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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Baptisms: Please arrange with the pastor.

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ANTIPHONS PRAYER: O Lord our God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, safeguard the fullness of Your Church in peace, sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house; in return, raise them to glory by Your divine power and do not forsake us who put our hope in You.

Troparion of the Resurrection, (Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of Your Divinity, and when You raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, 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.

Kondakion:

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

الأنديفوننة: أيها الرب الهنا، خلص شعبك وبارك ميراثك، احفظ كمال كنيستك، قدس المحبين بهاء بيتك، انت عوضهم عن ذلك مجداً بقدرتك الالهية ولا تهملنا نحن المتوكلين عليك.

طروبارية القيامة باللحن الثاني

لما نزلت الى الموت، أيها الحياة الخالدة، أمت الجحيم بسنى لاهوتك. ولما أقمت الاموات من تحت الترى، صرخت جميع قوات السماوين: أيها المسيح ألهنا، يا مُعطي الحياة، المجد لك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

نشيد الختام (القنداق)

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزي، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصوات الخطاة الطالبين اليك. بل بما انك صالحة، بادري الى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليك بأيمان: هلمي الى الشفاعة، وأسري الى الابتهاال، يا والدة الإله المحامية دائماً عن مكرميك.





Our church organizations:

MAYA: organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra.

<https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.

www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.

<https://melkite.org/namw>



Epistle Romans 5:1-10, PROKIMENON (Tone 2)

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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Brethren, now that we have been justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have access by faith to that grace in which we stand and exult in the hope of God's glory.

And not only this, but we exult also in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance, and endurance challenge, and challenge hope, and hope does not deceive, for God's love is poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who has been given to us.

For why did Christ die at the appointed time for the wicked while we were still weak? Hardly would someone die for a just man; perhaps someone would have the courage to die for a virtuous man. But God proves His love for us, since Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Much more now that we are made just in His blood, shall we be saved by Him from wrath.

For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled with God through His death, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

ALLELUIA (Tone 2) May the Lord answer you in the days of distress; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance

Gospel: Mt 6:22-33 (Divine Providence)

The Lord said: The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat and drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall wear. Is not life a greater thing than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit? And as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was adorned like one of these. But if God so clothes the wild flower of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?', or, 'What are we to wear?' (For all these things the Gentiles seek); for your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all the rest shall be given you besides."

مقدمة الرسالة

الرب قوّتي وتسبيحي لقد كان لي خلاصاً
أدبني الرب تأديباً، وإلى الموت لم يُسلمني

الرسالة (رومة 5: 10-1)

يا إخوة، إذ قد بُرّرنا بالإيمان، لنا سلامٌ لدى الله برّبنا يسوع المسيح الذي نلنا به أيضاً الدخول بالإيمان إلى هذه النعمة، التي نحن مقيمون فيها، ومفتخرون في رجاء مجد الله. وليس هذا فقط، بل نفتخر أيضاً في الشدائد، عالمين بأنّ الشدّة تُنشئ صبراً والصبر امتحاناً، والامتحان رجاءً، والرجاء لا يُخزي، لان محبة الله قد أفيضت في قلوبنا بالروح القدس الموعود لنا. لان المسيح، ونحن بعد ضعفاء، قد مات في الاوانع عن الكافرين. ولا يكاد أحد يموت عن بار، فلعلّ أحداً يُقدّم أن يموت عن صالح. أما الله فيُبرهن على محبته لنا، بأنّ المسيح، ونحن بعد خطاة، قد مات عنا، فبالأحرى كثيراً إذ قد بُرّرنا بدمه نخلص به من الغضب. لانا إذا كنّا قد صولحنا مع الله بموت ابنه ونحن أعداء، فبالأحرى كثيراً ونحن مصالحوّن نخلص بحياته.

هللوا

ليستجب لك الرب في يوم الضيق، ليعظّدك اسمُ اله يعقوب

خلص يا رب شعبك، وبارك ميراثك

الانجيل الاحد الثالث بعد العنصرة

(متى 6: 22-33)

قال الرب: سراجُ الجسد العين. فإنّ كانت عينك بسيطة، فجسدك كله يكون نوراً. وإنّ كانت عينك شريرة، فجسدك كله يكون مظليماً. وإذا كان النور الذي فيك ظلاماً، فالظلام كم يكون مُدلهماً؟ لا يستطيع أحد أن يُعبد ربين. فإنه إما يُبغض الواحد ويحب الآخر، أو يلازم الواحد ويذل الآخر. لا تقدرون أن تعبدوا الله والمال. فلهذا أقول لكم: لا تهتموا لنفوسكم بما تأكلون، بما تلبسون، ولا لجسديكم بما تلبسون. أليس النفس أفضل من الطعام، والجسد أفضل من اللباس؟ أنظروا إلى طيور السماء، فإنها لا تزرع ولا تحصد ولا تجمع في الأهراء، وأبوكم السماوي يقوتها. أفلمستم أنتم أفضل منها؟ من منكم يقدر باهتمامه، أن يزيد على قامته ذراعاً واحدة؟ ولماذا تهتمون باللباس؟ تأملوا زنابق الحقل كيف تنمو. إنها لا تتعب ولا تغزل. وأنا أقول لكم: إنّ سليمان نفسه في كل مجده لم يلبس كواحدة منها. فإذا كان عُشب الحقل الذي يكون اليوم، وغداً يُطرح في الثنور، يلبسه الله هكذا، أفلا يلبسكم بالأحرى أنتم يا قليلي الايمان. فلا تهتموا إذن قائلين، ماذا نأكل، أو ماذا نشرب، أو ماذا نلبس. فإنّ هذا كله تطلبه الأمم، وأبوكم السماوي يعلم أنّكم تحتاجون إلى هذا كله. بل اطلبوا أولاً ملكوت الله وبرّه، وهذا كله يزداد لكم.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: June 6, 2021: Budgets: \$2,541.00; Envelopes: \$2,531.00; Loose: \$10.00; Stipends: \$250.00; Candles: \$58.00; Building Fund: \$125.00; Addit'l Melkite Diocesan Support: \$43.00.

NEXT WEEKEND, JUNE 19 & 20, 2021: A special collection will be taken up for the **CHARITIES OF POPE FRANCIS** (Peter's Pence). This collection enables the Holy Father to respond to requests for emergency funds for the most disadvantaged throughout the world. This special appeal is an opportunity to demonstrate justice and kindness to our brothers and sisters in need. Please pray for the Holy Father's works and contribute generously to the appeal.

THIS FRIDAY, June 18th, 2021, Deacon Edmond Raheb will celebrate his 21st Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate. We offer our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Deacon Edmond, his wife Theresa and his family. We thank God for the generous and selfless ministry rendered to our community. Many more blessed years filled with peace, health and joy!

On **FATHER'S DAY**, we offer our best wishes to all the Fathers, Grandfathers, and God-Fathers of St. Basil's Community. God give long life and health to those living, and grant eternal happiness to those who have preceded us to everlasting life. May their love and dedication inspire us all!!!

GRAPE LEAVES: The Food Fair Committee is appealing to all parishioners and friends to donate sufficient grape leaves to accommodate the needs of this popular cuisine. Anyone willing to donate some leaves can bring them to the church and they will be stored in the freezer. Arrangements will be made by the Committee to freeze them.

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.

FATHER DANIEL NASSANEY UPDATE: Thank you all for your prayers and best wishes. They are my source of health and hope. I am doing well and try walking a mile each day. My left leg is still my weak leg. My balance remains unsteady so I use a walking stick. I saw the plastic surgeon yesterday. He is happy with the healing of the wound where the cancer was removed. He emphasized that the closure is progressing well, but it will take a lot of patience as new skin will eventually form. I shall have a **MRI** and **CAT SCAN** at the end of July before seeing the surgeon who removed the tumor. Hopefully there shall be no cancer. You remain always in my prayer. FR. DAN!

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.

MEMORIAM: It is with the deepest sadness that we announce to you the falling asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, June 8th of the handmaid of God, MARGARET A. (SALHANY) HALEY. She leaves her loving children, Saundra A. Sage and Charles M. Haley; her two brothers, William and John Salhany; and her sister Lorice Zahka; and grand and great- grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Please remember the repose of her soul in your prayers as well as all the souls of the faithful departed. May she rest in peace and may her memory be eternal!

REFLECTION: It is better to remain silent at the risk of being thought a fool, than to talk and remove all doubt of it.

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.





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, SATURDAY, JUNE 12, AND SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MARTYR AQUILINA; FATHER TRUPHILLIOS, BISHOP OF LEUCOSIA.

4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by George & Jeanne Harrakaa.
- + **MARY (NOURY) MOON (Birthday Remem.)** by her children & grandchildren.
- + **PFC LOUIS E. NOURY (77th Anniv.)** by his nieces & nephews.
- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family. (SC)
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Vincent & Barbara Soucar.
- + **MARY TAHAN** by Sharon Kishfy Landry & son Gregory.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by M/M George Mardo & Family.
- + **ANNE JARJOURA** by Margaret Sabbagh.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by George & Jeanne Harraka.

11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **ANTOINETTE ("TONI") SENNO ((40 Day)** by the Family.
- + **GEORGE LOZE (Valencia, Venezuela)** by Justin, Danielle, Christina & Victoria Boudjouk.
- + **GREGORY NAZARIAN, ESQ. (4th Anniv.)** by his mother Patricia & brother Dr. David & Family.
- + **HON. JUDGE GEORGE NAZARIAN (48th Anniv.)** by his wife Patricia & son Dr. David & Family.
- + **JUDITH NESSRALLA (12th Anniv.)** by her sister Patricia Nazarian & Family.
- + **ROBERT ALLCOCK (16th Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **CLAUDINE RABBAT** by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family.
- + **ELIAS J. KISFHY** by Helen Lacy.
- + **AMANDA ROWEY** by Anthony Rowey & Family.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by M/M George Baalbaki & Family.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by Justin & Danielle Boudjouk & Family.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by Vicky Boudjouk.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by St. Basil's Arabic Choir.
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by George & Sherine Mussalli.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Georgette Saggal.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Albert G. Kishfy & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Ms. Mona Mardini.



LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS



Mass 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.)

May the memories of our beloved deceased be eternal and many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these guidelines and restrictions.

What is faith?

The Lord tells us today: "The light of the body is the eye. If thine eye be therefore sound, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness."

He is speaking about the eyes of the soul. We have two kinds of eyes: those that see things in the world, of matter, and those that see spiritual things. Now how is it that we can have our spiritual eyes seeing things in the light?

If a person can see with spiritual eyes that are sound, one can see the spiritual nature of things, the true nature of everything that you do from the time you rise in the morning to the time you lay your head on your pillow. You can see that everything that is happening to you has a purpose.

What is this faith that He speaks of? Most people in the world don't know what faith is. They think faith is belief about or being very sure about something. This is not faith! In another place, the Apostle Paul says, "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, and who are called according to His purpose, for whom He did know He did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son."

Faith is not only believing dogmas, such as: He was born of a Virgin, was crucified, died and resurrected, and that the Holy Spirit came. Faith is attempting, because of His beauty, to be conformed to this beautiful image, which means desiring to change, put off anything that is corruptible, or is incomplete in us, or dark, and to become beautiful.

He has promised us that we will be adopted as sons and daughters. Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who had the glory of divinity before all the ages, and all the privileges of a Son of God, before the ages, has promised us that we will be adopted, and be sons and daughters, by grace, because our nature cannot withstand such things, but by grace God makes us capable.

And the way we are made capable is by our cooperation with this grace, by our entering into the life of Christ.

Then our eyes see things as they really are. When someone slanders us, we don't see this as some sort of slight against us -- how dare such a person say such a thing against me? -- we see this as evidence that we're unworthy ourselves, and we rejoice that we can, if only just a little, bear slander, as our Lord bore slander. For any other circumstance in our life, any other difficulty, we should always see such things in this way. God allows, or God brings about, things in our life, and all is according to God's providence.

"All things work together for good, for those who love God, and who are called according to His purpose."

And what is the purpose to which you are called, brothers and sisters? It is knowledge, joy, completeness -- things that cannot be taken away from you, because they abide eternally. Now, how do we enter into this knowledge? There is no substitute for experience. We must experience our Lord Jesus Christ, and taste Him, to see how sweet He is.

To the world, He is bitter. To the world, the things that He says are nonsensical. When your brother smites you on the cheek, turn the other cheek to him also, but the world would want to smite. Love your enemies? Do good to those who hate you? No, the world doesn't want these things. He was a king, and yet He allowed Himself to be crucified, to be mocked. The world thinks that when you have authority, you should have the tokens of authority--the respect of others, or at least the fear of others.

Our Lord's message is not understood by the world, even by most of those



who call themselves Christians, because they don't understand that faith is living according to His life, becoming as He is, changing ourselves, being conformed to His image of perfection.

This is what the Lord wants for you and I -- perfection, not merely belief in dogmas, but to be completely changed, to be "all eye", able to see things as they really are, able to see the beauty of God and not be afraid, but be glad. And the only way that we can see His beauty and be glad is to have

obtained some of His beauty here on earth, with our efforts, our toil, and our desire. He makes us capable. All we need do is struggle, even in things that are difficult.

The apostle says, "we have access by faith," that is, by living according to the way Jesus is, "into this grace wherein we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God".

Shouldn't we rejoice? The Lord is going to make us complete, lacking nothing, nothing changing anymore, no sadness, no insecurity, no infirmities. Knowledge and joy are what He promises us, and that we will be His sons and daughters. This is the hope that we have, and should make us rejoice, and such a hope should make us endure anything for this hope -- even when our ego is pricked, or when someone is unfair to us, or in any other tribulations.

Now, when the apostle spoke, or wrote these words, there was tribulation in the church. There were people who were sometimes being killed by the government. It's continued till this day, in various times and epochs of our history. But he says, "we glory in tribulation also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience--experience, and experience -- hope."

If you don't enter into the life of Christ, by entering into the way He lived, the way He thought, the way He breathed, what He considered important each day, then you will not have His experience. You must enter into His life, a life full of tribulation. We must not be afraid of tribulation, because tribulation produces patience, and patience -- experience, and from experience -- from seeing God work in our lives, seeing God change us, and feeling His beauty, and seeing a little of it -- we have hope, hope that we will be completely changed someday, completely happy, completely full of knowledge.

This is the purpose of our life. This is what the Lord promises to us. He has made us sons by grace, but we must enter into this grace, we must stand in this grace, by faith.

And what is faith, again? It is to live, with desire, as Christ lived; to enter into His life - to forgive your enemies because he forgave us, to pray for others, to give way to others, to lay down our life for others, since He lay down his life for us. What a glorious thing it is to be a Christian! We who are unworthy, the Lord has taken to Himself, given us all that we need, promised us happiness and perfection, things that we could never obtain on our own and by ourselves. What a glorious thing it is to be a Christian! Is there any greater name, than that one is a Christian? What a glorious thing, if we live by faith.

Brothers and sisters, enter into the life of Christ, in everything you do, in every circumstance of your life. Let thine eye be whole and sound, and see the true nature of things, in every circumstance, so that you can live, and react, as our Lord Jesus Christ would have reacted to each circumstance.

May God bless you and help you to live by faith. Amen.

ملكوت الله



وسمح للمرأة الشريرة، إيزابل، أن تكسر روح نبيه إيليا (أيوب 1-2؛ ملوك الأول 18-19). وفي كلتا الحالتين، تبع الله هذه التجارب بإسترداد ومساندة لذا على الإنسان أن يطلب البر بنفسه وحسب قول الرب (أطلبوا أولاً البر) فعلينا أن لا نهتم بالماديات الضرورية للجسد، فنقول ماذا نأكل وماذا نشرب أو نلبس وكما تطلبها الأمم، لأن أبنائنا السماوي يعلم بتلك الاحتياجات كلها. فعلينا أن لا نفرضها على البر والقداسة المطلوبة منا من قبل الله، ولأن ملكوت الله هو الضرورة الملحة فيجب أن نسعى إليه أولاً، أما المتطلبات الأخرى فهي مجرد ضروريات نحتاج إليها في الزمن فقط ونوضح هنا ونقول ما هو الملكوت؟ الملكوت هو حب الإنسان المطلق لله، فعندما يعيش الإنسان على هذا المستوى من الحب فملكوت الله ستهيمن على عقله ووجدانه. أي عن طريق المحبة المتبادلة بين الخالق والمخلوق. فالمحبة تملك القلوب! فتصبح قوية لا تهاب الخوف أو الموت (يو 18:4). لذا ليس (أبناء الملكوت) الذين هم أبناء الله قوماً يخافون الرب، كما أنهم لا يخافون من وسائل التهريب والتعذيب لأن الله هو راعيهم، والمسيح قال أنا الراعي الصالح الذي أبذل نفسي عن خرافي. فملكوت المسيح هي مسيرة خلف المسيح الراعي الذي حمل الصليب متحدياً الموت. فالمؤمن بالمصلوب لا يخاف من الصليب، بل يفخر به كما افتخر الرسول بولس قائلاً (أما أنا فحاشي لي أن افتخر إلا بصليب ربنا يسوع المسيح) (غل 6: 14)

ان الرب يسوع طلب من تلاميذه أن لا تخفهم هموم الدنيا كما يخفق الشوك الزرع. فأرسلهم قائلاً (أطلبوا أولاً ملكوت الله وبره وهذه كلها تزاد لكم) "مت 6: 31-33" فعلى المؤمن أن ينظر الى الأعلى لأنهم أبناء الملكوت، ليسوا من هذا العالم رغم وجودهم في العالم.

وجودهم في العالم له إيجابياته لأنهم ملح العالم والخميرة التي يجب أن تبقى في العجين. في كل مؤمن يوجد ملك المسيح وهذا الملك هو المحبة، وشعاره الصليب، وثمرته أعطاء النور لبني البشر لكي يشهدوا للحق ويقتربوا من الملكوت، فالمطلوب من أبناء الملكوت في هذا العالم أن يسألوا جميع الناس وأن يجبروا حتى أعدائهم، وأن لا يعادوا أحداً، بل أن يحاربوا مبادئ الشر الكامنة لا في الآخرين فحسب، بل في ذاتهم أولاً، ان في كل مؤمن أنسان عتيق يقاوم الإنسان الجديد في نفس الإنسان. أي في كل أنسان هناك معركة بين الخير والشر، بين الأنانية والتفاني، بين المسيح وقوى الظلام، بين النور والظلام، بل بين ملكوت المسيح ومملكة الشيطان، فعلى المؤمن أن يثق بقول الرب القائل في يو 33:16

نشكرك ونسبحك ونباركك على كل أعمالك وأحساناتك الجزيلة علينا ونسألك يا سيدنا ان تتعم علينا بحواس مقدسة وأفكار طاهرة وقلب محب لك وللجميع.

افتح يارب عيني لأعين مجدك، وهبني بصيرة داخلية ترى حكمتك في الأحداث، واعطني حكمة وقوة لاجاهد على رجاء القيامة واضبط جسدي واقمعه لينطلق في خدمتك بعيون مختونة بنعمتك ومستتيرة ببهاء مجدك ومقدسة بالنظر الي صورتك المقدسة. يا مسيحا القدوس شمس البر، أشرق في قلبي بنور برك، وقدس جسدي ونفسي وروحي.

اكتب وصاياك على لوح قلبي وأنزع مني كل قساوة وتجبر وعلمني ان اكون رحيماً على

أخوتي، أنظر نظراً طاهراً للجميع. قدس حواسي بنعمتك واضبط فكري بروحك القدوس وهبني حكمة ونعمة لكي ارضيك كل أيام حياتي، آمين

بعد أن اختار المسيح تلاميذه، ألقى عليهم عظة فريدة وافية شاملة أبدية، تُعتبر قاعدة المواعظ وخلاصة الدين، وتُسمى «الموعظة على الجبل». ألقاها المسيح في مكان مرتفع بقرب كفرناحوم، والموعظة على الجبل هي أهم وأكمل ما ورد من عظات المسيح، كما أنها الأكثر شهرة

هذه الموعظة دستور الملكوت الروحي الجديد الذي أنشأه المسيح على أساس النظام القديم الإلهي الذي أنزل على موسى والأنبياء، وجاء المسيح لا لينقضه بل ليكمّله.

في هذا الملكوت نرى أن المسيح هو الملك الذي أنبأ الله عنه قديماً بضم نبيه داود: «أما أنا فقد مسحْتُ مَلِكِي عَلَى صِهْيُونِ جَبَلِ دَاوُدَ» (مزمور 2:6).

الله يريدك ان ترفع عينيك اليه ، خلقهما لكي تراه بهما ، الله يسعد بان يرى عينيك متجهتين نحوه في العلاء ، في السماء . ارفع عينيك اليه حيث البهاء والخير والعون .

ابعد عينيك عن التراب حيث النجاسة والشر والعثرة . ما اروع ان ترى الله دائماً فهو دائماً يراك ، دائماً . سراج الجسد بحسب توجيه العين وهي "العين" المرشد الموجّه للإنسان . يُعَبِّرُ الرب هنا عن حديثه هنا عن العين بالنافذة التي منها يدخل النور، فعن طريق العين يدخل النور إلى كياننا من الداخل . والعين البسيطة، تعرف أن تستقر على هدف وغرض واحد، وهو الرب تبارك اسمه، وبذلك نجد النظرة مستقرّة وهادئة، وبذلك يُصبح الجسد كله نيرًا.

فإذا ارتفعنا بأعيننا نحو عرش السماء كذا أحاسيسنا وسلوكنا ومشاعرنا تسمو نحو السماويات والعكس تماماً فيما لو نظرنا نحو الأرضيات.

يشبّه القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم العين "بالقائد"، وإذا وقع ماذا ينفع الجند "الجسد"؟ والعين مثل "ربان" السفينة "إن هَوَتْ للغرق بفقدان قائدها فما ينفع الجند والخيرات التي على متنها؟!

البساطة هي أن عيوننا لا تبصر سوى غرض واحد: «سراج الجسد هو العين، فإن كانت عينك بسيطة فجسدك كله يكون نيرًا» (مت 6: 22).

يجب علينا ألا نطلب الأشياء كما لو كانت مصدر سعادتنا، كما لا نصنع الخير لأجل نوالها رغم كونها ضرورية في حياتنا. لقد أوضح لنا الرب الفارق بين السعادة التي نطلبها وبين حصولنا على ضروريات الحياة، وذلك بقوله "أطلبوا أولاً ملكوت الله وبره، وهذه كلها تزاد لكم" فملكوت الله وبره هو الخبز الذي نسعى إليه والذي نقصده من كل أعمالنا. ولكننا إذ نخدم في هذه الحياة كجنود راغبين في ملكوت السماوات نحتاج إلى الضروريات اللازمة للحياة، لذلك قال الرب "هذه كلها تُزاد لكم"، ولكن اطلبوا أولاً ملكوت الله وبره (مت 6: 33)

لذا علينا أن نطلب أمور الله كأولوية فوق أمور العالم. وهذا يعني، أساساً، أننا يجب أن نطلب الخلاص الكامل في ملكوت الله لأن قيمته أعظم من كل غنى العالم. هل يعني هذا أن نهمل الواجبات اليومية المنطقية التي تساعدنا على الحياة؟ بالتأكيد كلا. ولكن بالنسبة للمؤمن، يجب أن يكون هناك إختلاف في إتجاهه نحوها. فإذا كنا نعطي الاهتمام بشؤون الله الأولوية – مثل طلب الخلاص الذي يقدمه، والحياة في طاعته، ومشاركة الآخرين بالأخبار السارة عن ملكوت الله – فإنه سوف يهتم بشئوننا كما وعد – وإذا كان هذا هو الإتفاق، فلماذا القلق؟

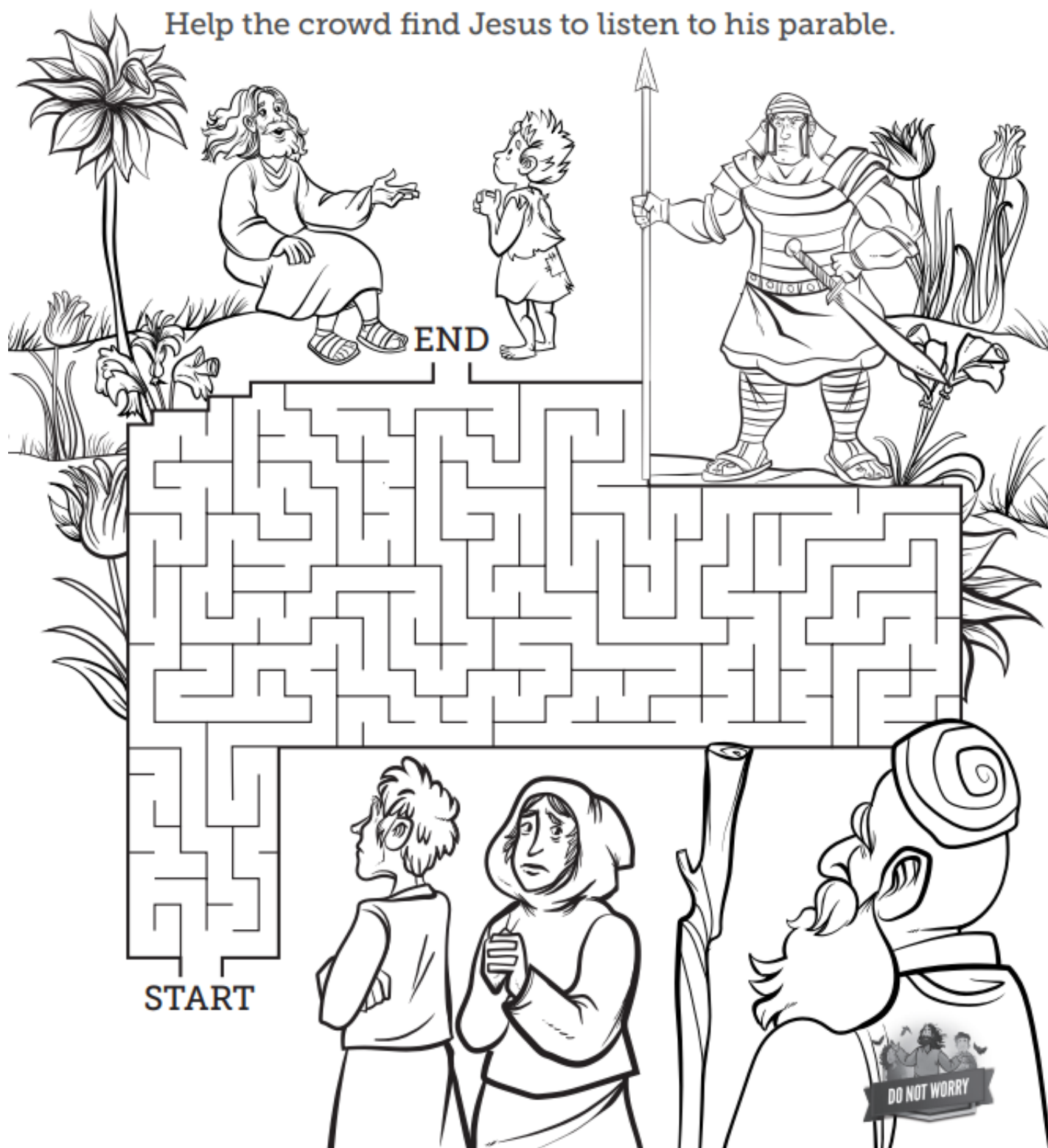
لقد وعد الله أن يهتم بخاصته، وأن يدير كل احتياجاتهم (فيلبي 4: 19)، ولكن أحياناً يختلف فكره بشأن ما نحتاجه عن أفكارنا، ويختلف توقيته عن توقعاتنا. فمثلاً، قد نرى حاجتنا للأموال أو الترفي، ولكن ربما يرى الله أن حاجتنا الحقيقية هي فترة من العوز أو الخسارة أو الوحدة. وعندما يحدث هذا، فإننا في أيدي أمينة.

لقد أحب الله كل من أيوب وإيليا، ولكنه سمح للشيطان أن يدمر أيوب (تحت رقابته)،

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2021

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July 2021
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Liturgical Symbols:

Abstain from meat

Church Major Feasts

Fast from midnight until noon

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| | | 1 St Justin the Philosopher Romans 4:4-12 Matthew 7:15-21 | 2 St Nicephoros the Confessor Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 7:21-23 | 3 Feast of the Divine Body عيد الجسد الالهي 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 John 6:48-54 | 4 St Metrophanes of Constantinople Romans 5:17-6:2 Matthew 9:14-17 | 5 St Dorotheos of Tyre Romans 3:19-26 Matthew 7:1-8 |
| 6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثاني بعد العنصرة Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23 | 7 St Theodotos of Ancyra Romans 7:1-13 Matthew 9:36-10:8 | 8 Queen's Birthday Relics of St Theodore Romans 7:14-8:2 Matthew 10:9-15 | 9 St Cyril of Alexandria Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Matthew 5:14-19 | 10 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Divine Body وداع جسد الرب Romans 8:22-28 Matthew 10:23-31 | 11 Sts Bartholomew and Barnabas the Apostles Romans 9:6-19 Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1 | 12 St Peter of Athos Romans 3:28-4:3 Matthew 7:24-8:4 |
| 13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثالث بعد العنصرة Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33 | 14 Holy Prophet Elisha Romans 9:18-33 Matthew 11:2-15 | 15 Holy Prophet Amos Romans 10:11-11:2 Matthew 11:16-20 | 16 St Tikhon of Cyprus Romans 11:2-12 Matthew 11:20-26 | 17 Sts Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael Romans 11:13-24 Matthew 11:27-30 | 18 St Leontios Romans 11:25-36 Matthew 12:1-8 | 19 St Jude the Apostle Beginning of the Apostles Fast بدء قطاعة الرسل Romans 6:11-17 Matthew 8:14-23 |
| 20 4th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الرابع بعد العنصرة Romans 6:18-23 Matthew 8:5-13 | 21 St Julian of Tarsus Romans 12:4-5, 15-21 Matthew 12:9-13 | 22 St Eusebios of Samosata Romans 14:9-18 Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30 | 23 Holy Martyr of Agrippina Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 1:29-45 | 24 Nativity of St John the Forerunner مولد يوحنا المعمدان Romans 13:11-14:4 Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 | 25 St Febronia Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 13:3-9 | 26 St David of Thessalonica Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13 |
| 27 5th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-9:1 | 28 Relics of Sts Cyrus and John Romans 16:17-24 Matthew 13:10-23 | 29 Sts Peter and Paul the Apostles الرسولان بطرس وبولس 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 Matthew 16:13-19 | 30 Synaxis of the Apostles محفل مقدس للرسول 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:36-10:8 | | | |

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.

As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected

and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with our priests and spiritual care givers. May they know that they are loved and cared for.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.



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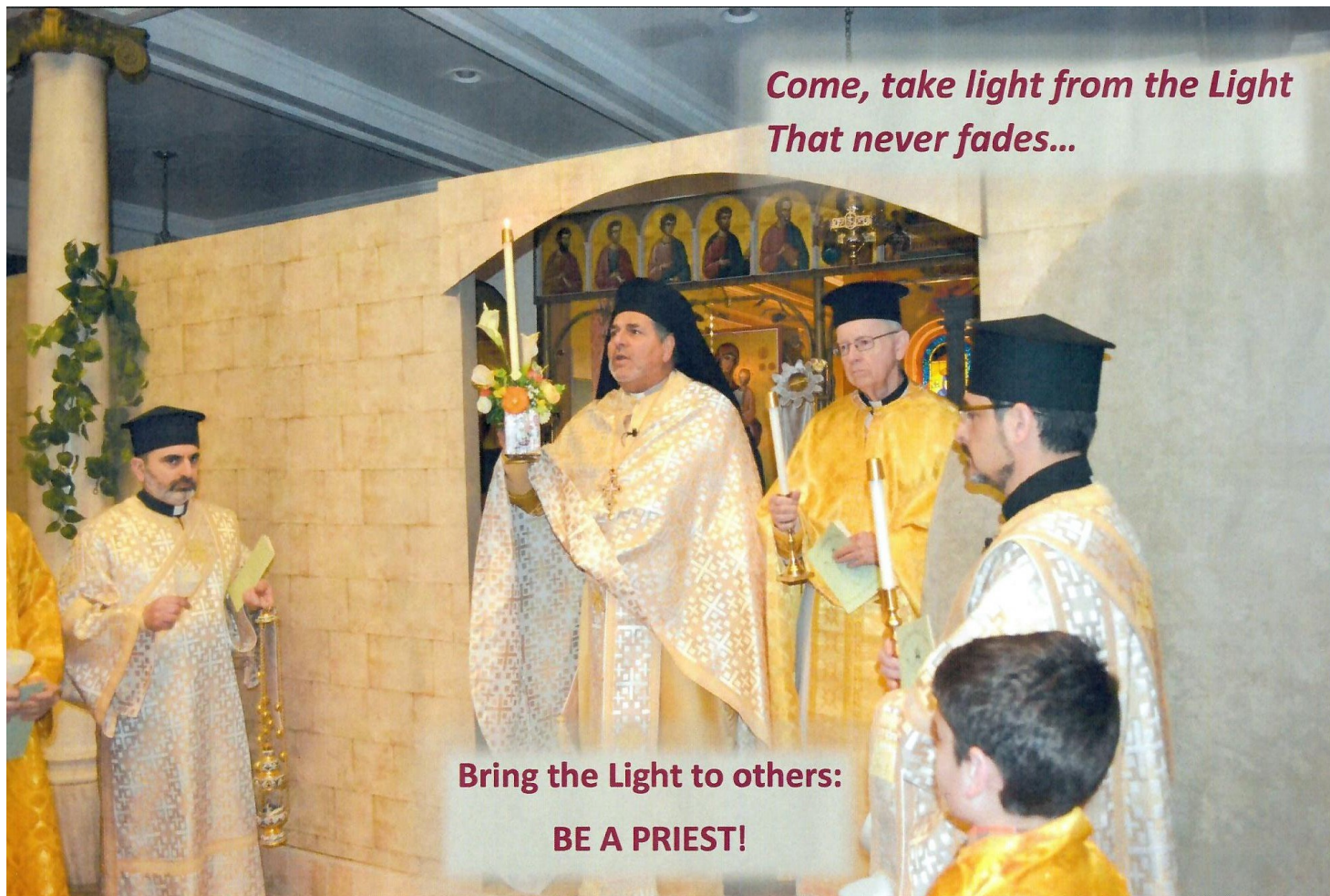
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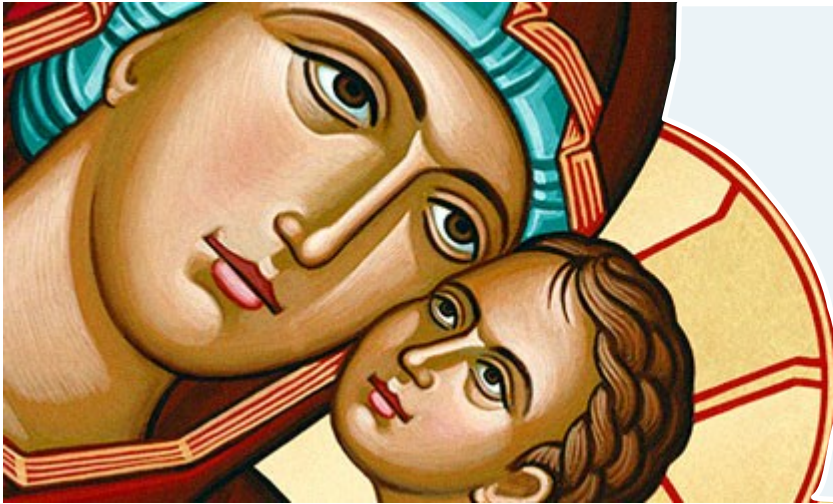
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