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## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Divine Liturgy**  
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(401)722-1345

**Holy Mysteries**

**Reconciliation**  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will  
be available before and after 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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### صلاته الأنديقونة

أيها الكلمة القدير، يا من قام من القبر وأتى أحبائه، أرنا آثار المسامير وطعنة جنيك، وثبتت إيماننا، لكي نعترف 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 أبوك الأزلي وروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الدهرين. آمين.

#### نشيد العيد باللحن الخامس (3 مرات)

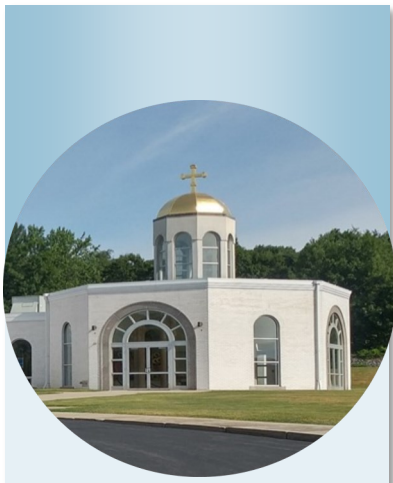
المسيح قام من بين الاموات ووطيء الموت بالموت ووهب الحياة للذين في القبور (ثلاثاً)

#### الايباكوئي 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 كإنسان؟ أنظرن لفائف الأكفان. أسرعن وبشرن العالم بأن الرب قد قام وأمات الموت، لأنه أبن الله المخلص جنس البشر.

#### القنداق باللحن الثاني (أو الثامن)

وان نزلت إلى القبر يا من لا يموت، فقد نقضت قدرة الجحيم وقمت كظافر، أيها المسيح الإله. وللنساء حاملات الطيب قلت افرحن. ولرسلك وهبت السلام، يا مانح الواقعين القيام.



### Our church organizations:

**MAYA:** Organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra.  
<https://melkite.org/maya>

**MYO:** Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.  
[www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html](http://www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html)

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



Instead of the Trisagion: All of you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, Alleulia.

### The Epistle: Acts of the Apostles: 1: 1-9 PROKIMENON (Tone 8)

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.

بدل التريصاجيون نرنم: أنتم الذين بالمسيح اعتمدتم. المسيح قد لبستم. هلولويا.

### مقدمة الرسالة

هذا هو اليوم الذي صنعه الرب، فلنبتهج ونفرح به  
 اعترفوا للرب فإنه صالح. لأن إلى الابد رحمته

### الرسالة (أعمال الرسل 1: 1-9)

قد أنشأت الكلام الأول يا ثاوفيلس، في جميع الأمور التي أبتدأ يسوع يعملها ويعلم بها، إلى اليوم الذي صعد فيه. من بعد أن أوصى بالروح القدس الرسل الذين اصطفاهم، الذين أراهم أيضاً بنفسه حياً بعد تألمه بآهين كثيرة. وهو يترأى لهم مدة أربعين يوماً ويكلّمهم عما يخص ملكوت الله. وفيما هو يأكل معهم أوصاهم أن لا يترحوا من أورشليم. بل انتظروا موعد الأب الذي سمعتموه مني. فإن يوحنا إنما عمّد بالماء. أما أنتم فستعمدون بالروح القدس بعد هذه الأيام بقليل. فسأله المجتمعون قائلين: يارب أفي هذا الزمان تزد الملك إلى إسرائيل؟ فقال لهم. ليس لكم أن تعرفوا الأوقات والأزمنة التي جعلها الأب في سلطانه الخاص، لكنكم ستنالون قوة بحلول الروح القدس عليكم. فتكونون لي شهوداً في أورشليم. وفي جميع اليهودية والسامرة وإلى أقاصي الأرض.

### هلولويا

أنت يارب تقوم وترأف بصهيون لأنه وقت الرافة بها. والوقت قد حضر  
 الرب من السماء نظر، فأبصر جميع بني البشر.

### الانجيل (يوحنا 1: 1-17)

في البدء كان الكلمة. والكلمة كان عند الله. وكان الكلمة الله. هذا كان في البدء عند الله. كل به كونه. وبغيره لم يكون شيء مما كونه. فيه كانت الحياة. والحياة كانت نور الناس، والنور يضيء في الظلمة. والظلمة لم تدركه. كان رجلاً مرسل من الله اسمه يوحنا، هذا جاء للشهادة لكي يشهد للنور. حتى يؤمن الجميع بواسطته. لم يكن هو النور بل كان ليشهد للنور. كان النور الحقيقي الذي ينيئ كل إنسان أت إلى العالم، كان في العالم والعالم به كونه. والعالم لم يعرفه. أت إلى خاصته وخاصته لم تقبله فأما كل الذين قبلوه فأعطاهم سلطاناً أن يكونوا أبناء الله. الذين لا من دم ولا من مشيئة لحم، ولا من مشيئة رجل، لكن من الله وُلدوا. والكلمة صار جسداً وحلّ فينا. وقد أبصرنا مجده مجد وحيد من الآب، مملوءاً نعمةً وحقاً. ويوحنا شهد له وصرخ قائلاً: هذا هو الذي قلت عنه إن الذي يأتي بعدي قد كان قبلي لأنه أقدم مني. ومن امتلأته نحن كلنا أخذنا، ونعمة مكان نعمة، لأن الناموس أعطي بموسى. وأما النعمة والحق فييسوع المسيح قد حصلا.





# Divine Liturgy Intentions

**THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024: EASTER SUNDAY. THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY:** For the **SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE** of all the parishioners and friends of St. Basil's Church.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>: 10 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY** For the **SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE** of all the parishioners and friends of St. Basil's Church.

## 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.





**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** March 24, 2024: Budgets: \$10,785.00 (Envelopes: \$10,270.00; Loose: \$515.00); Candles: \$.147.00; Stole Offerings: \$125.00; Building Fund: \$60.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$378.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three and a half years and has been fully available for parish services. Just email him at [office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com](mailto: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 this New Year.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone who is planning an ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy BEFORE reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings.

**2024 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS** are available-free for the taking-at both entrances of the Church. 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.

**CLEANLINESS AND 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!

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE** of any change of address or telephone number information. This will cut down on returned mail and time waste. Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing request but to no avail. Kindly give this your undivided attention and as Our Lord says in His parables: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**PLEASE NOTE:** Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE 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.

**REFLECTION:** "You can't make friends without speaking to people." - *Theologian John Mac Kenzie*

**TODAY**, there will be a special collection taken up for your **EASTER OFFERINGS**. Envelopes may be found in your weekly budgets, or you may obtain a special envelope for this offering after today's Liturgy. The envelopes will be located at both entrances to the church. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

**After the Divine Liturgy all parishioners are invited to the Cultural Center to partake of refreshments, to socialize, and to greet one another with the Paschal Salutation: CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!**

**ARABIC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2024 SCHOLARSHIP:** application, eligibility information and check-list is available at [aef-ri.org](http://aef-ri.org)

The completed application and official transcript is due April 15, 2024. Question(s) contact: [aef1966@cox.net](mailto:aef1966@cox.net)

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.





# Holy Week Liturgical Services 2024



## St Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church Holy Week Liturgical Services



### PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 am † Divine Liturgy on Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
- 11:15 am † Divine Liturgy on Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

- أحد الشعانين**
- 9:00 يوم الأحد صباحاً † الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي-عيد دخول السيد المسيح الى اورشليم (أحد الشعانين)
  - 11:15 يوم الأحد صباحاً † الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي-عيد دخول السيد المسيح الى اورشليم (أحد الشعانين)



### GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 pm † Blessing of the Oil of the Penitents and the Lord's Last Supper commemoration at Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with the Solemn Washing of the Feet

- الأربعاء المقدس**
- 6:30 مساءً † الإحتفال بالليتورجية الإلهية للقدس باسيليوس الكبير يليها رتبة تبريك الزيت و مسح المؤمنين بالزيت المقدس ثم خدمة غسل الأرجل



### GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

- 8:00 am to 5:00 pm † Vigil at the Foot of the Cross
- 6:30 pm † Matins Service of the Crucifixion with the reading of the Passion Gospels

- خميس العهد**
- 8:00 صباحاً حتى 5:00 مساءً † صلاة سجود وتأمل عند أقدام الصليب
  - 6:30 مساءً † قراءة الأناجيل المقدسة مع خدمة الألام الخلاصية ورتبة الصليب



### GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY – Passion of Our Lord

- 6:30 pm † Burial Service of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ- Matins of Holy Saturday-Procession of Triumph

- الجمعة العظيمة**
- 6:30 مساءً † صلاة السحر و رتبة جناز السيد المسيح تليها خدمة فيض النور ونثر الغار كعلامة إنتصار السيد المسيح على الموت



### GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY--The Descent Into Hades

- 7:00 pm † Resurrection Matins (Rush Service) and Divine Liturgy of Pascha followed by collation in the Culture Center

- سبت النور**
- 7:00 مساءً † رتبة الهجمة وخدمة القداس الإلهي إحتفالاً بعيد الفصح المجيد يليها تجمع إحتفالي في قاعة الكنيسة



### EASTER SUNDAY — Resurrection of Our Lord

- 10:00 am † Resurrection Matins (Rush Service) followed by the Divine Liturgy of Pascha

- عيد الفصح المجيد**
- 10:00 صباحاً † رتبة الهجمة وخدمة القداس الإلهي إحتفالاً بعيد الفصح المجيد





**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 WERE IN THE TOMBS"**

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Father Ephrem*

*Father Joe*

*Deacon Edmond*

*Deacon Gilbert*



# Following Jesus Kids bulletin



## ByziKids 2024 Countdown to Pascha











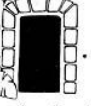










































Western Calendar Edition

<b>March 17</b> Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Learn her story and be inspired!	<b>March 16</b> Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today	<b>March 15</b> Tonight, listen for the entrance hymn & pray with the angels when Jesus enters!	<b>March 14</b> Help someone whom you are tempted NOT to love today	<b>March 13</b> Set aside a special time to sit before your icon corner and rest with Jesus a while	<b>March 12</b> Be a helper like Simon of Cyrene. Help someone with a difficult task today	<b>March 11</b> Make "Crown of Thorn Pretzel Rolls" Get the recipe at <a href="http://ByziMom.com">ByziMom.com</a>	<b>March 10</b> Sunday of St. John the Ladder Step by step, We're getting close	<b>March 9</b> Clean your closets today and consider donating things you've outgrown	<b>March 8</b> Think about the angels today and how your own angel helps you keep the fast	<b>March 7</b> Review and discuss the guidelines for proper behavior at Liturgy with your family	<b>March 6</b> Watch for another opportunity to be a helper today!	<b>March 5</b> Do a secret good deed for someone who is in need.	<b>March 4</b> Review the litany said at Divine Liturgy and think of someone you know for each petition	<b>March 3</b> Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross	<b>March 2</b> Learn or review the Prayer before Communion	<b>March 1</b> The Family is made in God's image...3 in 1! Review Psalm 127	<b>February 29</b> Learn and practice the Jesus Prayer with your new beads	<b>February 28</b> Make a choiki bracelet with 20 beads to pray with every day and night!	<b>February 27</b> Defend your faith... Learn and review the concepts in the Creed	<b>February 26</b> Dust your room and think about cleaning the dust from your soul too!	<b>February 25</b> Sunday of the Paralyzed Man Practice prayer today!	<b>February 24</b> Remember to practice obedience, as Jesus was obedient to his parents too!	<b>February 23</b> Take time to look outside notice the wonderful things God has made.	<b>February 22</b> Learn about your patron saint	<b>February 21</b> O Joyful Light	<b>February 20</b> Plant some basil seeds in pots today for Pascha	<b>February 19</b> Visit someone who is sick or lonely, or maybe send them a card	<b>February 18</b> Sunday of Orthodoxy Gather your icons and have a procession!	<b>February 17</b> Saturday of Theodore the Recruit Read this really cool story at <a href="http://ByziMom.com">ByziMom.com</a>	<b>February 16</b> Clean Friday Make Kutija (K'oliva) in honor of St. Theodore's miracle	<b>February 15</b> Clean Thursday Learn the Prayer of St. Ephrem	<b>February 14</b> Clean Wednesday Practice your prostrations	<b>February 13</b> Clean Tuesday It's a great day to clean your room!	<b>February 12</b> Clean Monday The Great Fast Begins! Here we go!	<b>February 11</b> Cheesefare/ Forgiveness Sunday: Ask forgiveness of all in your household
<b>March 19</b> Learn about St. Longinus today and how his eyesight was restored by Jesus. How merciful is HE?!!	<b>March 20</b> After you receive Jesus in the Eucharist tonight, close your eyes and struggle with Him a while.	<b>March 21</b> Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today!	<b>March 22</b> Today is the last day of the Great Fast. Passion week is coming soon.	<b>March 23</b> Lazarus Saturday Listen to the gospel story & think about what you would do if you saw that!	<b>March 24</b> Palm/Flower Sunday Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!	<b>March 25</b> Great and Holy Monday The Annunciation Mt 21:18-20 Talk with your family about ways you can be a fruitful branch.	<b>March 26</b> Great and Holy Tuesday Mt 24:46-50:20 Keep the light burning for Jesus in your soul!	<b>March 27</b> Great and Holy Wednesday Mt 26:6-16 Tonight YOU can receive HOLY UNCTION	<b>March 28</b> Great and Holy Thursday 1 Cor 11:23-32 Spend some extra time with Jesus in prayer tonight.	<b>March 29</b> Great and Holy Friday Be especially quiet and solemn today in honor of Jesus suffering and death.	<b>March 30</b> Great and Holy Saturday Help your family prepare for the celebration to PASCCHA! TOMORROW!																								



# Following Jesus - Kids bulletin



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  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."



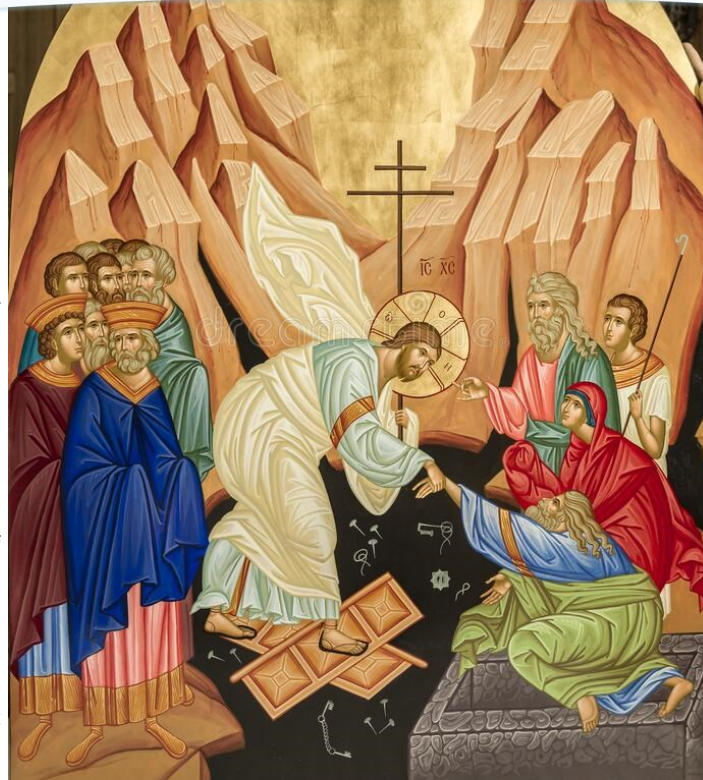
# The Joy of the Resurrection

"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

# فرح القيامة

## المسيح قام! حقًا قام!

للقِيامة معاني كثيرة: هي ختام عمل الفداء وتمجيد يسوع وتحقيق النبوات والوعود ومركز كرازة الجماعة المسيحية الأولى وموضوع إيماننا المسيحي الاساسي:

## - قيامة يسوع تكملة عمل الفداء

بدأ يسوع عمل الفداء بالتجسد والالام والصلب والموت وأكملة بالقيامة. أنقذنا الرب يسوع من الخطايا، وبقِيامته أعاد كل ما فقدناه من خلال الخطيئة وفتح لنا أبواب الحياة الأبدية كما جاء في تعليم بولس الرسول "أسلم إلى الموت من أجل زلاتنا وأقيم من أجل بَرِّنا." (رومة 4، 25). فإن كان قد ذبح لأجلنا، فقيامته تؤكد قبول الذبيحة. وإن كان قد صلب من أجل ديون ذنوبنا، فقيامته تعلن وفاء الدين. وعلق القديس ميليتيوس أسقف سردينيا "اتخذ الرب، مع كونه إلهًا، طبيعة الإنسان، وتألّم عمّن كان يتألّم. وفدّ بدل من كان مُقيدًا، وحكّم عليه بدل من كان مُجرمًا، وذوّن 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 بعض العلامات "جاء إلى بيته. فما قبله أهل بيته. (يوحنا 1: 11)، وفي لحظات قصيرة كالحظة التجلي "مضى يسوع ببطرس ويعقوب ويوحنا فانفرد بهم وحدهم على جبل عال، وتجلّى بمرآى منهم." (مرقس 9: 2)؛ اما بعد القيامة دخل يسوع عالم جديد تنبأ عنه اشعيا النبي (اشعيا 65: 17) وأصبح "ربّ المجد" (1 قورنثس 2: 8). إن جسده الآن مُمجدًا، خالدًا وغير قابل للتدمير. يُشارك جسده المسيح الرب في المجد الذي كان لديه من البداية، عندما كان حاضرًا مع الآب قبل الخلق. وبهذه القيامة، أثبت المسيح الرب مجد ألوهيته. لم يُقيم أي أحد بل إنه قام ببقوته الذاتية. قال الرب يسوع: "أبذل نفسي. لأنا لها ثابته ما من أحد يبتزها مني بل إنني أبذلها برضاي. فلي أن أبذلها ولي أن أنا لها ثابته" (يوحنا 10، 18-19).

## - قيامة يسوع تحقيق للنبوات

ان قيامة يسوع حققت ما قد تنبأ يسوع نفسه لتلاميذه "أن ابن الإنسان يجب عليه أن يُعانيَ ألماً شديداً، وأن يذُلّه السُّبُوحُ وعُظماء الكهنة والكُتبة، وأن يُقتل، وأن يقوم بعد ثلاثَةِ أيامٍ" (مرقس 8: 31). فقيامة يسوع حققت نبوءة علامة يونان "فكما بقي يونان في بطن الحوت ثلاثَةِ أيامٍ وثلاث لَيالٍ، فكذلك يبقى ابن الإنسان في جوف الأرض ثلاثة أيامٍ وثلاث لَيالٍ" (متى 12: 40). وقيامة يسوع هي أيضاً علامة الهيكل كما اشار يسوع الى ذلك بقوله "انقضا هذا الهيكل أيقفه في ثلاثة أيام" (يوحنا 2: 19-21).

## - قيامة يسوع تحقيق الوعود

حققت القيامة وعد رفع يسوع ممجدا الى يمين الله "فداود لم تصعد إلى السموات، وهو نفسه مع ذلك يقول: قال الرب ليزي: اجلس عن يميني" (اعمال الرسل 2: 34) كما حققت القيامة تمجيد عبد الرب "ليجري الشفاء والاعاجيب باسم عبدك القدوس يسوع" (اعمال الرسل 4: 30) كما حققت القيامة ايضا الوعد بجولس يسوع عن يمين الله "ها اني ارى السموات مُتفتحة، وابن الإنسان قائما عن يمين الله" (اعمال الرسل 7: 56).

## - القيامة هي مركز الكرازة الرسولية

وتقوم كرازة الرسل على ان يسوع قد صلب ومات، الا ان الله اقامه، وبه يُقدّم للناس الخلاص كما صرح بطرس الرسول "قتلتم سيّد الحياة، فأقامه الله من بين الأموات، ونحن شهود على ذلك" (اعمال الرسل 3: 14-15). ويؤكد لنا بولس الرسول ايضا إيمان الجماعة الأولى بالقيامة، حيث يقول "سلمت إليكم قبل كل شيء ما تسلمته أنا أيضا، وهو أن المسيح مات من أجل خطايانا كما ورد في الكتب، وأنه فُيّر وقام في اليوم الثالث كما ورد في الكتب" (1 قورنثس 15: 3-4). "وان كان المسيح لم يُقم، فتبشيرا باطل وإيمانكم أيضا باطل" (1 قورنثس 15: 14). وان رؤساء اليهود لم يكذبوا حقيقة القيامة بل اکتفوا بالبحث عن تفسير آخر له وذلك برشوة رجال الحرس بقولهم لهم "قولوا إن تلاميذه جاؤوا ليلاً فسرّقوه ونحن نائمون" (متى 28: 13). ويمكننا أن نلقب سفر الأعمال ببشارة القيامة. للجماعة المسيحية الأولى القيامة لها الأهمية الأولى إذ بدون قيامة الرب لما قامت الكنيسة المسيحية على الإطلاق.

## القيامة هي عربون قيامتنا

قيامة المسيح هي موضوع إيماننا واساس رجائنا في القيامة في اليوم الاخير. قام يسوع باعتباره "باكورة الراقيين (1 قورنثس 15: 20) وهو أول القائم من بين الأموات" (اعمال الرسل 26: 23). فنحن نقوم، لان يسوع قد قام "فالذي أقام يسوع المسيح من بين الأموات يُحيي أيضا أجسادكم الفانية بوجه الحال فيكم" (رومة 8: 11). ويقول الرسول بطرس أننا قد وُلدنا من جديد إلى رجاء حي عن طريق قيامة يسوع المسيح، شملنا بوافر رحمة فولدنا ثانية لرجاء حي بقيامة يسوع المسيح من بين الأموات" (1 بطرس 1: 3). ويصرّح بولس الرسول "نتنظر مجيء المُخلص الرب يسوع المسيح الذي سيغيّر هيئة جسدينا الحقر فيجعله على صورة جسده المجد بما له من قدرة يُخضع بها لتفسيه كل شيء" (فيلبي 3: 21).

## موقفنا تجاه القيامة

بعدما بحثنا في معاني قيامة المسيح يكشف يوحنا الإنجيلي عن مراحل ترتقي بها إلى معرفة القيامة وفهمها من خلال الانتقال من رؤية مريم المجدلية السطحية، الى 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 تلفيق يُستحال تصديقه او فكرة إمكنية خطف الجثة كما كان الحال مع مريم المجدلية التي تساءلت امام القبر الفارغ "أخذوا الرب من القبر، ولا تعلم أين وضعوه" (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 "دخّل القبر فأبصر اللفائف ممدودة" (20: 6) رأى بطرس الاكفان مرتبة في مكانها على الارض واستدل من كل ما رأى ان جسد يسوع قد تحرر من اللفائف والمندبل ولكنه ظلّ مدهولا من حدث القيامة؛ بطرس رأى وتعجب كما يصفه لوقا الإنجيلي "غير أن بطرس قام فأسرع إلى القبر وانحنى، فلم يَر إلا اللفائف، فأنصرفت إلى بيته مُتَعَجِّباً ممّا جرى" (لوقا 24: 12)، اما يوحنا الحبيب "فراى وأمن" (يوحنا 20: 8). فهم يوحنا فوراً لغة القبر الفارغ، والاكفان الممدودة، والمندبل ملفوفا 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 "فالإيمان قوائم الأمور التي تُرعى وبُزها الحقائق التي لا تُرى" (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، فسُحيّا" (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 ذاته كاشخص قام من بين الأموات "مع أننا كنا أمواتاً بزلّاتنا، أحيانا مع المسيح (بالنعمة نلنم الخلاص) وأقامنا معه وأجلّسنا معه في السموات في المسيح يسوع (أفسس 2: 5-6). إن ايماننا بقيامة يسوع بوجه كل كياننا المسيحي "أما وقد فقمتم مع المسيح، فاسعوا إلى الأمور التي في العلى حيث المسيح قد جلس عن يمين الله." (قولسي 3: 1).

أيها الرب يسوع المسيح، يا من غلبت الموت وخرجت من ظلمة القبر منتصراً ونقض موتك موتنا وبقيامتك اعدت الحياة البنا، امنحنا رُوحك القدوس وأظهر غفرانك وسلامك وفرحك في قلوبنا وحياتنا فنشهد بيقيننا أن يسوع ربّ، ونؤمن بقلبينا أن الله أقامه من بين الأموات، ونكون شهوداً لقيامتك على مثال الرسل " فلا تستطيع السكوت عن ذكّر ما رأينا وما سمعنا وما اخترنا" (اعمال الرسل 4: 21)، ونشع هذا الايمان للجميع منشدن مع الكنيسة "المسيح قام من بين الأموات ووطئ الموت بالموت. وهب الحياة للذين في القبور".



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### Campaign Facts:



**Campaign Goal:** \$1,000,000



**Outstanding Goal:** \$307,000



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

### Parish Community Facts:



**Total Registered Families:** 410



**Active Families:** 200



**% of Active Families Participation:** 56%

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

### Current & Future Projects:



**Church Roof Replacement:** Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



**Rectory Roof Replacement:** Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



**Church Window Repairs:** Project initially completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, estimated cost of \$1,665.



**HVAC & Boiler Replacement:** Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



**Flooring Upgrades:** Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



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



**Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning:** Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



**Power Washing/Masonry/Walkway Repairs:** Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



**Security Cameras/Door Upgrades:** Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Electrification of doorway proposal received, pending completion.



**Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory:** Project completed, final cost \$56,845. Additional upgrades are necessary.

### 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.



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

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