



February 20, 2022

## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### Office hours

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

### Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

### Sunday

English 9:00 AM  
Arabic 11:15 AM

### Religious Education

Sunday 10:00 am—11:15 AM

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

### 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



### Meat Fare – The Last Judgment

### أحد الدينونة— مرفع اللحم

#### Antiphon Prayer

O Christ, Our God, You were sent by the Father, not to judge the world, but to save it. We ask You in your boundless Compassion: Assist our weakness. Overcome our selfishness. Teach us to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and to serve all people faithfully for your sake. Then we shall deserve to hear your Divine Voice saying: "Come you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

For You are our Life and our Hope, 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 the Resurrection (6th tone)

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.

#### Troparion of St Basil

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

#### صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها المسيح إلهنا، يا من أرسله الله الآب لا ليدين العالم بل ليخلص به العالم، نسألك حنوك الذي لا قياس له أن تساعد ضعفنا، ونحشد من أنانيتنا، فننتعلم كيف نطعم الجياع ونكسو العراة ونحنو على المتألمين، ونخدم الجميع بإخلاص حباً لك، فنستحق أن نسمع من فمك الإلهي: تعالوا يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملك المعد لكم منذ إنشاء العالم. لأنك أنت حياتنا ورجاؤنا، أيها المسيح الإله، واليك نرفع المجد والشكر والسجود، وإلى أبيك الأزلي وروحك القدوس الصالح والمحيي، الآن وكل أوان ...

#### طروبارية القيامة باللحن السادس

إن القوات الملائكية ظهرت على قبرك، والحراس صاروا كالأموات، ومريم وقفت عند القبر، طالبة جسدك الطاهر. فسلبت الجحيم ولم تنلك بأذى، ولاقيت البتول. واهباً الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الأموات، يا رب المجد لك.

#### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

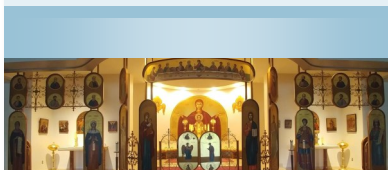


#### Our church organizations:

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

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



#### Kondakion of Meat Fare Sunday (1st Tone)

O God, when You shall come down upon earth in your glory, every creature shall tremble before You. A river of fire shall flow before your judgment-seat, the books shall be opened and all secrets revealed. On that day, O Just Judge, deliver me from eternal fire and make me worthy to stand at your right!

#### Epistle 1Cor 8:8-13 & 9:1-2

Prokimenon (Tone 2) Psalm 117:14,18

My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior. Stichon: The Lord has chastised me through his teaching, yet he has not delivered me to death.

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

Brethren, food does not commend us to God. For neither shall we gain any advantage if we eat, nor suffer any loss if we do not. And yet, beware lest perhaps this right of yours become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if a man sees you who "have knowledge" sitting at table in a place dedicated to idols, will not his conscience, weak as it is, be emboldened to eat idol offerings? And through your "knowledge" the weak one will perish, the brother for whom Christ died. Now, when you sin in this way against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore, if food scandalizes my brother, I will never again eat any more meat so as not to scandalize my brother.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? And if to others I am not an apostle, yet to you I am. For you are the seal set upon my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia (Tone 2) Psalm 19:1; 27:9

The lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

#### Gospel: Matthew 25, 31-46 (Last Judgement)

The Lord said, "At that time when the Son of Man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory; and before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and he will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the king will say to those on his right hand, Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked and you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the just will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you to drink? And when did we see you a stranger, and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?' And answering, the King will say to them, 'Amen I say to you, every time you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.' Then he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his ministers. For I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take me in; naked and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Amen I say to you as long as you did not do it for one of these least ones, you did not do it for me.' And these will go into everlasting punishment, but the just into everlasting life."

قنداق الختام – لمرفع اللحم – بالبحر الاول  
 متى اتيت يا الله على الارض بمجد، واربع كل شي، وجرى نهج النار امام المنبر، وفُتحت الكتب، واعلنت الخفايا، حينئذ اُنقذني من النار التي لا تطفأ، واهلني للوقوف عن يمينك، أيها القاضي العادل.

#### مقدمة الرسالة

الرب قوتي وتسيحي، لقد كان لي خلاصاً أدبني الرب تأديباً، وإلى الموت لم يُسلمني الرسالة (1 كورنثس 8: 8 إلى 9: 2)  
 يا إخوة، إن الطعام لا يُقربنا إلى الله، لأننا إن أكلنا لم نزدد وإن لم نأكل لم ننقص. ولكن احذروا ان يكون سلطانكم هذا معثرة للضعفاء. فإنه إن رآك أحد، أنت الذي لك العلم، مُتَكِناً في بيت الاوثان، أفلا يتقوى ضميره، إذ هو ضعيف، على أكل ذبائح الاوثان؟ فيهلك، بسبب علمك، الأخ الضعيف الذي مات المسيح لأجله. وهكذا إذ تخطئون إلى الاخوة، وتخرجون ضميرهم الضعيف، انما تخطئون إلى المسيح. فلذلك إن كان الطعام يشكك أخي، فلا أكل اللحم إلى الأبد، لئلا أشكك أخي. ألسنت رسولاً؟ ألسنت حراً؟ أما رأيت يسوع المسيح ربنا؟ أستمتم أنتم عملي في الرب؟ إن لم أكن رسولاً إلى آخرين، فإني رسول اليكم، لأني خاتم رسالي هو أنتم في الرب.  
 هلوليا

ليستجلب لك الرب في يوم الضيق، ليعضدك اسم إله يعقوب  
 خالص يا رب شعبك، وبارك ميراثك

#### أحد مرفع اللحم

الانجيل (متى 25: 31-46)

قال الرب: متى جاء ابن الانسان في مجده، وجميع الملائكة القديسين معه، حينئذ يجلس على عرش مجده. وتُجمع لديه كل الامم فيقيم بعضهم من بعض، كما يميز الراعي الخراف من الجداء. ويقيم الخراف عن يمينه والجداء عن يساره. حينئذ يقول الملك للذين عن يمينه: تعالوا يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملك المعد لكم منذ انشاء العالم. لأنني جعت فاطعمتموني، وعطشتم فسقتموني، كنت غريباً فاويتموني، وعرياناً فكسوتهموني، ومريضاً فعدتموني، وكنت محبوساً أتيتهم إلي. حينئذ يجيبه الصديقون قائلين: يارب، متى رأيناك جائعاً فاطعمناك، أو عطشان فسقيناك، ومتى رأيناك غريباً فآويناك، أو عرياناً فكسوناك. ومتى رأيناك مريضاً أو محبوساً فأتينا إليك؟ فيجيب الملك ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم، إنكم كلما فعلتم ذلك بأحد إخوتي هؤلاء الصغار في فعلتموه. حينئذ يقول أيضاً للذين عن يساره: اذهبوا عني يا ملاعين إلى النار الابدية المعدة لأبليس وملأته. لأنني جعت فلم تطعموني، وعطشتم فلم تسقوني، وكنت غريباً فلم تؤوئني، وعرياناً فلم تكسوني، ومريضاً ومحبوساً فلم تزوروني. حينئذ يجيبونه هم أيضاً ويقولون: يا رب متى رأيناك جائعاً أو عطشان أو غريباً أو عرياناً أو مريضاً أو محبوساً ولم نخدمك؟ حينئذ يجيب ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم، كلما لم تفعلوا ذلك بأحد هؤلاء الصغار في لم تفعلوه. فيذهب هؤلاء إلى عقاب أبدي، والصديقون إلى الحياة الابدية.







### 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

**TODAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022: SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE. EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER.**

## 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by the Community of St. Basil's Church.
- + **EDDIE & MARY GEORGE (27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by their Family.
- + **ALBERT HARRAKA (68<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & JOSEPHINE HARRAKA (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)** by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- + **MARY TAHAN (Birthday Remem.)** by sister Christine.
- + **LOORESE ISSA** by her sons and their Families.
- + **MALAKA MEKESY** by her grandsons & their Families
- + **FREDERICK G. ISSA, SR.** by his sons & their Families.
- + **ANTHONY S. LAZIEH (45<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by Lazieh & Ghazal Family.
- + **SHIRLEY J.M. (AZAR) ROY** by Lazieh & Ghazal & Family.
- + **STEVEN KANAKRY** by Louis Najjar, Jr.
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by George & Kristen Baalbaki & Family.
- + **FREDERICK KOUSSA** by Wayne & Judith Rawan.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Rouaida Aghia & Family.
- + **LILLIAN NASSANEY** by Anthony & Jayne Mardo.

## 11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by the Community of St. Basil's Church.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)** by her daughters & their Families.
- + **DECEASED MEMBERS OF MARDO & SABA FAMILIES** by the Family.
- + **YOUSEF AGHIA** By his wife Rouaida and his children.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Joe & Najat Charchafliah.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.
- + **ANTHONY, MARY & FADI BAYLOUNEH** by Peter & Rania Tanzi.
- + **PETER & VIRGINIA TANZI** by Peter & Rania Tanzi.
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by Louie & Emily Kishfy & Family.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Ken & Ann Sabbagh.
- + **GEORGETTE A. CHARCHAFLIAH** by Don & Jacqueline Waddington.
- + **ADELE YOUNES** by Youakim Family.
- + **DIAB YOUNES** by Youakim Family.
- + **SOUAD & JOSEPH YOUAKIM** by Youakim Family.
- + **VICTOR YOUNES** by Youakim Family.





**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** February 13, 2022: Budgets: \$1,947.00; (Envelopes): \$1,922.00; Loose: \$25.00); Candles: \$51.00; Stipends: \$400.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$135.00; Building Fund: \$50.00; Donation: \$300.00; Home Serve Cash Refund: \$307.00; Fuel: \$232.00.

**TODAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022,** there will be a special collection taken up for the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.** Please be generous in your support to help defray the cost of 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, FEBRUARY 27, 2022,** 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](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.

**Let us pray together as the family of St. Basil's for the spiritual, temporal, good health and well-being of one of our parishioners, the handmaid of God, Philomena Pafume, the daughter of Devonn & Christy (Sackal) Pafume requested by St. Basil's Community & Family. Philomena is one year old and was diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for her and her Family. If you would like to know more about her illness, and support the family please follow the link <https://gofund.me/2230bcd7>**

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; Funerals: \$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.







**MEMORIAM:** It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK** of Pompton Plains, New Jersey, who passed away on February 14, 2022, leaving to mourn family and friends. The deceased was the first cousin to the entire Boudjouk Family of this Parish. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Vander May Wayne Colonial Funeral Home (567 Ratzer Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470). A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's RC Church (17 Pompton Ave., Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442).

+ **MICHAEL** of late memory, and his loving Family were gracious and grand benefactors and contributors to St. Basil's Church on various occasions, most visible and outstanding is the **ICON OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST** in the Baptistry. In the name of the Clergy and entire Parish of St. Basil's we express our utmost sympathy and condolences to his wife Amy and her children and their families, and to all the Boudjouk's of our Community. May the Lord Jesus grant him eternal repose in the bosom of Abraham and number him among the Saints. May he rest in peace and may his memory be eternal!

**FATHER DAN UPDATE:** Dear loved ones, family and friends: Personally, I have much to be thankful for this past year. Eight months after my cancer operation, there is no sign of a return of sarcoma. The hole left by the removal of the tumor and calf muscle is almost closed. And I am now doing ministry here at our Tewksbury residence and in local parishes. I have been able to accept more responsibilities within the community, including driving my brothers to local appointments and solving computer and loud-speaker problems. I have been giving monthly conferences and have been asked if I could start up again weekly talks as I did before going to White Earth. Until the provincial gives me an assignment, I shall be serving here. I may not know my future, but I do know God is with us. I love you all and keep you present in my prayers, morning and night. And, even if Covid keeps getting in the way of free travel, you are always with me. May your Christmas not only be merry, but blessed, full of Christ Child's graces, and the New Year under the promised protection of our Blessed Mother. - *Father Dan*.

**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.

**2021 BUDGET STATEMENT AVAILABLE:** It is that time of year to start thinking about the preparation of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Returns. Statements of your offerings to the Church for 2021 will only be issued upon request. If you would like a statement, please contact Father Joe at the rectory at 401-722-1345. To those who have been using envelopes, we extend our thanks and a reminder to please mark the amount enclosed which facilitates the recording of your contributions and allows for more accuracy.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD!!!**

There will be a Meeting of the **PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL** on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center. All are invited to attend the meeting.

**REFLECTION:** The invisible man (the you hidden in your body) is the vital part of who you are.

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  
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الكرسي هنا هو العرش. هو المكان الذي يجلس عليه صاحب السلطان أي الملك، ولا يحق لأحد غيره الجلوس عليه. من العرش تصدر الأحكام، فهو المكانة العليا التي من خلالها يرى الجالس عليه كل شيء، بما أنه الناظر والمراقب والقاطع باستقامة كلمة حق.

ونلاحظ في الكنيسة وضع أيقونة المسيح الكاهن الأعظم على العرش المخصص للأسقف، فالأسقف هو إيقونة المسيح في الكنيسة بين أبنائه المؤمنين.

هل تعلم أن أحد الدينونة هو مرفع اللحم حيث نتوقف عن تناول اللحوم على رجاء الكف عن نهش لحم بعضنا بعضاً؟

يقول القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم: "جميلٌ أن تحرم نفسك أكل لحوم الطيور والحيوانات، ولكن الويل لمن يستمر في أكل لحم إخوته". المسيحية هي حبنا للآخر، لأن المسيح هو في كل واحد منا. المسيحية لا تتكلم على حياة روحية فحسب، بل حياة كاملة يتلاحم فيها الجسد والروح في حج ملكوتي إلى الحالة الفردوسية الأولى التي كانت قبل سقوط الإنسان، حيث كان الجدان الأولان في سلام مع كل المخلوقات على الأرض.

في زمن التريودي، تدعونا الكنيسة إلى استعادة حالتنا السلامية مع الله والآخر ومع ذاتنا.

٥- هل تعلم أن الرب يسوع المسيح هو الراعي الصالح؟

وقف يسوع في وسط الشعب وقال: "أَنَا هُوَ الرَّاعِي الصَّالِحُ، وَالرَّاعِي الصَّالِحُ يَبْذُلُ نَفْسَهُ عَنْ خِرَافٍ" (يوحنا ١٠: ١١). ربط الرب عمل الراعي ببذل الذات، أي بالفداء، لذا شَبَّهَ نفسه بالراعي. تشبَّهَ رافعُ يُشِيرُ إلى مَنْ يَسْهَرُ على خِرافِهِ وتَعْرِفُهَا وَاحِدَةً وَاحِدَةً، وَهِيَ تَعْلَمُ صَوْتَهُ وَتَتَّبِعُهُ، وَهُوَ يَحْمِيهَا مِنَ الْعَالِبِ الْمَاكِرَةِ. كَذَلِكَ كَانَ الرَّبُّ مِنَ الْعَهْدِ الْقَدِيمِ يَصْرُخُ وَيَقُولُ "وَيْلٌ لِلرُّعَاةِ الَّذِينَ يَهْلِكُونَ وَيَبْذُلُونَ غَنَمَ رَعِيَّتِي" (إرميا ١٠: ٢٣)، وَأَنَّهُ سُبْحَازِي الرُّعَاةِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يَسْأَلُوا عَنْ غَنَمِهِ، بَلْ انشَغَلُوا عَنْهَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ: "ضَارَتْ غَنَمِي مَأْكَلًا لِكُلِّ وَخْشِ الْحَقْلِ، إِذْ لَمْ يَكُنْ رَاعٍ، وَلَا سَأَلَ رُعَاتِي عَنْ غَنَمِي، وَرَعَى الرُّعَاةُ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَلَمْ يَزْعُوا غَنَمِي" (حزقيال ١٨: ٣٤).

٢- هل تعلم ما معنى تسمية "ابن الانسان" في كلام الرب يسوع المسيح عن الدينونة؟

"ابن الإنسان" هو الذي رآه دانيال النبي آتياً على السحُب، وتَسْجُدُ أُمَمُهُ  
جميعُ الشُّعُوبِ (دانيال ٧: ١٣). هُوَ صُورَةُ عَنِ الْمَسِيحِ الْمُنتَظَرِ الَّذِي تَتَعَبَّدُ لَهُ كُلُّ  
الشُّعُوبِ. مِنْ هُنَا نَلَاظُ فِي أَنْجِيلِ هَذَا الْاَحَدِ أَنَّ "ابن الانسان" يُخَاطَبُ بِعِبَارَةِ "يَارَب".

هذه التسمية نوازي أيضًا لقب "ابن الله". يقول الرب: "فإِنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سَوْفَ يَأْتِي فِي مَجْدٍ أَبِيهِ مَعَ مَلَائِكَتِهِ، وَحِينَئِذٍ يُجَارِي كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ حَسَبَ عَمَلِهِ." (متى ٢٧: ١٦). لاحظوا عبارة "مجد أبيه". ولا تفهم تسمية "ابن الله" بالمفهوم البشري، حاشا، بل تشير إلى أَنَّ المسيح هو الله المتجسد، الواحد في الجوهر مع الله الآب والله الروح، وهم إله واحد في ثلاثة أقانيم. تمامًا مثل الشمعة المضيئة التي تعطي النور والنار والحرارة وهذه واحد غير منفصلة ولا فارق في الزمن ما بينها.

٦- هل تعلم أن المسيح نَجَسَدٌ لَأَنَّهُ عَاشِقٌ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا، وَأَنَّنَا سَنُحَاسِبُ عَلَى الْمَحَبَّةِ الَّتِي نَسْتَمِدُّهَا مِنْهُ وَنَرْجُمُهَا أَفْعَالًا؟

يقول القديس باسيليوس الكبير (٣٣٠-٣٧٩م): "الذي نُساعدهُ بِمَحَبَّةٍ صَادِقَةٍ يَسْفَعُ بِنَا فِي السَّمَاءِ". المسيحيةُ هي هذا الإنسان الآخر. فأمام العطاءِ تَنكشِفُ غورُنَا، ويَظْهَرُ صُغْفُنَا، وتَتَعَرَّى أَنَانِيَتُنَا، وَنُعلنُ عِبَادَتَنَا لِذَاتِنَا، وانغلاقنا على أنفسنا، وكلُّ هذا يُخْتَمُّ بِعَدَمِ شُعُورِنَا بِالْآخَرِ. يُجِيعُ الْآبَاءُ الْقَدِيسُونَ أَنَّ عَدَمَ الْجِسِّ سَقُوطُ الْإِنْسَانِيَّةِ، بِحَيْثُ لَا نَقْضِدُ خَوَاسِنَا الْخَمْسَ فَحَسْبَ، بَلْ نُمِسي جُنَّةَ هَامِدَةً لَا حَيَاةَ فِيهَا، نَمُقْطِعِينَ عَنِ اللَّهِ وَالْآخَرِ وَذَوَاتِنَا، قَايِعِينَ فِي سِجْنِ انْعِدَامِ نُورِ الْمَحَبَّةِ. فِي يَوْمِ الدِّينُونَةِ الرَّهيبِ نَحْنُ مَنْ يَحْكُمُ عَلَي أَنْفُسِنَا. فَتَحْنُ لَا نُحَاسِبُ فَقَطْ عَلَي مَا فَعَلْنَاهُ، بَلْ عَلَي قَدْرِ الْمَحَبَّةِ الَّتِي كُنَّا قَادِرِينَ عَلَي تَقْدِيمِهَا فَأَحْجَفْنَا. وَلَا يَتَبَاهَيْنَ أَحَدٌ بِأَفْعَالِهِ، إِذْ أَمَامَ عَظَمَةِ مَحَبَّةِ يَسُوعَ تَنكشِفُ مَحْدُودِيَّةُ مَحَبَّتِنَا.

فهذه التسمية الجوهرية "ابن الله" لها معنى لاهوتي مهم جدًا في الإيمان المسيحي، وتجلّت بظهور الله بالجسد أي الربّ يسوع المسيح.

٣- هل تعلم أن الرب يسوع يُسمّى "ابن الله" لأنه المسيح المنتظر ومُتَمِّمُ كُلِّ النُّبُوءَاتِ؟

جَنُّ جُنُونٍ رَئِيسَ المَجْمَعِ اليَهُودِيِّ وَشَقُّ ثِيَابِهِ عِنْدَمَا سَأَلَ يَسُوعَ «أَأَنْتَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ الْمُبَارَكِ؟» فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «أَنَا هُوَ. وَسَوْفَ تُبْصِرُونَ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ جَالِسًا عَنْ يَمِينِ الْقُوَّةِ، وَآيَاتِي فِي سَحَابِ السَّمَاءِ.» (مرقس ١٤: ٦١-٦٣).

هذا الجواب حَسِبَ تجديدًا لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ طَبَّقَ رُؤْيَا النِّبِيِّ دَانِيَالِ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ (دَانِيَال ١٣:٧) مُسَاوِيًا نَفْسَهُ بِإِلَهِهِ. كَذَلِكَ كَلَامُ الرَّبِّ لِلكَتَبَةِ "وَلَكِنْ لِيَّ تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لَابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا" (مَتَّى ٩: ٢-٧)، عِنْدَمَا قَالَ لِلْمَلْفُوجِ مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ، هُوَ تَأَكِيدُ لِأُلُوهِيَّةِ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ وَحْدَهُ يَغْفِرُ الْخَطَايَا.

٧- هل تعلم لماذا شبه الربّ الأبرارَ (المباركين) بالخِرَافِ، والأشُرَّ (الملاعين) بالجَدَاءِ؟

كَانَ الرَّبُّ يَسْتَعِجِلُّ صُورًا مِنْ بَيَّةِ الْإِنْسَانِ لِمَا فِيهَا مِنْ تَدَاخُلٍ بَيْنَ الْعَمَقِ وَالتَّسَاوَةِ. لِذَا لَا بُدَّ مِنَ الْغَوْصِ فِي مَعَانِيهَا. الْجَذْيُ صَغِيرُ الْقَاعِزِ، وَالْكَيْثُ فِيهَا هُوَ التَّيْسُ. يُضْرَبُ بِهِ الْمَثَلُ فِي النَّهْمِ إِلَى الْأَكْلِ وَالْجِنْسِ وَفِي الْعَصِيَانِ. أَمَّا ذَكَرُ الْعَنْمِ فَهُوَ الْكَيْشُ، وَالثَّيْيُ نَعْجَةٌ، وَصَغِيرُهُمَا الْخَمَلُ. الْخِرَافُ وَدَبْعَةٌ، عَلَى عَكْسِ الْجِدَاءِ الَّتِي تَنْصُفُ بِالشَّرَاسَةِ وَالْعُدَاوِيَّةِ.

الْجَدْيُ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى أَسْفَلٍ، أَمَّا الْحَمَلُ فِرَأْسُهُ مَرْفُوعٌ، وَكَأَنَّ الْجِدَاءَ تُمَثِّلُ الْإِنْسَانَ الَّذِي يَشْتَهِي الْأَرْضِيَّاتِ، بِنَمَا تُمَثِّلُ الْخَوَافِ الْإِنْسَانَ الَّذِي يَتَطَلَّعُ إِلَى السَّمَاوَاتِ.

وأيضًا تُدْفِي الخِرَافُ بَعْضُهَا بَعْضًا، إذ يَتَكَلَّمُ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهَا رَأْسُهُ عَلَى الْآخَرِ، وهذا ما لَا تَفْعَلُهُ الجِءَاءُ. هَذِهِ صُورَةٌ عَنِ الْجَمَاعَةِ الْوَاحِدَةِ.

٤- هل تعلم ما معنى عبارة "كرسى مجده"؟

كلمة "مجد" بأصلها الساميّ تعني "الثقل"، وتطلق على الشخص الذي له الثقل. وثقل الشخص لا ينفصل عنه بتاتاً. حضوره هو الثقل نفسه. فمجد الله غير منفصل عن نوره وعظمته ومملكه.



# What differentiates between one man and another



This is the Third Sunday of our Pre-Lenten preparations and is called the Sunday of the Last Judgement. The previous two Sundays (the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, and the Sunday of the Prodigal Son) conveyed God's deep compassion, mercy, patience, and His readiness to accept every person who returns to Him. On this third Sunday we are powerfully reminded of several complementary truths: 1. Though God's patience and mercy are limitless, even He cannot forgive those who do not repent, seek reconciliation, and sincerely seek to change. 2. Eventually there will be a final judgement & reckoning. The God of Love and humility is also a God of righteousness, and Christ will come again; not in poverty and humility as He did the first time but this time in great glory and power. Then, it will be the last day of time, the last day of becoming, and the first day of eternity. Every liturgy when we declare, in the last phrase of the Nicene Creed that, "I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come. Amen." We affirm our belief that at the time of Christ's second coming the dead will be resurrected and that the fundamental condition of both the world and of man will be radically changed. A "new heaven and a new earth" will be instituted, for the "Life of the Age to Come." Today's Gospel conveys part of that same eventually; there will be a judgment and we will appear before the Lord of Glory and be held accountable for what we have done and who we have become in this life.

Now, it is important to remember that unlike some of the contemporary Christian ideas of The Judgement, and Heaven & Hell where God somehow personally and directly intervenes or actively decides the fate of each person; the Orthodox belief of The Judgement is described markedly different and very well stated by St. Symeon the New Theologian who writes: "God is truth and light. God's judgment is nothing else than our coming into contact with truth and light. In the day of the Great Judgment all men will appear naked before this penetrating light of truth. The 'books' will be opened." What are these 'books'?

They are our hearts. Our hearts will be opened by the penetrating light of God, and what is in these hearts will be revealed. If in those hearts there is love for God, those hearts will rejoice in seeing God's light. If, on the contrary, there is hatred for God in those hearts, these men will suffer by receiving on their opened hearts this penetrating light of truth which they detested all their life.

So that which will differentiate between one man and another will not be a decision of God, a reward or a punishment from Him, but that which was in each one's heart; what was there during all our life will be revealed in the Day of Judgment. If there is a reward and a punishment in this revelation – and there really is – it does not come from God but from the love or hate which reigns in our heart. Love has bliss in it; hatred has despair, bitterness, grief, affliction, wickedness, agitation, confusion, darkness, and all the other interior conditions which compose hell."

In short the Orthodox belief is simply this: the judgement will be our natural and automatic response to the fullness of the unveiled presence of Christ our God. As the Gospel of St. John tells us "God sent not his Son into the world to

condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

Jesus tells us in many ways and gives us His example throughout the Gospels, but in Matthew 22:35-46 (on the 15th Sunday after Pentecost) when a lawyer asked; which is the greatest commandment; Jesus pointedly said to him, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Ask yourself honestly, how often am I aware of the condition of my Christian brothers and sisters who may be standing right next to me here in Church that I see every week; or how sensitive am I to the needs of those in my immediate family or those where I work whom I see every day? And if I find myself lacking in that awareness, is it because I am only concerned about the things that affect me personally, right now? Of course, we can make the excuse that we do not really know the needs of those near us because it is hidden and everyone deserves their privacy, which is indeed true. But too often I think, it is simply that our self-absorption has blinded us to almost anything that does not affect us directly and immediately.

There are so many opportunities that we have to serve each other, far beyond the few mentioned. Maybe someone needs a word of encouragement, or seems lonely and could use a bit of attention. Maybe someone is sad since life has thrown more disappointments than they can handle and they are in need of some comfort. Maybe someone needs a break from all their never ending duties (at home, at Church, at work) and you can step in to offer a helping, cheerful hand. Or as St. Paul mentions in the Epistle reading today, maybe there is something we should NOT do in order to help someone avoid temptation – not necessarily for us but for our brother or sister. I am sure that you can think of many more on your own.

Let us then all take this time of Lent that is given to us to increase our sensitivity through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving not only to the Divine inwardly but also to increase our sensitivity to the Divine in each other. For as Christ tells us in today's Gospel (and which is written as the inscription on the icon at the analogion which we all venerate each time we enter the Church) 'assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me'. Make sure as you venerate today, you notice that inscription!!

But most importantly, let us strive to follow His instructions and become like Him, in His love and sacrifice, so that we can look forward to His return in Glory.



# Following Jesus Kids bulletin



## Lenten Calendar for children

This calendar has a little activity for every day of lent.

### First Week

#### Sunday

Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert but He resisted.

- Write down something that you are often tempted to do and pray to your guardian angel to resist it.

#### Monday

After the Last Supper Jesus went out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

- After supper take some time to thank God.

5

#### Tuesday

Jesus took His friends Peter, James and John with him.

- Say a prayer with your brother, sister or friend.

6

#### Wednesday

Jesus knew what He would have to suffer.

- Look at a crucifix and tell Jesus that you accept whatever suffering He sends you.

7

#### Thursday

Jesus accepted His Father's will, saying "Thy will be done!"

- Ask Mom or Dad what they want you to do and do it without complaining.

8

#### Friday

Judas, one of the apostles, betrayed Jesus to His enemies with a kiss.

- Give Mom or Dad a hug and show you love them by your actions.

9

#### Saturday

Pray to Our Lady:

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor, banished children of Eve! To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

10

### Second Week

#### Sunday

Jesus was transfigured in glory in front of Peter, James, and John.

- Nice things in this life don't last forever. Thank God for something nice you have now.

#### Monday

Jesus submitted to His arrest even though He was innocent.

- Pray for people who are in jail - those who are guilty as well as the innocent.

11

#### Tuesday

The mob hit Jesus and spit on Him.

- If you have money, give some to the poor. Otherwise say a prayer for them.

12

#### Wednesday

Peter denied knowing Jesus three times before the cock crowed.

- Pray: O my Jesus, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee.

13

#### Thursday

Jesus spent the night in prison after he was arrested.

- Say an 'Our Father' right before you go to sleep.

14

#### Friday

Early the next morning He was brought to trial.

- When you wake up pray: Everything today I offer to You, O Lord!

15

#### Saturday

Pray to Our Lady:

Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!

16

### Third Week

#### Sunday

Jesus told the woman at the well that He would give us living water.

- When you are at Mass thank Jesus for giving Himself as food and drink.



#### Monday

Pilate condemned Jesus to be scourged at the pillar.

- Pray: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

17

#### Tuesday

The soldiers took off Jesus' clothes and tied Him to a pillar.

- Sit on a hard chair for one minute and think of Jesus being scourged.

18

#### Wednesday

The soldiers whipped Jesus many times.

- Kneel and say a 'Glory Be.'

19

#### Thursday

Jesus bled so much that He became weak.

- Drink water instead of juice or pop today.

20

#### Friday

The soldiers roughly put the clothes back on Jesus.

- Be gentle to your friends or brothers and sisters, especially if they are sad.

21

#### Saturday

Pray to Our Lady:

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. (say a Hail Mary) "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to thy word." (say a Hail Mary) And the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us. (say a Hail Mary.)

22

### Fourth Week

#### Sunday

The Scribes and Pharisees were angry at Jesus because He cured a blind man on the Sabbath.

- Take some time to read a book about God or a saint.

23

#### Monday

The soldiers made a crown of sharp thorns and put it on Jesus.

- Have you ever thought unkindly of others? Imagine having a crown of thorns as punishment!

23

#### Tuesday

The Soldiers mocked Jesus, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!"

- Look at a crucifix and tell Jesus that He is your king.

24

#### Wednesday

Jesus was beaten with rods and spit upon.

- Say something kind about a person who is made fun of.

25

#### Thursday

Pilate set Jesus before the people, saying "Behold the Man!"

- Find a picture of Jesus crowned with thorns and look at it for a minute, or else draw one.

26

#### Friday

They shouted, "Crucify Him!"

- Say an Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I detest all of my sins because of Thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend Thee my God, Who art all good and deservest of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

27

#### Saturday

Pray to Our Lady:

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and, in proof of my affection I give you my eyes, my ears, my tongue, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Since I am your own, keep me and guard me at your property and possession. Amen.

28

### Fifth Week

#### Sunday

Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

- Pray for the souls in Purgatory: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

29

#### Monday

Jesus willingly took up the cross.

- Ask Mom or Dad for a hard job and do it!

29

#### Tuesday

Jesus fell three times while carrying His cross.

- Pray for someone who is sick. Visit them if you can.

30

#### Wednesday

Simon of Cyrene was made to help Jesus carry the cross because Jesus was too weak.

- Help one of your parents or siblings with their work today.

31

#### Thursday

The crowds of people watched Jesus carrying the cross.

- Talk with a friend or brother or sister about Jesus carrying the cross.

32

#### Friday

The women of Jerusalem wept for Jesus, Who consoled them.

- Pray for mothers who are expecting babies.

33

#### Saturday

Jesus and His Mother met on His way to Calvary.

- Find a picture of Our Lady of Sorrows and look at it for a minute or else draw one.

34

### Holy Week

#### Palm Sunday

The people of Jerusalem welcomed King Jesus to their city with palm branches.

- Put the blessed palm you get at Mass today in a place of honour in your house.

35

#### Monday

When they got to the top of the hill the soldiers roughly tore off Jesus' clothes.

- Thank God for your clothes and put them away neatly when you go to bed.

35

#### Tuesday

They laid Jesus on the cross and nailed his hands and feet to it.

- Look at your hands and imagine nails in them. Thank Jesus for all He suffered.

36

#### Wednesday

The soldiers lifted the cross so that Jesus was hanging from the nails in his hands and feet.

- Kneel in front of a crucifix and pray an 'Our Father.'

37

#### Holy Thursday

Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper, "Love one another as I have loved you."

- Think of someone who hurt or offended you. Forgive that person.

38

#### Good Friday

Jesus died on the cross.

- Look at a crucifix for two minutes and think of how much Jesus loves you.

39

#### Holy Saturday













Our Lady's day

- Sit quietly for one minute and think how Mary felt after Jesus died.

40



# Our Journey to Pascha 2022

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 6th</b>		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 13th</b>		<b>The Prodigal Son Returns</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, 'Today I will be humble.' Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>FEBRUARY 20th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		<b>The Last Judgment</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare <b>FEBRUARY 27th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise</b> <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 6th</b>		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 13th</b>		<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today. Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 20th</b>		<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow.
4th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 27th</b>		<b>ST JOHN OF THE LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 3rd</b>		<b>ST MARY OF EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY <b>APRIL 10th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car.
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 15th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 17th</b> NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and good night.

# Saturday of the Dead



This Saturday,  
we pray for all the dead;  
parishioners and friends  
and those who have no one to pray for them.  
Those who have departed into eternal life  
May all your departed ones rest in peace  
and may their memory be eternal

*“O Christ God, with the saints,  
grant rest to the souls of your servants in a place  
where there is no pain, no grief,  
no sighing, but only everlasting life.”*

*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 and handmaids who departed from this life in an act of service to the United States of America and to all of us who dwell herein, remembering especially Lord those whose name is unknown to the world as they rest in eternity, that all of them 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 the gracious God and lover of mankind, forgive each their every sin committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is no one 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 and handmaids, 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 ever and unto ages of ages.*





# LITURGICAL CALENDAR



FEBRUARY		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Preparation of Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple  1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27	<b>2</b> ✠ Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple  دخل السيد إلى الهيكل Hebrews 7:7-17 Luke 2:22-40	<b>3</b> Sts Simeon & Anna  Hebrews 9:11-14 Luke 2:25-38	<b>4</b> 🐟 St Isidore of Pelusium  2 Peter 1:1-10 Mark 13:1-8	<b>5</b> St Agatha  2 Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8
	شباط — فبراير 2022	<b>6</b> Publican & Pharisee Sunday  أحد الفريسي والعشار 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14	<b>7</b> St Luke the Greek  2 Peter 1:20-2:9 Mark 13:9-13	<b>8</b> Holy Prophet Zechariah  2 Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23	<b>9</b> Leave-taking of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord 2 Peter 3:1-18 Mark 13:24-31	<b>10</b> St Charalampos  1 John 1:8-2:6 Mark 13:31-14:2	<b>11</b> St Blaise  1 John 2:7-17 Mark 14:3-9	<b>12</b> St Meletios  1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 20:45-21:4
		JANUARY 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	<b>13</b> Sunday of the Prodigal Son  أحد الابن الضال 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32	<b>14</b> St Maron the Hermit  1 John 2:18-3:8 Mark 11:1-11	<b>15</b> St Onesimos  1 John 3:9-22 Mark 14:10-42	<b>16</b> 🐟 St Pamphilos and his companions  1 John 3:21-4:11 Mark 14:43-15:1	<b>17</b> St Theodore  1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15	<b>18</b> 🐟 St Leo, Pope of Rome  2 John 1-13 Mark 15:22, 25, 33-41
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	<b>20</b> Meat-fare Sunday  أحد مرفع اللحم 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46	<b>21</b> 🐟 Holy Father Timothy  3 John 1-13 Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39	<b>22</b> 🐟 Relics of Martyrs at Eugenios  Jude 1-10 Luke 22:39-23:1	<b>23</b> ✠ 🐟 St Polycarp of Smyrna  Romans 14:6-9 Matthew 26:57-75	<b>24</b> 🐟 Discoveries of the Head of John the Forerunner  2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15	<b>25</b> ✠ 🐟 St Tarasios  Ephesians 5:8-19 John 19:25-37	<b>26</b> 🐟 Saturday of Ascetics  سبت جميع الالهة للمساك Romans 14:19-23; 6:25-27 Matthew 6:1-13	
	<b>27</b> 🐟 Cheese-fare Sunday  أحد مرفع الجبن Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21	<b>28</b> ✠ 🐟 Beginning of Holy and Great Fast  بدء الصوم المقدس الكبير 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Luke 21:8-36						

Church Major Feasts

Abstain from Meat

Fast from midnight until noon

Lenten Season

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. (Ps 23:1)

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# Prayer for Lent

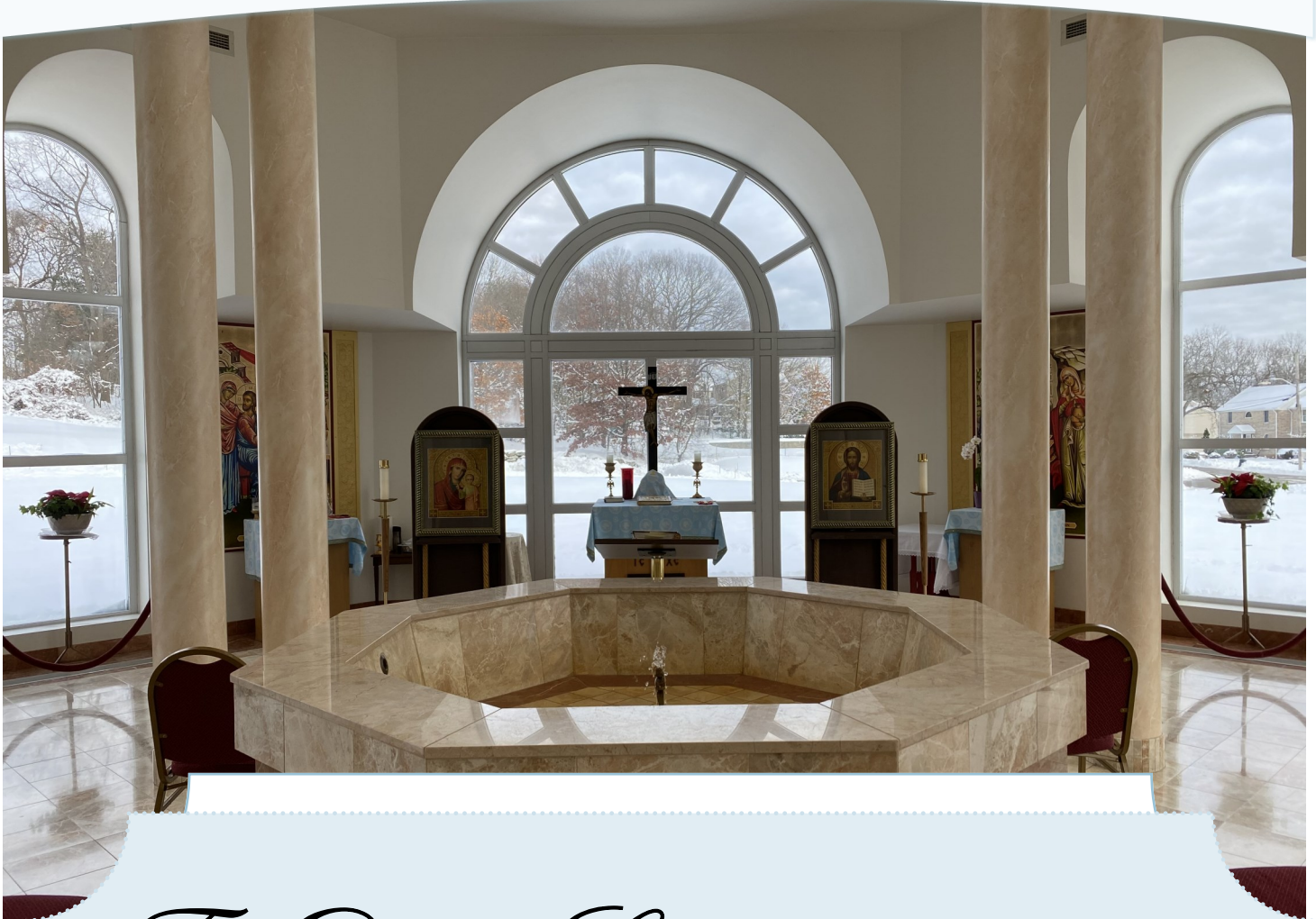


“O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, the lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to your servant. Yes, O Lord, and King grant me to see my own sin and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed from all ages to all ages. Amen”

(Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian)



# Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



*The Divine Liturgy is celebrated*

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

# LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS



Divine Liturgy intentions can be scheduled for those who have died, and on the occasion of a birthday, wedding anniversary, for healing for the conversion of sinners, for the grace to face the challenges in life, for the success in a new job, for those serving in the church and country in different levels, for good weather, bountiful harvest, for world peace, in thanksgiving for the blessings received, etc. You can find so many reasons to think about a Mass offering. We offer the Mass for a specific intention because we believe in the immense spiritual value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The custom of giving offering to have Liturgies said for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Church teaching and Canon Law (nos. 942-958) provide important guidelines on how to preserve the dignity and appreciation of this practice. Overall, it should be well noted that Liturgy offerings are never to be viewed as a means of parish fundraising.

**COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DEAD:** The Apostolic Constitutions refer to the repetition of the Mass on the third, ninth and fortieth days: "Let the third day be observed in remembrance of the dead with psalms, lessons, and prayers, because Christ rose from the dead on the third day. Let the ninth day be observed in remembrance both of the living and the dead, and also the fortieth day, in accordance with mourning customs of the Israelites at the time of Moses' death. Finally, let the anniversary day be observed in memory of the dead."

In contemporary Byzantine practice, the dead are commemorated on the ninth and fortieth days and on the anniversary of their departure from this world.

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., clergy attire, stipends (Mass 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.

Effective January 1, 2008, which by-passed us, the schedule of offerings for Masses in parishes is now \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Masses more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Masses must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received (Canon 955 #2.)

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