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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 2:30 – 3:30 P.M.,
Sunday 9:30-10:30 A.M., or by
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Baptisms: Please arrange with the pastor.

Marriages: 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.



Antiphon Prayer

O Christ God, You chose of your own free will to be raised on the Cross for the sake of mankind. Have mercy on your people called after your name. Grant to the Church, your Mystical Body, to rejoice in your might. Safeguard all the peoples that You reconciled by your crucifixion. As for us, who have been sealed by the sign of your Cross, grant that we may not be proud of anything but of your Cross, bearing at all time in our hearts and our minds, the marks of your Holy Passion.

For You are our Light and our Sanctification, O Christ our 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 (7th tone)

Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of our Holy Cross

“O Lord save your people and bless your inheritance, granting peace to the world; and protect your community by the power of your Cross.”

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.

احد السجود للصليب الكريم المحي
احد الثالث من الصوم المقدس

صلاة الأندفونة

أيتها المسيح الإله، يا مَنْ رُفِعَ عَلَى الصَّليبِ طَوْعاً حُبّاً لِنَبَشْرِ، إِذْ أَفْتُ بِشَغْبِكَ الْمُسَمَّى بِاسْمِكَ، وَأَعْطِ الْكَنِيسَةَ، أَلَيْ هِيَ جَسَدُكَ، أَنْ تُفَرِّحَ بِفُذْرَتِكَ، وَصُنْ جَمِيعَ الشُّعُوبِ أَلَيْ سَأَلْتُمَهَا يَوْمَ صَلْبِكَ، وَاجْعَلْنَا نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ وُسِّمْنَا بِشَارَةِ الصَّليبِ أَلَّا نَفْتَخِرَ إِلَّا بِهِ، حَامِلِينَ دَائِماً فِي قُلُوبِنَا وَأَفْكَارِنَا سِمَاتِ أَلَمِكَ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ

لِذَلِكَ أَنْتَ نُورُنَا وَتَقْدِيسَتُنَا، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الإله، وَإِلَيْكَ نَرْفَعُ الْمَجْدَ وَالشُّكْرَ وَالسُّجُودَ، وَإِلَى أَبِيكَ الأَرْثِيِّ وَزَوْجِكَ الْقُدُّوسِ، أَلَّا نَكِلَ كُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ.

نشيد القيامة بالحن السابع

لا شَيْءَ بِصَلْبِكَ الموت، وفتحت للصي الفردوس، وحولت نوح حاملات الطيب إلى فرح، وأمرت رسلك أن يكرزوا مبشرين بأنك قد قمْتَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الإله، مانحاً العالم عظيم الرحمة.

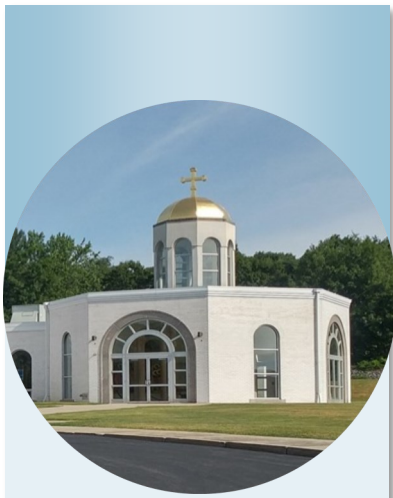
نشيد الصليب بالحن الأول:

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبِّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ، مَا نَحَا الْعَالَمَ السَّلَامَ. وَاحْفَظْ بِصَلْبِكَ زَعِيَّتَكَ.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبِلَتْ كلامك، الذي به بَيَّنْتَ العقائد ببياناً إلهيًّا، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أَيُّهَا الأَبُ البَارُّ 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.

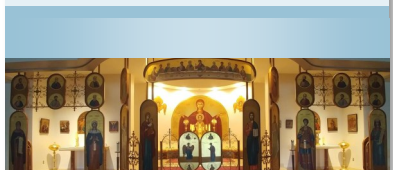
<https://melkite.org/maya>

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

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

<https://melkite.org/namw>



Kondakion

We your servants, ascribe to you, O Mother of God, thank-offerings of victory, O Champion Leader, for we have been liberated from terror; but as you have that invincible power do you free us from every kind of danger, so that we may cry out to You: Hail, O Virgin and Bride Ever-Pure!

Hirmos

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and human race as well. O Sanctified Temple, Spiritual Paradise, and Glory of Virgins, from whom our God, who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little child. He has taken your womb as his throne, making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, O Full of Grace, in you all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

Epistle of the 3rd Sunday of Lent, Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Prokimenon (Tone 6)

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Stichon: To you, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews: 4: 14-16; 5: 1-6

Brethren, since we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, let us hold fast our profession of faith. For we have not a high priest unable to pity our weaknesses, but one tried as we are in all things, save sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in matters pertaining to God, so that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to have compassion on the ignorant and erring, because he himself also is beset with weakness, and therefore must make offerings for sin in his own behalf as in behalf of the people. And no one invests himself with this honor: only one who is called by God takes it, as Aaron was. So also, Christ did not glorify himself with the high priesthood, but glorified the One who had spoken to him, "You are my son, I this day have begotten you (Ps. 2:7)." "As he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Meichisedek (Ps. 109:4)."

Alleluia (Tone 6)

Remember your congregation which you have acquired from the beginning: you redeemed the scepter of your inheritance.

Stichon: God is our King forever: he brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

Gospel of the 3rd Sunday of Lent, Mark 8: 34-9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

نشيد الختام

نَحْنُ عِبِيدُكَ يَا وَالِدَةُ الْإِلَهِ، نَكْتُبُ لَكَ آيَاتِ الْعَلَيَّةِ يَا قَائِدَةَ قَاهِرِهِ. وَنُقَدِّمُ الشُّكْرَ لَكَ وَقَدْ أُنْقَذْنَا مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ. لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ، أَعْتَقِينَا مِنْ أَصْغَاتِ الْمَخَاطِرِ لِكَيْ نَصْرُحَ إِلَيْكَ: أَفْرَاجِي يَا عُرْوَسَةً لَا عُرُوسَةَ لَهَا.

النشيد لوالدة الإله

إِنَّ الْبَرَايَا بِأَسْرَهَا تَفْرَحُ بِكَ يَا مَمْلُوءَةً نِعْمَةً. مُحَافِلُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَأَجْنَاسِ الْبَشَرِ، لَكَ يَعْظَمُونَ. أَيُّهَا الْهَيْكَلُ الْمُتَقَدَّسُ وَالْفَرْدُوسُ الْوَاقِعُ، وَفَخِرُ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ، مَرِيَمَ، الَّتِي مِنْهَا تَجَسَّدَ الْإِلَهُ وَصَارَ طِفْلاً، وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا قَبْلَ الدَّهْرِ. الَّذِي صَنَعَ مَسْتَوْدَعَكَ عَرْشًا، وَجَعَلَ بَطْنَكَ أَرْحَبَ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. لِذَلِكَ يَا مَمْلُوءَةً نِعْمَةً، تَفْرَحُ بِكَ كُلُّ الْبَرَايَا وَتَمَجِّدُكَ!

رسالة الاحد الثالث من الصوم

مقدمة الرسالة

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبِّ شَعْبَكَ، وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ.

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبِّ أَصْرُخُ، إِلَهِي لَا تَتَّصِمَ عَنِّي.

(عبرانيين 4: 14 إلى 5: 6)

فَصُلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقُدَّسِ بُولْسِ الرُّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِذْ لَنَا رَئِيسٌ كَهَنَةٍ عَظِيمٌ قَدْ أَجْتَازَ السَّمَاوَاتِ، يَسُوعُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، فَلَنَتَمَسَّكَ بِالْإِعْتِرَافِ. فَإِنَّ رَئِيسَ الْكَهَنَةِ الَّذِي لَنَا لَيْسَ غَيْرُ قَادِرٍ أَنْ يَرْفِي لَأَمْرَاضِنَا، بَلْ هُوَ مُجَرَّبٌ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مِثْلَنَا مَا خَلَا الْخَطِيئَةَ. فَلْنُقْبِلْ إِذْنُ بَدَالَةٍ إِلَى عَرْشِ النِّعْمَةِ، لِنَتَنَا رَحْمَةً وَنَجِدَ نِعْمَةً لِلْإِغَاثَةِ فِي أَوَانِهَا. فَإِنَّ كُلَّ رَئِيسٍ كَهَنَةٍ مُتَّخِذٍ مِنَ النَّاسِ، يُقَامُ لِجُلِّ النَّاسِ فِي مَا لِلَّهِ، لِيُقَرَّبَ قَرَابِينَ وَذَبَائِحَ عَنِ الْخَطَايَا، قَادِرًا أَنْ يَرْفِيَ لِلَّذِينَ يَجْهَلُونَ وَيُضِلُّونَ، لِكُونِهِ هُوَ أَيْضًا مُتَلَبِّسًا بِالضَّعْفِ. وَلِهَذَا يَجِبُ عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يَقَرَّبَ عَنِ الْخَطَايَا لِجُلِّ نَفْسِهِ، كَمَا يَقَرَّبُ لِجُلِّ الشَّعْبِ. وَلَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يَأْخُذُ لِنَفْسِهِ هَذِهِ الْكَرَامَةَ، إِلَّا مَنْ دَعَا اللَّهَ كَمَا دَعَا هَرُونَ. كَذَلِكَ الْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يُمَجِّدْ نَفْسَهُ حَتَّى يَصِيرَ رَئِيسَ كَهَنَةٍ، بَلِ الَّذِي قَالَ لَهُ: أَنْتَ ابْنِي، أَنَا الْيَوْمَ وَلَدْتُكَ. كَمَا يَقُولُ أَيْضًا فِي مَوْضِعٍ آخَرَ: أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلِكِيصَادَق.

هَلُوبَا

أَذْكُرُ جَمَاعَتِكَ الَّتِي أَفْتَنَيْتَهَا مُنْذُ الْقَدِيمِ، لَقَدْ افْتَدَيْتَ صَوْلَجَانَ مِيرَاثِكَ. أَمَّا اللَّهُ فَهُوَ مَلِكُنَا قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، أَجْرَى الْخَلَاصِ فِي وَسْطِ الْأَرْضِ.

الانجيل (مرقس 8: 3 إلى 9: 1)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَتَّبِعَنِي فَلْيُنْكِرْ نَفْسَهُ وَيَحْمِلْ صَلِيبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعْنِي. لِأَنَّ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَخْلُصَ نَفْسَهُ يَهْلِكُهَا، وَمَنْ أَهْلَكَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي وَمِنْ أَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ قَدْ ذَاكَ يُخَلِّصُهَا. فَإِنَّهُ مَاذَا يَنْفَعُ الْإِنْسَانَ لَوْ رَاحَ الْعَالَمُ كُلُّهُ وَخَسِرَ نَفْسَهُ؟ أَمْ مَاذَا يُعْطِي الْإِنْسَانُ فِدَاءً عَنْ نَفْسِهِ؟ لِأَنَّ مَنْ يَسْتَخْفِي بِي وَبِكَلَالِي فِي هَذَا الْجِيلِ الْقَاسِيِ الْخَاطِئِ، يَسْتَخْفِي بِهِ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ أَيْضًا مَتَى آتَى فِي مَجْدٍ أَبِيهِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْقُدَّاسِينَ. وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّ بَعْضَ الْقَائِمِينَ هَهُنَا لَا يَذُوقُونَ الْمَوْتَ حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ آتِيًا بِقُوَّةٍ. حَقًّا.





ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING: February 28, 2021: Budgets: \$3,411:00: Envelopes: \$3.403.00, Loose: \$8.00; Stipends: \$335.00; Candles: \$121.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$45.00; Building Fund: \$45.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$162.00.

TODAY, Saturday, March 6 & Sunday, March 7, 2021, there will be a special collection for your **FUEL OFFERINGS**. Please be generous in your support due to the escalating costs of gas and oil.

NEXT WEEKEND, March 13 & 14, 2021, there will be a special collection taken up for the **UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE, and IMPROVEMENT OF THE CEMETERY**. Please give wholeheartedly to our loved ones who sleep in the Lord.

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.

PRAYERS FOR FR. DANIEL NASSANEY: Fr. Dan is still under the care of DANA FARBER CANCER RESEARCH HOSPITAL in Boston, MA. He has undergone a number of radiation treatments already out of the 25 needed, and if all goes well, the removal of the tumor could be in April. Please continue to remember him in your prayers, as he in turn remembers you. May Almighty God, Physician of our souls and bodies stretch forth His right hand above the priest-servant, Fr. Dan, and heal him from this devastating illness in His Divine Providence.

THE GREAT AND HOLY TIME OF LENT: Great Lent involves deepening of our prayer life. This includes private prayer as well as the services mentioned below. An important facet of Lent is Almsgiving. The **"SHEPHERD'S CARE"** mandated in our Melkite Parishes and missions throughout the United States is one good way to put the Almsgiving into practice. Various Services will be conducted during the weekdays of Lent, thereby making it convenient for more people. All services will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. except the Saturday Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. and the Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 9	-	Great Compline	Friday, March 12	-	Akathist Hymn
Wednesday, March 10	-	Divine Liturgy	Saturday, March 13	-	Divine Liturgy
Thursday, March 11	-	Great Compline	Sunday, March 14	-	Divine Liturgy

2020 BUDGET STATEMENTS AVAILABLE: It is that time of year to start thinking about the preparation of your 2020 Federal Income Tax Returns. Statements of your offerings to the Church for 2020 will only be issued upon request. If you would like a statement, please contact Father Joe at the rectory at 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!!!**

SUN SAVING STARTS NEXT SUNDAY: America will push back the hour of darkness starting next Sunday, March 14th, 2021. Daylight-savings time is returning, bringing that extra hour of evening light to spend on outdoor projects, sports, and barbecues or just fritter away. The actual moment of change from standard to daylight time occurs at 2:00 a.m. for most of the nation. That's when clocks should be shifted forward an hour. This year, the law calls for the change to be the second Sunday in March. Standard time returns November 7th, the first Sunday in November. The change doesn't really save any daylight – or time. It simply moves an hour of light from morning to evening by delaying both sunrise and sunset an hour.

REFLECTION: A crown's no cure for a headache. (English: on basic truths)



Divine Liturgy Intentions



TODAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 6, AND SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT. SUNDAY OF THE HOLY VENERATION OF THE CROSS.

4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **EDDIE & MARY GEORGE** by their daughters and their Families.
- + **IDA SHAKAN** by her grand-daughters and their Families.
- + **GEORGE KAHLA** by Margaret Sabbagh.
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by Richard & Rose Marie Costa.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Judy Sarkis & Family.
- + **MARY TAHAN** by Barbara & Michael O'Rourke.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Mrs. Georgette Gorra & Family.
- + **LILLIAN SALOME** by James & Marzena Salome & Family.
- + **DANUTA ZALEWSKI** by James & Marzena Salome & Family.
- + **EMILY NOURY (19th Anniv.)** by her nieces and nephews.
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.

11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **CLAUDINE RABBAT** by Gloria Deckey (NY).
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by M/M Craig & Natalia Kishfy & Family.
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by the Aleppian Aid Society & Ladies' Auxiliary.
- + **ADEL ALBATAL** by Elias & Barbara Deeb.
- + **M/M JOHN & JAQUELINE BAZERDJI** by M/M Michael & Lina Raheb & Family.
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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.



The Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

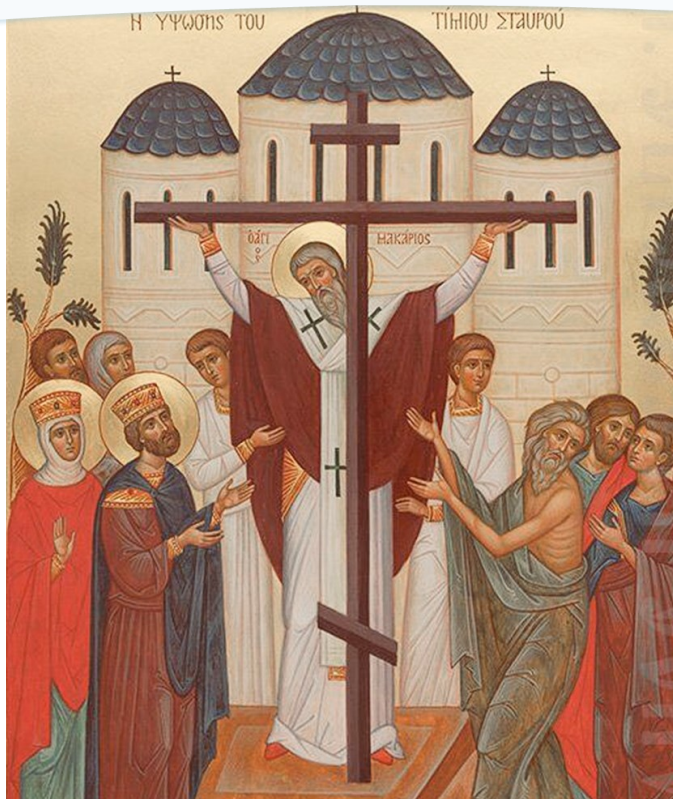
On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week.

The commemoration and ceremonies of the Third Sunday of Lent are closely parallel to the feasts of the Veneration of the Cross (September 14) and the Procession of the Cross (August 1). Not only does the Sunday of the Holy Cross prepare us for commemoration of the Crucifixion, but it also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are crucified with Christ.

As we have “crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers “planted” on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

Or, as before the arrival of the king, his royal standards, trophies, and emblems of victory come in procession and then the king himself appears in a triumphant parade, jubilant and rejoicing in his victory and filling those under him with joy, so does the Feast of the Cross precede the coming of our King, Jesus Christ. It warns us that He is about to proclaim His victory over death and appear to us in the glory of the Resurrection. His Life-Giving Cross is His royal scepter, and by venerating it we are filled with joy, rendering Him glory. Therefore, we become ready to welcome our King, who shall manifestly triumph over the powers of darkness.



The present feast has been placed in the middle of Great Lent for another reason. The Fast can be likened to the spring of Marah whose waters the children of Israel encountered in the wilderness. This water was undrinkable due to its bitterness but became sweet when the Holy Prophet Moses dipped the wood into its depth. Likewise, the wood of the Cross sweetens the days of the Fast, which are bitter and often grievous because of our tears. Yet Christ comforts us during our course through the desert of the Fast, guiding and leading us by His hand to the spiritual Jerusalem on high by the power of His Resurrection.

Moreover, as the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam's gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal.

Icons Of The Commemoration

The most common icon associated with the Veneration of the Cross is the same icon used on the Feast of the Veneration of the Cross on September 14. In the icon, Patriarch Macarius is standing in the pulpit elevating the Cross for all to see and venerate. On each side of the Patriarch are deacons holding candles. The elevated Cross is surrounded and venerated by many clergy and lay people, including Saint Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine.

In the background of the icon is a domed structure that represents the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. This church was one of the churches constructed and dedicated by Emperor Constantine on the holy sites of Jerusalem.

Another icon related to this feast depicts the actual service of veneration that is conducted in the churches on the Third Sunday of Lent. In the center of the icon is the Cross (1). It is on a table surrounded by flowers (2). Above the Cross is the image of Christ in a partial mandorla representing His glory (3). He is blessing those who have gathered to venerate the Cross, the rulers, clergy, monastics, and laity.



افرحي يا عروسة لا عروس لها

الفرس للهجوم على المدينة. فأمر البطريق، وإذا بالجيش والشعب كله يجتمع فوق أسوار العاصمة يفضون الليل ساهرين، وقفاً، شاكلي السلاح. وعلت من صفوف المؤمنين أبيات "نشيد المدايح لوالدة الإله" الذي كان وضعه رومانوس الشاعر الحمصي، وإذا بالشعب كله يردد بعد كل بيت تلك اللازمة الرائعة: "افرحي يا عروسة لا عروس لها"، أو اللازمة الأخرى "هللوا".

إذا لم يكن هذا نشيد حرب، ولم تكن فيه أصلاً أي إشارة لجهاد أو معركة أو حصار. لكن تلك الأبيات الملهمة، التي تضمنت أجمل ما ابتكره الشعور المسيحي من مديح للعرزاء والدة الإله، كانت في ساعات الخطر تندفع طوعاً على شفاه المؤمنين وتصعد إلى السماء متوسلة خاشعة.

وإذا بصوف الاعداء تتحرك تحت جناح الظلام. وبعثاً انتقلت ابصار المؤمنين المحاصرين إلى مياه البوسفور لعلها تبصر في ظلام الليل سفن الملك هرقل تحمل النجدة للعاصمة. وبعثاً نظر البطريق إلى ما تبقى من الجيوش المسيحية، وفارنها بجيوش الفرس الوثنيين... ولم يبق له من ملجأ إلا السماء...

وإذا بالأعجوبة المرتقبة تتم. فقطهر في السماء سيدة عظيمة جميلة ترفع يدها وتدفع الجيوش البربرية إلى الوراء. وإذا بجحافل الفرس تتخاذل وتترجع، وإذا بها تتخبط في الظلام وتتحارب، وإذا بغوغائها يملأ الفضاء.

وما تطلع الشمس حتى تبدي الرؤيا، ويبدي معها الاعداء المحاصرون. فهرع الشعب إلى الكنائس، وملا الساحات والشوارع. وارتفعت اصوات المزمعين تنشد من جديد "نشيد مدايح والدة الإله". ولهذه المناسبة وضع البطريق لهذا النشيد التقليدي مقدمة جديدة تشير إلى أعجوبة إنقاذ العاصمة، وتعلن العذراء الطاهرة "قائدة لا تغلب" وسلطانة المدينة المالكة، فكان القنداق الشهير: "نحن عبيدك يا والدة الإله..."، وقد جاء في أصله اليوناني: "إنا مدينتك يا والدة الإله..."

هذا المديح عبارة عن تاريخ حياة السيد المسيح مع الإشارة إلى بعض الحوادث التي راقتها.

القسم الأول: يحتوي على إعلان الملاك لمريم خيلها من الروح القدس وخيرة العذراء من هذا الكلام الغريب. ثم ذهابها إلى نسيبتها الأصبابت وأخيرا تعجب يوسف من هذا الحبل.

القسم الثاني: يشتمل قصة ولادة المخلص وسجود الرعاة وتقديم المجوس للهدايا ثم عودتهم إلى بلدهم. وهرب مريم ويوسف بالطفل إلى مصر ورجوعهم منها ثم على تسليم الطفل إلى سمعان الشيخ.

القسم الثالث: يصف بصورة شعرية ممتازة تجديد الطبيعة البشرية من جرّاء ولادة المسيح القادي وينصح الشاعر المؤمنين بأن يرفعوا عقولهم من الأرض إلى السماء، من حيث نزل الإله وصار على الأرض إنساناً مثلاً ليخلص الإنسان.

القسم الرابع: والأخير فكله مديح لائق بالعرزاء مريم التي استحققت أن تكون أما لخالق الكل ثم يختتمه الشاعر بالدعاء إليها لتشفع فينا لدى ابنها كي يبعد عنا كل الضيقات والمصائب.

وهناك كلمة تتردد كثيراً في هذا التسبيح هي كلمة "افرحي" أو "السلام عليك" وهي مأخوذة من قول الملاك جبرائيل ساعة بادر بالتحية المعروفة للسيدة العذراء لوقا ١: ٢٨.

علاقة المديح بالصوم
يسهر المؤمن، كالعداري الحكيمات، في الأيام الأولى من الأسبوع في التوبة والصلاة والصوم، ليؤهل ذاته للاتحاد بالعريس الرب يسوع في المناولة، يومي السبت والأحد. لذلك فإن ليلة الجمعة - السبت هي ليلة الزفاف الليتورجي، والزينة لاستقبال الرب.

يقوم المديح ليتورجياً بالدور الذي أدته العذراء في التجسد. فالعرزاء هي الصلة بين الله والإنسان في التجسد، هنا المديح بصير أداة الوصل الليتورجية بين أيام الصوم، أيام الحزن البهّي، ويوم الزفاف الإلهي للمؤمن.

نرتل في المدايح للبوتل قائلين "افرحي يا مزينة النفوس بزينة العرس"، وهذا ما يحقّقه المديح. إنه يوشحنا برداء العرس حين ينظر المؤمن في العذراء وحين ينشد مرثماً للعرس الأم، فتوده ترانيم المديح إلى طهارة النفس وتنقله من الحزن البهّي إلى فرح الخدر البتولي.



المديح هو قصيدة طويلة من القصائد الكنسية. المرجح أن ناطمه هو القديس رومانوس المرمم. المدايح مؤلفة من صلاة النوم الصغرى ثم تسبجات للعرزاء ثم المديح. للمديح مقدمة صغيرة تعرف اليوم بالقنداق (ترنيمه مختصرة) وتبدأ "نحن عبيدك يا والدة الإله..." ثم أربع أقسام أو أدوار، كل دور مؤلف من ستة مقطوعات وتسمى أيضاً أبيات. المصدر الذي استقى منه الشاعر هذا المديح الرائع هو إنجيل لوقا، حيث الكلام عن بشاره رئيس الملائكة جبرائيل للعرزاء مريم (لوقا ١: ٢٦-٥٦).

وأكاثستوس كلمة يونانية وقد أطلق هذا الاسم على مدائح العذراء لأن الأكليريوس وجمهور الشعب القسطنطيني ترمّوا بها علناً ولأول مرة، في أيام الملك هرقل سنة ٦٢٦، وهم واقفون إجلالاً للسيدة الطاهرة وطللاً لنصرتها وحمايتها واستعداداً لحما السلاح بأسرع ما يمكن، عند أول إشارة، لصّد هجمات الاعداء المحيطين بالمدينة المالكة، على نحو العبرانيين لدى بنائهم أسوار أورشلين في أيام النبي نحميا. وبما أن لغتنا العربية تفتقر إلى كلمة واحدة تعبّر عن اللفظة اليونانية، فقد لجأ مترجمو كتبنا الطقسية إلى هذه العبارة: نشيد لوالدة الإله "لا يجلس فيه".

تضاربت الآراء حول واضع هذا النشيد المريمي الرائع. فالعالم اليوناني بابادوبولوس كيراميفس ١٩٠٤ نسبته إلى البطريق فوتيوس (القرن التاسع)، وهذا زعم لا يسلم به أحد اليوم. ونسبه آخرون إلى بطريق القسطنطينية سرجيوس الأول (٦١٠-٦٣٨) وآخرون إلى جورج بيزيدس أمين مخطوطات كنيسة أجيا صوفيا في عهد الملك هرقل (كورسيوس). على أن النقد العلمي الحديث يرجّح انتسابه إلى القديس رومانوس الحمصي المنشأ إمام الشعراء والمنشدين الكنسيين. ولد هذا القديس في أواخر القرن الخامس في حمص عاصمة سوريا الوسطى من عائلة يهودية الأصل وكان شماساً أنجلياً، خدم في كنيسة القيامة في بيروت، وانتقل بعد ذلك إلى القسطنطينية في أواخر عهد الملك أنسطاسيوس الأول (٤٩١-٥١٨) على الأرجح. وقد ظهرت له العذراء في الحلم في كنيسة منطقة كيروس المشيدة على اسمها ودفعته إلى نظم الشعر والكتابة. توفي حول سنة ٥٥٦ تاركاً ما يربو على ألف نشيد ديني لم يبق من هذه الاناشيد اليوم سوى مئتين، بعضها معتبر في رتب الفرض الإلهي.

أما قنداق "نحن عبيدك يا والدة الإله" الذي يُرثم به قبل بيوت المديح فقد وضعه البطريق المسكوني سرجيوس الأول (٦١٠-٦٣٨) عقب إنقاذ القسطنطينية بأعجوبة من يد الفرس والأفاريين، وفيه تلميح صريح إلى تدخل البتول العجيب يوم ٧ آب من سنة ٦٢٦. ونختم صلاة الأكاثستوس بتقبيل أيقونة السيدة العذراء ونشيد "إن جبرائيل" من تأليف القديس العبري يوحنا الدمشقي المتعبد الكبير للبوتل الطاهرة.

وضع نشيد الأكاثستوس في الأصل لعيد البشارة بحسب رأي النقاد العصريين. إن محور الكلام فيه عن التجسد الإلهي، سبب امتيازات والدة الإله كلها وسبب مجدها. أما عيد الأكاثستوس (أو عيد تدخل العذراء ونجاة المملكة في عهد هرقل) فلم يحتفل به أصلاً في سبت ثابت أي السبت الخامس من الصوم كما هي الحال اليوم، بل كان لبطريق القسطنطينية الحرية أن يحتفل به في السبت الرابع أو الخامس من الصوم بحسب التقويم الطقسي القديم يعود إلى القرن التاسع. وعندما أصبح عيد البشارة عيداً ثابتاً في ٢٥ آذار، فصل عنه الاحتفال بعيد الأكاثستوس، وجعل في سبت من أيام الصوم، وهو السبت الخامس في أيامنا الحاضرة "إن رتبة الأكاثستوس أو المدايح عزيزة على قلب المؤمنين التابعين للطقس البيزنطي، فيتسابقون كثيرين إلى حضور هذه الصلاة التي تذكّرهم بسر المحبة العظيم، سرّ تجسد الكلمة يوم عيد البشارة، وتعلن على مسامعهم الألقاب المجيدة التي خصّ بها الكتاب الكريم الأم السماوية، وكل رموز العهد القديم التي أشارت إليها".

أما ارتباطها بتاريخ الحماية المسيحية، فكانت المملكة البيزنطية المسيحية مهددة من كل جهة، وإذا بالحصارة المسيحية التي كانت تلك المملكة تمثلها وتحميها، أصبحت معرضة لغزوات الأمم الغربية من فرس وأبار وعرب وغوط وصقالية ومجر. وفي سنة ٦١٤ اجتاحت الفرس بلاد المشرق، فدمروا انطاكية ودمشق، واستولوا على اورشلين وقتلوا فيها في يوم واحد أكثر من مئة ألف مسيحي، وهدموا مزاراتها المقدسة، وسبوا رهبانها وكهننتها وأساقفتها وبطريركها، وانتزعوا عود الصليب المكرّم من على هيكل الجلجلة، وعادوا به إلى بلادهم غانمين. فثار عليهم هرقل ملك الروم وكسرهم، واسترجع الأسرى وعود الصليب. ولكن الفرس ما لبثوا أن اعدوا الكزة في سنة ٦٢٦، فهاجموا البلاد المسيحية وبلغوا أسوار القسطنطينية، وشدّوا في حصارها، حتى قُتل الشعب المسيحي فيها. وبالجهد استطاع الملك هرقل أن يخرج من المدينة ويجتاز صفوف المحاصرين لكي يذهب إلى الأقاليم ويجمع الجيوش ويوقدها لك الحصار عن العاصمة.

كان في أثناء غيابه قد سلّم القيادة والحكم للبطريق المسكوني سرجيوس، الذي توكل على الله ولم يهمل وسائل الدفاع الحربي. وكانت ليلة السابع من آب سنة ٦٢٦ الموعد الذي حدّده

When you fast



Jesus said, 'and when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your father who sees in secret will reward you:'

Matthew 6: 16-18 (Gospel of Cheesefare Sunday)

When people think of the word "Lent," the word "fasting" is one of the first things that comes to mind. The cornerstone of Lent is not fasting, but repentance and growing in our faith. Fasting is a tool that is used to assist in spiritual growth. Fasting is also mischaracterized as a form of deprivation, rather than a spiritual discipline. Because fasting is so misunderstood, it is many times done incorrectly.

In the Orthodox world, we use the word "passions" to describe tendencies that each person has that lead us to sin. Each of us has a "passion" for anger, lust, power, greed, ego, etc. We do not get through life without wrestling with each of these, sometimes on a daily basis. The most basic "passion" is hunger. While we can go a day without a lustful thought or an angry thought, we can't go more than a few hours without a hungry thought. So, if we can tame our passion for eating, we can hopefully tame our other passions. If we can discipline ourselves to go without certain kinds of food, we can hopefully discipline ourselves so that we can go without certain kinds of behavior that are spiritually destructive. Thus, fasting is not about giving up something only to get it back. Fasting is about getting control of our passions, maintaining control over them, and ultimately giving control of ourselves to God.

If you've never fasted before, I would not recommend doing a strict fast. Try fasting from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent (and then throughout the year), then next year try fasting Wednesdays and Fridays plus all of the first week of Lent and all of Holy Week. Then work up from that.

Below is a guide of some levels of fasting:

- Level one -- Fast from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays and during Holy Week
- Level two -- Fast from meat and fish on Wednesdays and Fridays and during Holy Week
- Level three -- Fast from meat the entirety of Lent and Holy Week
- Level four -- Fast from meat and fish the entirety of Lent and Holy Week
- Level five -- Level four and eliminate dairy products during Holy Week
- Level six -- Level four and eliminate dairy products on Wednesday and Fridays and during Holy Week.
- Level seven -- Level four plus eliminate dairy products during all of Lent and Holy Week
- Level eight -- Level seven plus eliminate oil and wine during Holy Week
- Level nine -- The strict fast - no meat, fish, dairy products, wine or oil during the entirety of Great Lent

***Fish is allowed on March 25 (Annunciation) and Palm Sunday; oil and wine are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, except for Holy Saturday.*

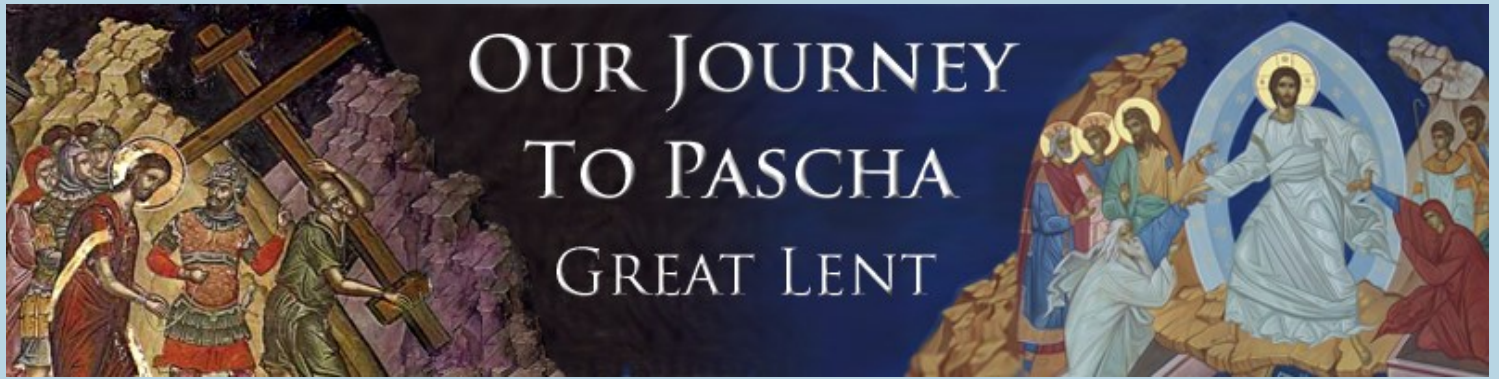
After a few years at one level, challenge yourself to go up a level.

More important, however, than fasting from food, is fasting from the behaviors that are spiritually destructive. We need to fast from things that get us in trouble - perhaps the television, alcohol, inappropriate materials on the computer and in movies, foul language, etc. Fasting also does not mean "looking" deprived, complaining about what you can't eat, or making a show of your fasting. In fact, if you are fasting and you are invited to someone's home for dinner and they serve meat, eat the meat, don't make a big deal out of your fasting. Also, do not pass judgment on others who are not fasting to the degree you are. Saint Paul reminds us in Romans 14:3-4: *"Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own Master that he stands or falls."* As Christ tells us, our fasting is seen by our "Father who is in secret," and He will reward us for our efforts.

Again, Lent is not a season of deprivation, nor should we "give up" something only to get it back once Lent is over. Lent is about repentance, and making small and permanent changes to bring us closer to the Lord, changes that will last long after Lent is over. This is the purpose of the Lenten journey. Fasting is an aid to help us in this.

The time has come - the start of our spiritual contests, the victory over demons, the full armor of self-control the angels' dignity, the confidence before God. Thereby did Moses become conversant with the Creator, and heard the invisible voice. Lord, through fasting make us worthy to worship Your Passion and Holy Resurrection, as You love humanity. (Doxastikon of Orthros, Cheesefare Sunday, Trans. by Fr. Seraphim Dedes)

Give some thought to your fasting plan for Lent today!



SUNDAY of FORGIVENESS	SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY	SUNDAY of ST GREGORY PALAMAS	SUNDAY of the HOLY CROSS	SUNDAY of ST JOHN CLIMACUS and the LADDER	SUNDAY of ST MARY of EGYPT	SATURDAY of LAZARUS
February 14	February 21	February 28	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 27
GOSPEL Matthew 6:14-21	GOSPEL John 1:43-51	GOSPEL Mark 2:1-12	GOSPEL Mark 8:34-38, 9:1	GOSPEL Mark 9:17-31	GOSPEL Mark 10:32-45	GOSPEL John 11:1-45
MESSAGE: Adam & Eve cast out of Paradise because of food. Moses fasted for 40 days from food to see God. We too begin fast from food to get back into Paradise and encounter God.	MESSAGE: Icons restored by St Theodora and son Emperor Michael in 843 AD. We rejoice in One Lord, One God, One Baptism, and One Faith shown in icons. God sees us, as Nathaniel in Gospel	MESSAGE FROM GOSPEL: Christ heals the paralytic brought by 4 friends thru the roof and all confess - Who can forgive sins but God alone? Discuss His authority given to our clergy for Confession	MESSAGE: The symbol of our faith as Christians which gives us strength to continue to struggle in the fast until we reach the Resurrection.	MESSAGE FROM GOSPEL: Jesus says, "All things are possible to him who believes." and heals epileptic child. Dad cried out "I believe; help my unbelief!"	MESSAGE: From age 12, St Mary lived a very sinful life but at age 30 wanted to become Christian and repented in the desert for forgiveness. She walked on water and a lion buried her! What is repentance?	MESSAGE: One week before Christ resurrects, He shows us His power over death as fully God by raising Lazarus from the dead, while also weeping as fully man for His dear friend Lazarus.
JESUS PRAYER SONG: "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God Have Mercy on Me the Sinner"	CRAFT: Make a family icon tree using each persons' Patron Saint. Christ is the trunk.	COLORING: Icon of Christ healing paralytic	CRAFT: Making Cross necklaces with string & beads	SENTENCE SCRAMBLE COLORING: Icon of Christ healing epileptic child	COLORING: Icon of Christ preaching repentance	ACTIVITY: Mummy Wraps with toilet paper

Following Jesus

Kids bulletin



THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

My name is _____

God blesses those who assist the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them. The Church gives us seven ways to show mercy to all. Here are the Corporal Works of Mercy and some ways to carry them out.

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

-Matthew 25:40



1. To Feed the Hungry

- a. Put money in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box.
- b. Share your lunch with a friend who might not have as much.
- c. Clean your plate... don't waste food.
- d. Serve at a soup kitchen with your family.



5. To Care for the Sick

- a. Visit children in the hospital.
- b. Send a card to a sick friend.
- c. Share a homework assignment with a student who missed class.
- d. Pray for anyone who is ill.

2. To Give Drink to the Thirsty

- a. Help Mom serve drinks to the family at dinner or to guests.
- b. Start a Lemonade stand and give the money to the poor.
- c. Help Dad put water bottles in the car to give to the homeless.



6. To Visit the Imprisoned

- a. Draw pictures for elderly neighbors who cannot leave their homes.
- b. Pray for those who are in prison, and their families.



3. To Clothe the Naked

- a. Share your coat with someone who is cold.
- b. Give your used clothes away to the poor.



7. To Bury the Dead

- a. Visit a cemetery and pray for departed family and friends.
- b. Bring flowers to put on the graves of your loved ones.

4. To Shelter the Homeless

- a. Donate blankets or clothing to a homeless shelter.
- b. Help mom fill a bag of groceries to give to a shelter.



What are some other ways you can help?



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MARCH



آذار - مارس

2021

February 2021

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April 2021

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Liturgical Symbols:

- Abstain from meat
- Church Major Feasts
- Fast from midnight until noon
- Lenten Season

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 St Eudocia Genesis 6:9-22 Proverbs 8:1-21	2 St Theodotos of Cyrene Genesis 7:1-5 Proverbs 8:32-9:1	3 Sts Eutropios, Cleonicos and Basiliscos Genesis 7:6-9 Proverbs 9:12-18	4 St Gerasimos Genesis 7:11-8:3 Proverbs 10:1-22	5 3 rd Akathist المدائح الثالثة Genesis 8:4-21 Proverbs 10:31-11:12	6 The 42 Martyrs of Amorion Hebrews 10:32-38 Mark 2:14-17
7 Veneration of Holy Cross أحد السجود للصليب الكريم Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Mark 8:34-9:1	8 St Theophylactos of Nicomedia Genesis 8:21-9:7 Proverbs 11:19-12:6	9 Forty Martyrs of Sebastia Hebrews 12:1-10 Matthew 20:1-16	10 St Codratos and his companions Genesis 9:18-10:1 Proverbs 12:23-13:9	11 St Sophronios of Jerusalem Genesis 10:32-11:9 Proverbs 13:19-14:6	12 4 th Akathist المدائح الرابعة Genesis 12:1-7 Proverbs 14:15-26	13 Relics of St Nicephoros Hebrews 6:9-12 Mark 7:31-37
14 St John Climacos القديس يوحنا الصليبي Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31	15 St Agapios and his companions Genesis 13:12-18 Proverbs 14:27-15:4	16 St Sabinos the Egyptian Genesis 15:1-15 Proverbs 15:7-19	17 St Alexis Genesis 17:1-9 Proverbs 15:20-16:9	18 Thursday of Great Canon خميس القاتون الكبير Genesis 18:20-33 Proverbs 16:17-17:17	19 5 th Akathist المدائح الخامسة Genesis 22:1-18 Proverbs 17:17-18:5	20 Saturday of the Akathist Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 8:27-31
21 Sunday of Mary of Egypt أحد مريم المصرية Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45	22 St Basil of Ancyra Genesis 27:1-41 Proverbs 19:16-25	23 St Nikon and his 200 pupils Genesis 31:3-16 Proverbs 21:3-21	24 Preparation of the Annunciation Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16 Proverbs 21:23-22:4	25 Annunciation عيد البشارة Hebrews 2:11-18 Luke 1:24-38	26 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel Genesis 49:33-50:26 Proverbs 31:8-31	27 Lazarus Saturday سبت لعازر Hebrews 12:28-13:8 John 11:1-45
28 Palm Sunday أحد الشعانين Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18	29 Great & Holy Monday الاثنين العظيم المقدس Ezekiel 1:1-21 Zechariah 3:14-19 Zechariah 9:9-15	30 Great & Holy Tuesday الثلاثاء العظيم المقدس Ezekiel 1:21-28 Exodus 1:1-20 Job 1:1-12	31 Great & Holy Wednesday الأربعاء العظيم المقدس Ezekiel 2:3-10, 3:1-3 Exodus 2:5-10 Job 1:13-22			

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.

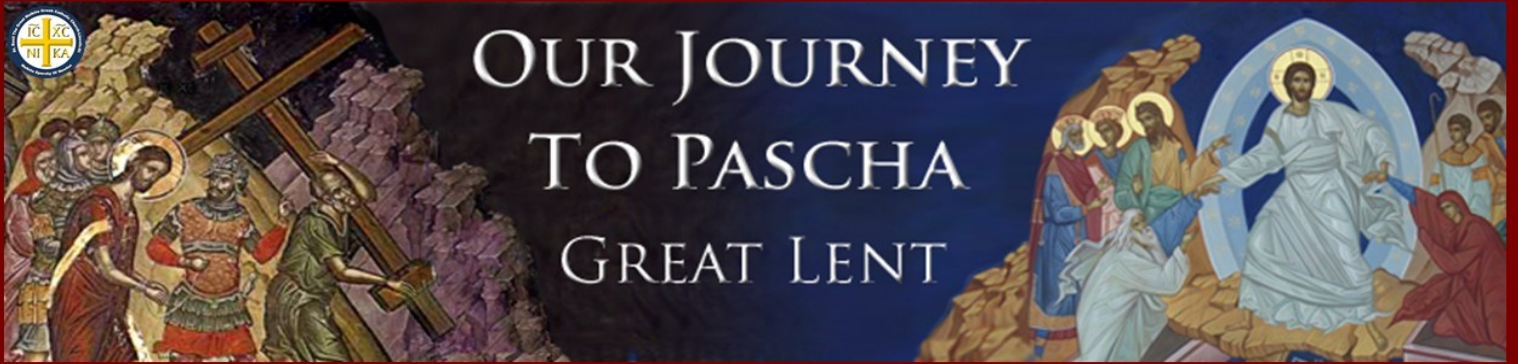
May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

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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St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church

Weekly Prayer Services for the Great and Holy Lent

خدمة الصلوات الأسبوعية خلال الصوم الكبير و المقدس

Tuesday	6:30 pm	Great Compline	الثلاثاء الساعة 6:30 مساءً صلاة النوم الكبرى - يارب القوات
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	الأربعاء الساعة 6:30 مساءً الإحتفال بالآقداس السابق تقديسها (البروجيازمين)
Thursday	6:30 pm	Great Compline	الخميس الساعة 6:30 مساءً صلاة النوم الكبرى - يارب القوات
Friday	6:30 pm	Akathist (Hymn to the Theotokos)	الجمعة الساعة 6:30 مساءً صلاة المدائح لوالدة الإله الفانقة القداسة
Saturday	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy	السبت الساعة 4:00 مساءً الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي
Sunday	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy	الأحد الساعة 11:00 صباحاً الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي

"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)

اذكرني في ملكوتك

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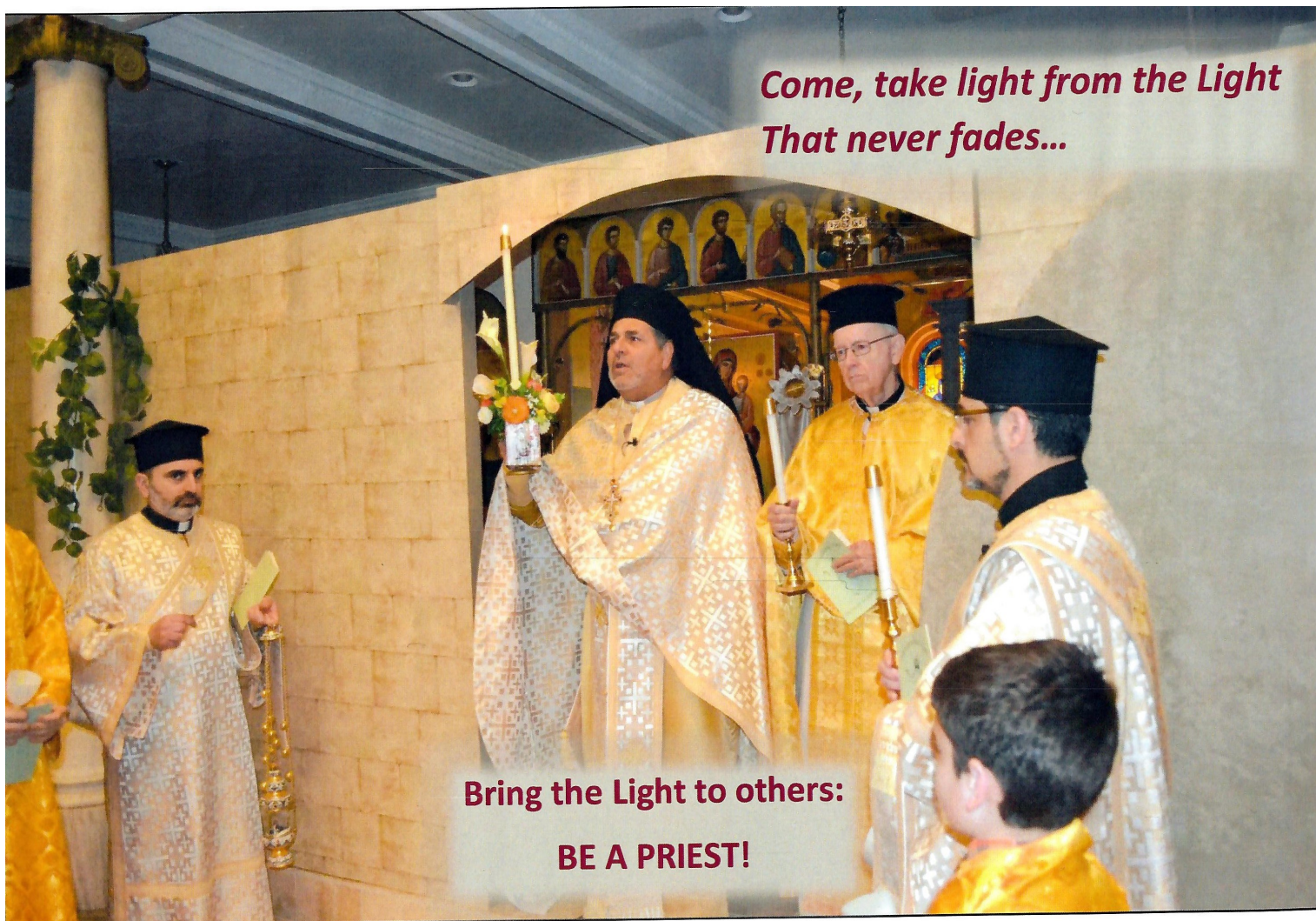
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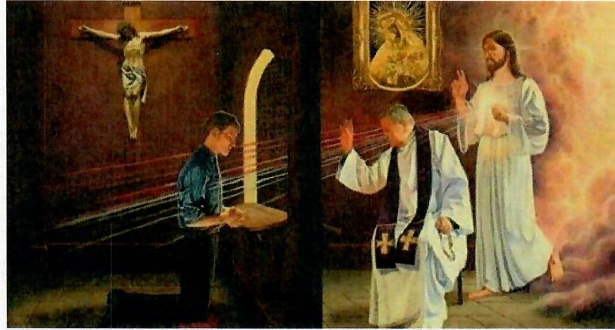
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Saturday, March 13, 2021

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St Basil the Great Church is sponsoring a \$15,000 Raffle!

Due to the COVID-19 virus, Saint Basil's Church is unable to hold any of its annual fund raisers and has had to get creative.

We are sponsoring a raffle giving away \$15,000 in prizes:

- 1st: drawing for \$5,000
- 2nd: drawing for \$2,500
- 3rd: drawing for \$1,000
- Seven \$500 drawings
- Eight \$250 drawings
- Ten \$100 drawings



Drawing will be held the Easter weekend on April 3, 2021 with only three hundred (300) tickets to be sold at \$100 each.

For tickets or more information please contact:

- Sandra (Elias) Longtin, 401-617-8433
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VISIT www.aef-ri.org

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Alerts and Latest Guidance

- **Social Gatherings:** as of October 30, the indoor and outdoor social gathering limit is 10 people because social gatherings have been the source of many positive cases.
- **Early closures:** All restaurants, bars, gyms, recreational facilities, and personal services must close at 10 p.m. Sunday – Thursday and at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Stay-at-home advisory** is in effect from 10 p.m. – 5 a.m. Sunday – Thursday and from 10:30 p.m. – 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Venues of assembly:** The capacity limit for indoor venues (performing arts venues, movie theaters, houses of worship) is 50% of normal capacity with a maximum of 125 people. The limit for outdoor venues is 66% of normal capacity with a maximum of 150 people. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Catered events:** The capacity limit for indoor catered events is 25 and for outdoor catered events is 75, with exceptions for previously scheduled weddings. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Large retailers:** The capacity limit for big box stores (more than 30,000 square feet of space) is one person per 150 square feet. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Business travel:** Businesses are asked to cancel any non-essential, work-related travel. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Masks** are required any time you're near people who don't live with you, including at the gym.

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Wear a mask that protects you and others

Wearing a face covering in public places helps protect you and anyone near you from COVID-19. **Your mask should fit snugly but comfortably over your nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps.**



RECOMMENDED

- Face mask worn the right way and at least two layers thick
- * N-95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare providers and other first responders



NOT RECOMMENDED

- Face shield alone
- Loose-fitting bandana
- Face mask with valve
- Face mask worn the wrong way
- Neck gaiter only one layer thick

Always wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask. Wash and dry cloth face coverings after use each day. Learn more about how to handle and care for your mask at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

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