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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM
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the sick (401)722-1345**

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Reconciliation

Saturday 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Sunday 9:30-10:30 AM
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



3rd Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—The Widow's Son

الاحد الثالث بعد رفع الصليب المقدس
إقامة ابن الأرملة

Troparion of the resurrection (3rd tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

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.

طروبارية القيامة بالحن الثالث

لتفرح السماويات، وتبتهج الارضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزاً بساعده، ووطئ الموت بالموت، وصار بكر الاموات، وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنح العالم عظيم الرحمة.

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 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 Gal 1:11-19, - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prokimenon (Tone 3)

Sing praise to our God, sing praise!

Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands!

Shout to God with cries of gladness!

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians: 1: 11-19

BRETHREN, I give you to understand that the Good News that was announced to you by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was it taught to me [by man], but I received it by a revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of the way I lived before in Judaism: how I persecuted the Church of God and ravaged it beyond measure. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries in my nation, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased him who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I retired into Arabia and again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother.

ALLELUIA (Tone 3)

In you, O Lord, I have hoped:

let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, save me and deliver me.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

Gospel Luke 7:11-16, THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

AT that time it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Naim; and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. And as he drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And he went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to thee, arise." And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us." and "God has visited his people."

الاحد العشرون بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

رنموا لإلهنا رنموا، رنموا لميلكتنا رنموا
يا جميع الأمم صفقوا بالأيدي، هليلوا لله بصوت
الابتهاج

الرسالة (غلاطية 1: 11 – 19)

يا اخوة، أعلمكم ان الانجيل الذي بُشِّرَ به على يدي، ليس بحسب الانسان. لأنني لم اتسلمه ولا تعلمته من انسان، بل بوحى يسوع المسيح. اذ قد سمعتم بسيرتي قديماً في ملة اليهود كيف كنت اضطهد كنيسة الله الى الغاية وأدمرتها. وأزید إقبالاً في ملة اليهود على كثيرين من اترابي في أمّتي، بكوني أفوقهم غيرةً على بقاليدات آبائي. فلما ارتضى الله، الذي فرزني من جوف أمي ودعاني بنعمته، أن يعلن ابنته فيّ لأبشّرَ به بين الامم، لساعتي لم أصغ الى اللحم والدم، ولا صعدت الى اورشليم الى الذين هم رسل قبلي، بل سرت الى ديار العرب، ثم رجعت الى دمشق. وبعد ثلاث سنوات صعدت الى اورشليم لأزور بطرس. فأقمّت عنده خمسة عشر يوماً. ولم أر غيره من الرسل سوى يعقوب أخي الرب.

هلوليا

عليك يا رب توكلت في أخزي الى الابد، بعدلك نجي
وانتشلي

كن لي إلهاً محامياً، وبيت ملجأ لخلاصي

الاحد الثالث بعد الصليب

لوقا 7: 11-16

في ذلك الزمان، كان يسوع منطلقاً الى مدينة أسمها نائين. وكان يسير معه جمهوّر من تلاميذه وجمع كثير. فلما قُرب من باب المدينة، إذا ميتٌ محمولٌ وهو ابنٌ وحيدٌ لأُمّه. وكانت هذه أرملةً. وكان معها جمعٌ غفيرٌ من المدينة. فلما رآها الربُّ تحنّ عليها، وقال لها لا تبكي، ودنا ولمس النّعش، فوقف الحاملون. فقال: أيها الشاب لك أقول قُمْ. فاستوى الميت وبدأ يتكلّم. فسلمه الى أمه. فاستوى على الجميع خوفاً. فجعلوا يمجّدون الله قائلين: لقد قام فينا نبيّ عظيم، واقتد الله شعبه.





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, OCTOBER 10, 2021: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.
HOLY MARTYRS EULAMPIUS & EULAMPIA.**

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Dr. Nabil & Nancy Toubia.
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by M/M Anthony Harraka.
- + **RONALD R. MONTECALVO (4th Anniv.)** by his wife Phyllis & Family.
- + **MARY R. AZAR** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Pierre & Linda Saba & Family.
- + **MARY TAHAN** by Judy & Wayne Rawan.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Vicky Boudjouk.
- + **ADELIN, MARY, ROSALINE SALHANY** by Mr. George Salhany.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL ALAM (1st Anniv.)** by Elias Alam & Family.
- + **MR. SAMUEL G. RAHEB (Birthday Remem.)** by the Family.
- + **RICHARD & JANET CROSS** by Nelly Kishfy & Family.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by Jeffrey & Jessica Boudjouk.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by Laila Raheb.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by the Deckey & Mussalli Family.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Justin Boudjouk.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by M/M Norman Kishfy & Family.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by Nadia Loze.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Georgette S. Saggal.
- + **JEANNETTE BEATON & JANET CROSS** by M/M Ron Isbitsky.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: October 3, 2021: Budgets: \$2,773.00: Envelopes: \$2,712.00, Loose: \$61.00; Stipends: \$325.00; Candles: \$102.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$60.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$35.00; Religious Education: \$299.00; Misc: \$12.40; Sunday School Registration: \$100.00; Cigna Stock Div.: \$2.00; Building Fund: \$350.00.

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: Your prayers are precious. Thank you for all your love and concern. The leg is slowly healing. The wound is closing nicely, but it is still, I guess, a good month or 2 away from closure. Tomorrow, I shall be getting hearing aids. Age catches up with all of us. Saturday, September 11th, 2021, will have the 20th SHAWN NASSANEY MEMORIAL RACE at Bryant. I hope to get a ride there. It will be a quick visit but my first trip since arriving back for treatment. GOD BLESS! - **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.

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.

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

All Liturgy offerings received from Funerals, which exceed more than one year, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund and placed on the altar and remembered similarly 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 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.





FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOE: I wish to express my sincere thanks & deep appreciation to Father Ephrem for commemorating me last Sunday at the Divine Liturgies on the occasion of my 81st Birthday, followed by a celebration in the Cultural Center after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. My heartfelt gratitude to all who pitched in with Abouna to make this a fun-filled time. This is what we call TEAMWORK. You are all very special to me, and I am especially grateful to those who remembered me with mail-in cards. It is this genuine TLC that you have displayed towards me over the past 55 years that has enabled me to reach this milestone in my life, and believe me through God's blessings, I don't feel 81, despite my trials, illnesses, crosses and hardships. Through faith and trust in God, I always accentuated the positive and never let the other side take a grip of me. May you always remember that thoughts and prayers go with you, and through the intercession of St. Basil and St. Elias, may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever.

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ST. BASIL CEMETERY: As an ongoing effort to maintain the appearance of our cemetery, we have contracted Stanley Granite Company to power wash and clean the mausoleums at the cemetery. Anyone who is interested in having their family headstone cleaned, should contact Stanley Granite at 401-434-4064 to make arrangements. The fee is determined by size of your headstone.

FATHER EPHREM UPDATE: Shortly after his return from the West Coast, Abouna received word from the family of the late **SHAFICA RITA WLODARCZYK**, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, that the deceased willed Father Ephrem celebrate her Funeral Service in Calgary on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 12:00 noon. Immediately, Abouna had to get his act together and make reservations for this trip. He left Rhode Island on Tuesday, October 5th, and just made the Funeral in time because of Covid Restrictions in Canada. He will return to St. Basil's on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Despite the mourning and sadness of this occasion, may Father's stay be an enjoyable one filled with the rest and relaxation of his many parishioners, relatives and friends of St. Basil's Church, Calgary, Alberta. May Shafica rest in peace among the Saints in the bosom of Abraham, and may her memory be eternal.

MEMORIAM: It is with the deepest sadness that we announce to you the passing into eternal life of the handmaid of God, MYRA HULTQUIST on September 12, 2021. Myra is the mother of Roger Hultquist of this Parish, who is married to Brenda Raheb. On behalf of the clergy of St. Basil's Community, relatives, friends, and neighbors, we offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Roger and his immediate family and assure them of our prayers that the Lord will establish her soul where the just repose. May she rest in peace and her memory be eternal.

BAKING SESSIONS CORRECTION: Saturday, October 16th has been removed. It will be combined with Wednesday, October 20 – BAKLAWA & SOUJART il SIT.

We are deeply grateful & indebted to all the participants in the cooking sessions, in preparation for the upcoming FOOD FAIR. May God look upon you with favor for your support, time and effort in this endeavor.

REFLECTION: *"There are three things all wise men fear: the sea in storm, a night with no moon, and the anger of a gentle man."* - Patrick Rothfuss, **The Wise Man's Fear**

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
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I say to you, arise!

"And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep" (vs.12-13).

These few words, "Do not weep", encompass the whole purpose of Christ's coming to the world. Today's moving gospel reading from Luke 7:11-

17 reminds us that Jesus came to wipe away our tears, to soften our pain, and to lighten the burden of life. One can only imagine how painful must have been the grief of the widow on her way to the cemetery to bury her only child - a son. St.Luke tells us that a "large crowd from the city was with her", but no matter how many people around her, she was now alone and aware only of her pain and grief. In the beautiful city of Nain in the region of Galilee, all she could see was two graves - that of her husband and now that of her only son. Now we might hastily think that this is simply the tragic story of one woman. But isn't it really everyone's story? Life can be beautiful for a while, but inevitably the day comes when it is no longer so. There is suffering; there is trouble; there is war; there is death. The result of all this is grief - an utterly painful experience that all of us must at some point in life come to terms with.

One of the most serious mistakes we can make is to refuse to express our grief or to keep it bottled up. It is such unexpressed grief that causes all sorts of physical and mental ailments. Modern psychiatry has emphasized that when the eyes refuse to cry, other organs in the body will begin to cry with all kinds of illnesses resulting. Thus a very constructive way of expressing grief is to let the tears flow.

Unfortunately in our culture we often equate tears with weakness. We even say, "If that person had enough faith as a Christian they would not cry." Yet tears have nothing to do with weakness or lack of faith. When Lazarus died, St.John clearly tells us that "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). And the next verse says very simply but profoundly; "And the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him.'" The fact that Jesus wept teaches us that sorrow is natural. Jesus wept even though he is the Source of life. Tears are an expression of love. Even the sure knowledge of eternal life will not take all the grief out of the human heart when we lose a loved one. St.Paul says, "Do not grieve as others who have no hope." He is not saying that we should not grieve, but that we should grieve with Christian hope.

To facilitate the healthy expression of grief, our Church conducts memorial services on specific Saturdays throughout the year and on anniversaries of our loved ones' passing. The Church has always realized that in many ways a grieving person is like a steam engine. Unless the steam can escape in a controlled way, pressure will build up and the boiler will explode.



Now in today's gospel reading we saw the widow walking behind her son's coffin on the way to the cemetery. Her hopes, her aspirations, her dreams were being buried in that coffin. The procession of death was making its way through the city gates.

But there was another procession that day: Jesus and His disciples and a great crowd with Him. The two processions met at the city gate. "When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open

coffin...And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And he who was dead sat up and began to speak. (vs.13-15)

There were two processions that day! At the head of one was a corpse - symbolizing despair, grief, sorrow, the helplessness and hopelessness of mankind. But at the head of the other was Christ, the Eternal, the Saviour, sent to stop mankind's tragic journey to the grave and to offer hope, peace, salvation and eternal life. St.Luke then continues by telling us that after the dead man sat up and began to speak, Jesus "gave him to his mother" (v.15). We notice here that the gospel says "gave him" and not "restored him". Jesus, in raising the young man, had acquired a special right of possession over him, and it is a gracious gift that He now made to the mother.

Today's gospel passage shows us Jesus's compassion triumphing over death, and it is one of the three gospel accounts where He was seen to raise a dead person. The other two accounts involved the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the raising of Lazarus. In each of the three cases it seems that it is the compassion that Jesus felt for the sorrowing relatives which was the foremost cause of the miracle (We note that Jesus did not even ask the widow to express her faith - as He had done before performing other miracles - but merely acted in response to her grief).

We also notice that the three cases of resurrection reported in the gospels cover all the successive physical aspects of death. Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus when she was still lying on her bed, He raised the son of the widow of Nain while he was being carried out in a coffin, and He raised Lazarus who was already buried and decomposing. Jesus's power over death is absolute. This applies just as much to different degrees of spiritual death as it does to different degrees of physical death, and the gospel accounts of resurrection indicate symbolically how Jesus restores life to sinners. "I am the Resurrection and the Life," said Jesus. "Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). Amen.



أقول لك : قم!

(22: 16).

«ثم تقدّم ولمس العنق:»

الرب يتقدّم، فهو الذي يُبادر ويقرع الباب منتظراً مَنْ يفتح لكى يدخل إليه (رؤ 3: 20)، ثم «لمس العنق» «فوقف الحاملون تحيّباً وترقيباً». ولأن فيه كانت الحياة، فلمسة يده جعلت الحياة تسري في الرقاد في العنق، ونفسه التي كانت في الهاوية تعود لتتحد بالجسد البارد. وهكذا هتف الرب في الميت أيمراً:

«أيها الشاب لك أقول: قم!»

أي سلطان هذا الذي يأمر ميتاً أن يقوم؟ لعل الناس قالوا متعجبين: إنه يُخاطب ميتاً، وكيف يسمع

الميت؟! إنه نداء في غير محله. والرب يأمر ولا يطلب من السماء أن تتدخل كما نعرف عن غيره من رجال الله أصحاب المعجزات(4)، ولكنه تصرّف «كَمَنْ لَهُ سُلْطَان» (مت 7: 29؛ مر 1: 22، 27). وهو قد أظهر لنا أنه كَلَمَى القدرة Omnipotent على الأمراض والأرواح الشريرة وعلى الطبيعة بما فيها من رياح وأمواج ونباتات وحيوانات، وها هي قدرته تتبدّى هنا على الموت الذي يخشاه الجميع (عب 2: 15). وإذ يأمر الميت أن يقوم، ينهض على الفور نشطاً ملته الحياة والقوة: يجلس ويتكلّم مبهوئاً ويكون الرب أول مَنْ تكتحل به عينا.

والرب هو نفسه الذي سيخاطب الذين في القبور عند مجيئه فيهبثون كذلك عند سماع صوته: «فيخرج الذين فعلوا الصالحات إلى قيامة الحياة، والذين عملوا السيئات إلى قيامة الدينونة» (يو 5: 28، 29). وهذا هو وعده لكل مؤمنه: «وكل مَنْ كَانَ حَيًّا وَآمَنَ بِى فَلَنْ يَمُوتَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ» (يو 11: 25).

«دفدعه إلى أمه»

«يا امرأة، هذا هو ابنك». «ما أجل هذه الهدية من الإله المنتخب». فكفني دمعك. انتهت الأحزان وحلّ الفرح والسرور والثام الشمل، وانقضت السحابة السوداء التي ظلّت المرأة الأمّلة وأحالت حياتها ظلاماً مقيماً.

كانت إقامة ابن الأمّلة أغلب الظن هي أولى معجزات الإقامة التي صنعها الرب، ومن هنا كان وقعها على الناس عظيماً «وأخذ الجميع خوف»؛ وإن تلتها معجزة إقامة ابنة يائرس وهي لا تزال في فراشها (مت 9: 18-26؛ مر 5: 22-24، 35-43؛ لو 8: 40-42، 49-56) ثم، قُرب الصليب، إقامة لعازر (يو 11: 45-49) بعد أربعة أيام من موته. ولكن المفهوم أنّ الرب أقام كثيرين (مت 11: 5)، بل إنه ساعة موته تفتّحت القبور «وقام كثير من أجساد الرافدين وخرجوا من القبور بعد قيامته، ودخلوا المدينة المقدّسة، وظهروا لكثيرين» (مت 27: 52، 53).

كما وهب الرب لتلاميذه وقديسيه ومؤمنيه أن يعملوا مثل أعماله «وأعظم منها» (يو 14: 12)، وقال لهم: «أقيموا موتى» (مت 10: 8). وهكذا أقام بطرس طابيثا (غزالة) صانعة الثياب للأرامل (أع 6: 31-42). كما أقام بولس الشاب أفتيخوس الذي كان قد غلبه النوم فسقط من الطابق الثالث ميتاً، فنزل إليه بولس الذي كان يعطى واعتنقه فقام حيّاً (أع 20: 7-10). ولأن «يسوع المسيح هو هو أمساً واليوم وإلى الأبد» (عب 13: 8)، فهو لا يزال يصنع المعجزات سواء بشخصه أو من خلال قديسيه وخدامه.

«أنا هو القيامة والحياة»

الرب في إقامته للموتى كان، من ناحية، يُعلن لاهوته وسلطانه على الحياة والموت مما جذب كثيرين إلى الإيمان مُجَدِّدِينَ الله قائلين: «قد قام فينا نبي عظيم وافتح الله شعبه» (لو 7: 16؛ يو 11: 45)؛ كما أن إقامة الرب للموتى، من ناحية أخرى، كانت إشارة إلى قيامة الأموات عند مجيئه الرب في اليوم الأخير، وهي التي بَشَّرَ بها كثيراً (يو 5: 28، 29) والتي كفّلها موته على الصليب وقيامته. والقيامة الأخيرة ليست كقيامته ابن الأمّلة وابنة يائرس ولعازر. فهؤلاء بعد أن أقامهم الرب ماتوا، ولكنها قيامة الحياة الأبدية التي لا يعقبها موت (وإن كانت للأشجار قيامة الدينونة أي الموت الأبدية).

سنقوم كلنا، هكذا أنعم الله على مؤمنيه. ورغم قسوة الموت ومرارته ودموع الحزن التي لا نستطيع أن نغنعها عندما يغيب الموت أحبائنا، ولكن ينبغي أن يكون للحزن سقف لا يتجاوزه، وأن نواجهه ببراءة وعد القيامة الآتية حتماً (إر 31: 16؛ 1 أنس 4: 13) كي لا ننضوي تحته.

هذه المرة ذهب الرب من كفرناحوم (حيث كان قد شفى غلام قائد المائة: لو 7: 1-10) جنوباً إلى مدينة نازين (1) الصغيرة، التي دخلت التاريخ لأن الرب صنع فيها واحدة من آيات محبته وتحنّنه على البشر: «فلما اقترب إلى باب المدينة، إذا ميت محمول، ابنٌ وحيدٌ لأمه، وهي أرملة ومعها جمعٌ كثيرٌ من المدينة» (لو 7: 12).

هل كانت مصادفة أنّ الرب وهو يقترب من باب المدينة(2)، تخرج منه هذه الجنازة متّجهة إلى خارج المدينة حيث المقابر؟ وهل الرب ملنا يسير دون أن يعرف ماذا ينتظره (أع 20: 22)؟

في تعاملات الله، خاصة مع مؤمنيه، لا توجد مصادفات. فكل شيء مقصود بترتيب وعناية وبالضبط. وعندما يأتي

الرب وقت احتياجنا ومعنا المعونة في شخص قريب أو غريب، فهي ليست مصادفة، ولكنه مُرسَل من قِبَل السماء للخدمة استجابة للصلاة أو إدراكاً للاحتياج حتى يغير سؤال. وعندما يقترب الله مثلاً طالباً المساعدة في شخص أحد إخوته الأصغر، فهي ليست مصادفة، وإنما هي حضورٌ إلهي ودعوة لممارسة الإيمان وتفعله. وهو ما يجري معنا كل يوم ويُذكره الروحانيون أصحاب القلوب المفتوحة على السماء.

والرب لما أتى إلى نازين جاء قاصداً الأمّلة ذات القلب الكسير، يدفعه تحنّنه الذي أحدره من مجده إلى أرض الناس لينتشلهم من موت الخطية وينقلهم إلى الملكوت الذي أعدّه للذين يُثَقِّقُونَهُ (لو 1: 50).

«فلما رآها الرب تحنّ عليها»: «أمّلة فقدت زوجها من قبل، وها هي تفقد السند الباقي وحيدها الشاب(3)، الذي كانت تدّخره لقادم الأيام، لتعاني بعده الوحدة والحاجة وتتراحم في قلبها الأحزان. فأُتي مأساة ساحقة هذه، وهي التي حرّكت مشاعر الأقارب والجيران فرافقوا هذا الجمع الكبير. والرب أيضاً، الذي شاركنا اللحم والدم، تحرّكت أحشائه نحوها، وهو في تألّمه مُجِيزاً قادر أن يرثي لضعفاتها وأن يمين المجريّن (عب 2: 14، 18؛ 4: 15).

ومشاهد تحنّنه على الجمع أيام تجسّده يسجّلها الكتاب كثيراً. ومكتوب أنه: «لما رأى الجمع تحنّ عليهم، إذ كانوا منزعجين ومنظرحين كغفم (هائمه) لا راعي لها» (مت 9: 35، 36؛ مر 6: 34). وكان بعد أن ينتهي من تعليم الجمع يُبدي اهتمامه باحتياجات أجسادهم، فيقول مرة: «إني أشفق على الجمع، لأنّ الآن لهم ثلاثة أيام يمكنون معي وليس لهم ما يأكلون (بعد أن نفد زادهم). ولست أريد أن أصرفهم صائمين لنلا يُخَوِّروا في الطريق» (مت 15: 32)، فيجري معجزة يُكثّر فيها القليل من الخبز والسلمك ليُشبع الجمع.

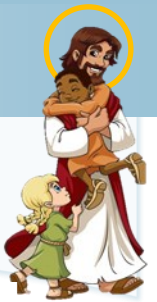
وفي تحنّنه شفى المرضى (مت 13: 14)، وظهرَ البُصْرَ (مت 14: 14؛ مر 1: 41)، وفتح أعين العميان (مت 20: 34). وهو يتحنّن لأن هذه هي طبيعته، فهو «أبو الرأفة والهدوء» (أبو الرأفة) (مت 2: 13)، و«كما يترأّف الأب على البنين يترأّف الرب على خائفيه» (مز 103: 13). وهو تحنّن على الأمّلة رغم أنّها لم تسأله، فربما لم يبلغ رجاؤها أن يُقيم ابنها من الموت، بل لعلها في دعوها ودموعها لم تفطن إلى وجوده أصلاً، كما لم يدّعُه أحدٌ يُخنّ حولها. ولكنه لم يكن يحتاج أن يُعزّقه أو يسأله أحد لأنه يعرف ويقدر. وهو الذي تقدّم إلى مريض بركة بيت حسدا الذي ظلّ قعيداً ثماني وثلاثين سنة، فأعفضه صحيحاً (يو 5: 6)؛ كما جاء إلى الأعمى منذ ولادته وفتح عينيه (يو 9: 1).

ومع هذا فرما يتساءل البعض: كيف يسمح الله للمتحنّن محب البشر بالآلام يجوز فيها محبوه؟ والحقيقة أنّ الله، وإن كان يسمح بالآلام والتجارب، إلّا أنه لا يصنعها «وهو لا يُجْزِبُ أحداً» (يع 1: 13). والخطية التي تورّط فيها الإنسان خضوعاً لإبليس هي مصدر تعاسته وضعفه وآلامه وموته، وهي التي كلّفت الله تدبير الخلاص وأن يذوق الرب «الموت... لأجل كل واحد» (عب 2: 9). كما أن هناك العالم الظالم المضطهد الموضوع في الشرير، وضغوط الحياة على الأرض التي مصيرها الفناء. ولكن الله دائماً حاضر وسط الضيق يتدخل للإنقاذ (مز 50: 15، 91: 15؛ 118: 5) ، وهناك نعمته وقوته التي تكفل في الضعف (2كو 12: 9)، والتي تجعل «كل الأشياء تعمل معاً للخير للذين يحبون الله» (رو 8: 28).

وهكذا تصير التجربة فرصة «لكي تظهر أعمال الله» (يو 9: 3) فيتمجّد الله ويتشدّد الإيمان. وفوق هذا فقد وهب الله مؤمنيه أن تكون ألامهم (خاصة تلك التي من أجل الإيمان) مشاركة للرب في آلامه (في 1: 29؛ 3: 10)، وفي النهاية تقول إلى مجد أبدي (رو 8: 17؛ 2كو 4: 17).

«وقال لها: لا تبكي»

في مثل هذه المواقف يجتهد الناس للتخفيف عن المخزونين بمشاركتهم في حزنهم، فقد يبكون معهم (رو 12: 15) أو يعزّوهم بالكلمات، وقد يُبَشِّرُونَهُمْ أن يكفوا عن البكاء ويتصابروا، ولكن ليس عندهم أكثر. ولكن الرب المتحنّن عندما يقول للأمّلة: «لا تبكي»، فالأمر يختلف. فهو قادر أن يهب الرجاء الذي يُجفّف الدموع، كما أنه قادر على غلبة الموت وانتزاع الشاب الميت من برائنه، لأن الرب هو «القيامة والحياة» (يو 11: 25). وهو المكتوب عنه أنه في آخر الأيام «سيمسح كل دموع» من عيون الحزان (رؤ 21: 4)، وهكذا يتحوّل الحزن إلى فرح لا يقدر أحد أن ينزعه (يو



Jesus Raises the Dead!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus raised a man from the dead. Everyone was amazed that He had the power to bring a person back to life. But there is something even more important than bringing people's bodies back to life.



I HAVE
KILLED MY
SOUL BY
SINNING!

Jesus also has the power to bring people's souls back to life.

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But Jesus gave priests the power to take away mortal sins. Do you know how? When someone makes a good confession, all their sins are taken away and their soul comes back to life! The priest takes the place

of Jesus, Who brings dead souls back to life. Do you ever thank God for the gift of Confession?



NOW
MY SOUL
IS ALIVE
AGAIN!

Do you use God's gift of forgiveness by going to Confession?



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



OCTOBER



تشرين الأول - أكتوبر
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
31 5 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 16:19-31					1 St Romanos the Melodist Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	2 St Cyprian 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3 Luke 5:17-26
3 St Thérèse of the Child Jesus 2 nd Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 Luke 6:31-36	4 St Hierotheos of Athens Philippians 2:12-16 Luke 6:24-30	5 St Charitina Philippians 2:16-23 Luke 6:37-45	6 St Thomas the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 20:19-31	7 Sts Sergios and Bacchos Philippians 3:1-8 Luke 7:17-30	8 St Pelagia Philippians 3:8-19 Luke 7:31-35	9 St James the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:36-10:8
10 3 rd Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 7:11-16	11 St Theophane of Nicaea Philippians 4:10-23 Luke 7:36-50	12 Sts Probus, Tarachos and Andronicos Colossians 1:1-11 Luke 8:1-3	13 Sts Carpos, Pappylas and Agathonicos Colossians 1:18-23 Luke 8:22-25	14 St Cosmas of Maiuma Colossians 1:24-2:1 Luke 9:7-11	15 St Lucian of Antioch Colossians 2:1-7 Luke 9:12-18	16 St Longinos the Centurion 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Luke 6:1-10
17 Second Council of Nicaea أحد أباء مجمع نيقية الثاني Titus 3:8-15 Luke 6:5-15	18 St Luke the Apostle Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18 Luke 10:16-21	19 Holy Prophet Joel Colossians 2:20-3:3 Luke 9:23-27	20 St Artemios Colossians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:44-50	21 St Hilarion Colossians 4:2-9 Luke 9:49-56	22 Seven martyrs at Ephesus Colossians 4:10-18 Luke 10:1-15	23 St James of Jerusalem Galatians 1:11-19 Matthew 13:54-58
24 6 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب Galatians 6:11-18 Luke 8:27-39	25 Sts Marcan and Martyrios 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Luke 10:22-24	26 St Demetrios 2 Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-16:2	27 St Nestor 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Luke 11:9-13	28 Sts Terence and Neonila 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 Luke 11:14-23	29 St Anastasia 1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 Luke 11:23-26	30 Sts Zenobios and Zenobia 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Luke 8:16-21

SUNDAY SCHOOL



In the spirit of prayerfulness and in oneness of thought, Fr. Joe and I would like to express our very sincere thanks and deep appreciation for making the Sunday School Program successful over the years, and shining the light of Christ through you to show each child God loves them just as they are.

We have been deeply touched and impressed by the teachers and parents' generosity and willingness to do whatever it takes to make the past year a success for our children despite the difficulties that we faced because of Covid-19.

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- Pope Francis, Regina Caeli Message, Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2013



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The Daily Divine Liturgy

At St. Elias Chapel (St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

Tuesday through Friday at 9 A.M.

Saturday at 4 P.M.

Sunday at 11 A.M.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on
Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. and Sunday 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.**

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live” *John 11:25*

Remember me in your Kingdom

You are invited to the Divine Liturgy for the departed
in the Lord in the Hope of Resurrection
On the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

أَنَا هُوَ الْقِيَامَةُ وَالْحَيَاةُ. مَنْ آمَنَ بِي وَلَوْ مَاتَ فَسَيَحْيَا. (يو 11: 25)

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أدعوكم إلى القداس الإلهي

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في الأربعاء الأخير من كل شهر الساعة 6:30 مساءً

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.)

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.

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2 COR 9:7

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