1-11 John 5:30-6:2	30 St James the Apostle Acts 5:21-32 John 6:14-27

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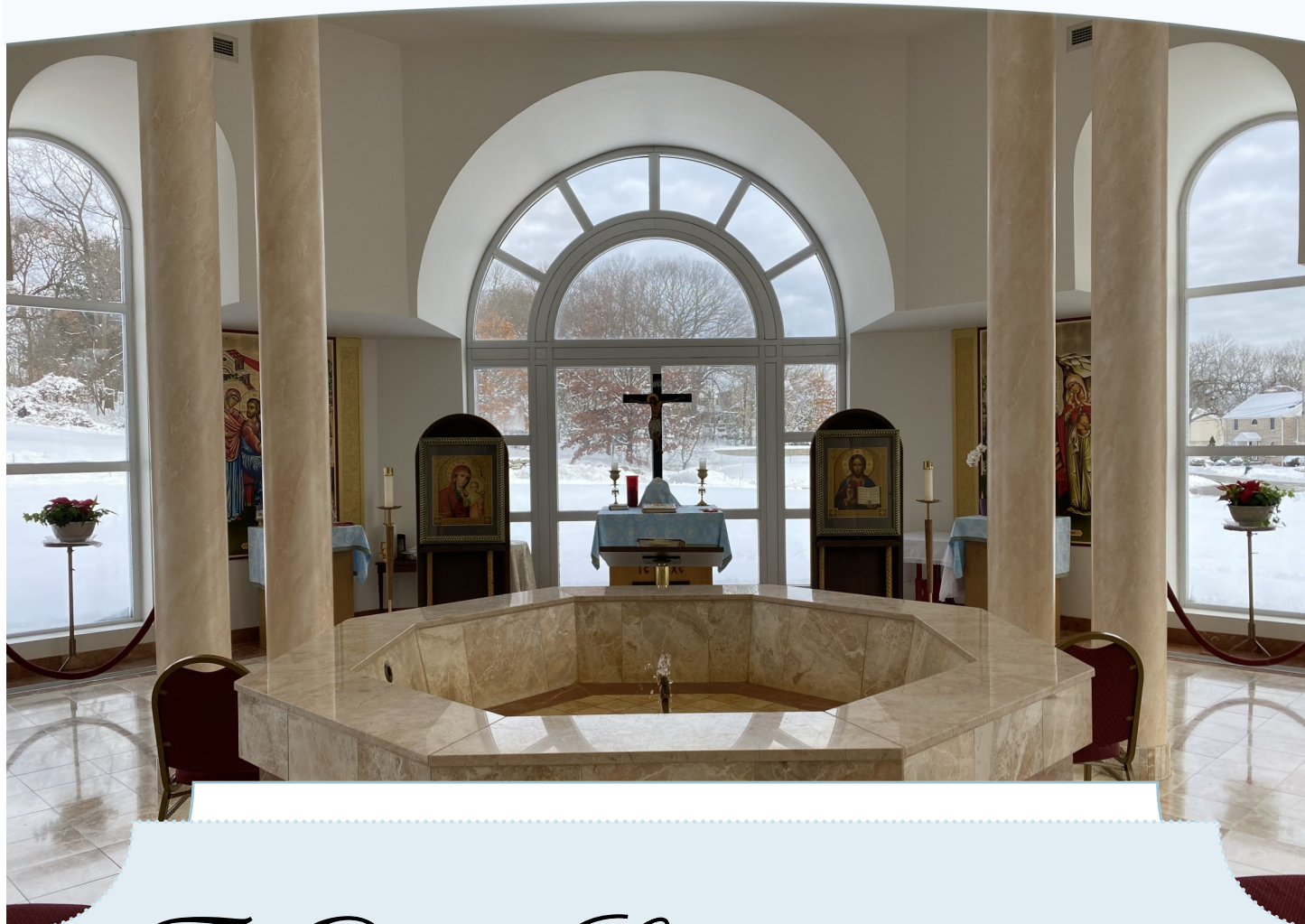
 Abstain from Meat

 Fast from midnight until noon

 Lenten Season

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The Divine Liturgy is celebrated

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Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 am

Sunday Divine Liturgy :

English at 9:00 am—Arabic at 11:15 am

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

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$416,000



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 40%

"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"
-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



Roof Repair: Contract Signed- March 2022



Mold Remediation: Proposals received & In Review



Doors & Windows: Part 1 of Proposals received & In Review



HVAC & Boiler: Proposals received & In Review



Flooring Upgrades: Acquiring Proposals



Parking Lot & Walkway Resurfacing



Interior Décor Enhancements



Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Equipment Repair



Masonry Repairs



TBD

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported this campaign thus far.
- Our first priority of this campaign was the roof-But there are several other projects/repairs being reviewed and considered that are listed above
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts-We do not expect everyone to support with the same amount-*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign-If you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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Shepherd's Care Associated Charities

Shepherd's Care began in 1988 at the request of the faithful and clergy who saw a need for a united effort among all Melkite Catholic Parishes in the United States to reach out to people in need. By means of this initiative, the Eparchy reaches out in love through financial assistance to people in need here in the United States and abroad. Over the years Shepherd's Care has raised more than \$250,000.

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Donations are distributed to local parish charities such as soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, eparchial charities, world charities, and offers tuition assistance to seminarians of the Eparchy.

But Shepherd's Care much more than raising funds for charitable causes. More importantly, it is a guide to assist us in living a Holy Lent through understanding and practicing the Lenten cornerstones of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



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SHEPHERD'S CARE Associated Charities Great Lent

**"There is no sin that
alms cannot cleanse.
Charity is a medicine
suitable for any wound."**

St. John Chrysostom

The Widow's Mite

Each year during the Great Fast, the Church encourages us with the example of the "widow's mite". We receive a little box — a "mite box" which we take home. This box symbolizes the offerings (alms) we give during Lent, together with our increased prayers, fasting, and abstinence.

"When He looked up, he saw some wealthy people putting their offering into the treasury, and He noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, 'I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth. But she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood'"



recognized that the widow's "mite" was far greater than the large offerings other people were contributing. They could afford to give more. The poor widow, however, gave to God everything she had.



Lenten Gift Box

Each family, indeed every person, is invited to take home a Lenten gift (mite) box. Put it on your dining table, or in your icon corner, anywhere you will see it and be inspired to remember the needy. Throughout Lent place your offerings in the box. Some people try to put in the amount they save by abstaining from certain foods. Children find it especially fun to use the coin calendar.

At the end of Great Lent bring the proceeds of your mite box to the church

as your offering for Shepherd's Care. If you are presenting a check please make it payable to **SHEPHERD'S CARE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES**. You may also make donations by check directly to the Eparchial Office. Address is on the back. Together our eparchial family can help alleviate the sufferings of God's people.

All proceeds from Shepherd's Care Associated Charities go directly to the charities. The Bishop, together with his advisors, insures that 100% of the money is given to the needy at home and abroad.

Your tax-deductible contributions are greatly appreciated by all who will benefit from them. The Fathers of the Church encourage us to always be humbly grateful and remember those in need. In helping others, we are doing the will of God.

"The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry. The garment in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor."

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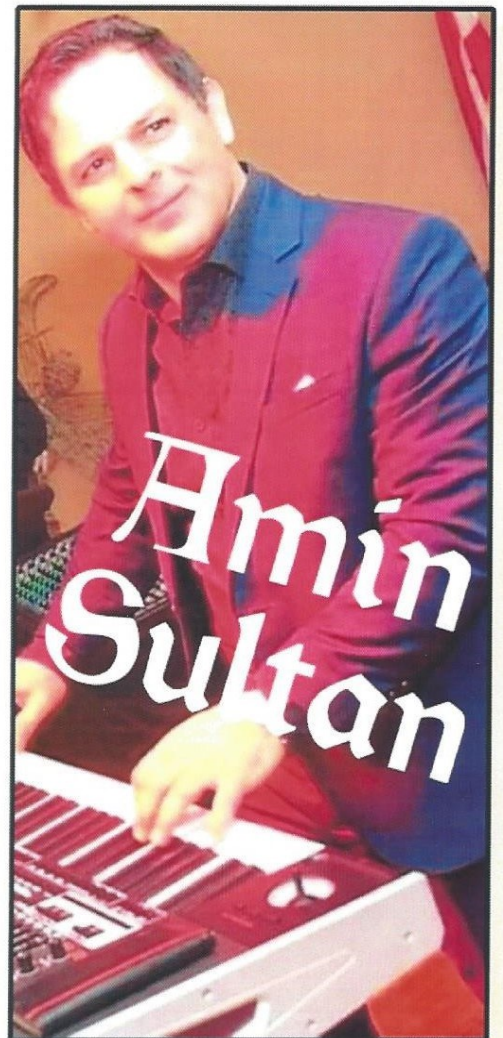
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