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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
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Please arrange with the pastor

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A notice of at least 6 months should
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13th Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

الأحد الثالث عشر بعد الصليب

Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, 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 of the Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is, in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded: with the angles and the shepherds, glorify Him who chose to be seen as a newborn Babe, while remaining God in all eternity.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثامن

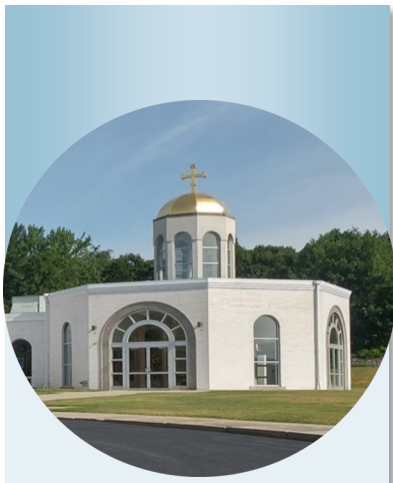
انحدرت من العلاء أيها التحنن، وقبلت الدفن ثلاثة أيام، لكي تعتقنا من الآلام، فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا، يا رب المجد لك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقك في كل الأرض. فإنها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بنيت 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 (قنداق) مقدمة ميلاد ربنا يسوع المسيح باللحن الثالث

اليوم العذراء تأتي الى المغارة، لتلد الكلمة الكائن قبل الدهور، ولادة يُعجزُ بيانها. فأطربي ابتها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة، من شاء ان يظهر طفلاً جديداً. وهو الاله الذي قبل الدهور.



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>



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROKIMENON (Tone 8) Ps.75: 12, 2

Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them;
Let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord.
Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians

BRETHREN, I the prisoner in the Lord exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling by which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, even as you were called to a single hope in your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and throughout all, and in all. But to each one of us, grace was given according to the measure of Christ's imparting.

ALLELUIA (Tone 8) Ps.94: 1, 2

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Stichon: Let us greet his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him!

Gospel: 13th of Holy Cross, Luke 18: 18-28

(The Rich Young Man)

At that time a certain man approached Jesus and asked him, saying, "Good Master, what shall I do to gain eternal life?" But Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but only God. You know the commandments; 'Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Honor thou father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have kept ever since I was a child." But when Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing is still lacking to you; sell everything you own, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When he heard these things, he was much grieved, for he was very rich. But Jesus, seeing him become sad, said, "With what difficulty will the wealthy enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" He said to them, "Things men cannot do alone, they can do with God's help."

الاحد الخامس والعشرون بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

أُنذِرُوا وأوفُوا الربَّ إلهنا، كلُّ الذين حوله يأتون بهدايا

الله معروفٌ في يهوذا واسمه عظيمٌ في اسرائيل

الرسالة (أفسس 4: 1-8)

يا إخوة، أَرْضُكُمْ أَنَا الْأَسِيرُ فِي الرَّبِّ، أَن تَسْلُكُوا بِكُلِّ تَوَاضُعٍ وَوِدَاعَةٍ وَطَوَّلِ أَنَاةٍ، كَمَا يَحِقُّ لِلدَّعْوَةِ الَّتِي دُعِيتُمْ بِهَا، مُحْتَمِلِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِمُحَبَّةٍ، مُجْتَهِدِينَ فِي حِفْظِ وَحْدَةِ الرُّوحِ بِرِبَاطِ السَّلَامِ، لَيْسَ إِلَّا جَسَدٌ وَاحِدٌ وَرُوحٌ وَاحِدٌ، كَمَا دُعِيتُمْ إِلَى رَجَاءٍ دَعْوَتِكُمُ الْوَاحِدِ. لَيْسَ إِلَّا رَبٌّ وَاحِدٌ، وَإِيمَانٌ وَاحِدٌ، وَمَعْمُودِيَّةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ، وَإِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ، وَأَبٌ وَاحِدٌ لِلْجَمِيعِ، هُوَ فَوْقَ الْجَمِيعِ وَبِالْجَمِيعِ وَفِي جَمِيعِكُمْ. عَلَى أَنَّ النِّعْمَةَ قَدْ أُعْطِيَتْ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مَنَّا عَلَى مَقْدَارِ مُوهِبَةِ الْمَسِيحِ.

هَلِّلُويَا

هَمَلُوا نَبْتَهِجْ بِالرَّبِّ، وَنَهْلِلْ لِلَّهِ مُخْلِصِنَا

لِنَبَادِرَ إِلَى وَجْهِهِ بِالاعْتِرَافِ، وَبِالْمَزَامِيرِ نَهْلِلُ لَهُ

الاحد الثالث عشر بعد الصليب

(لوقا 18: 18-28)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ إِنْسَانٌ مُجْرِباً لَهُ وَقَائِلًا: أَيُّهَا الْمَعْلَمُ الصَّالِحُ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ لِأَرْثَ الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: لِمَاذَا تَدْعُونِي صَالِحًا؟ لَا صَالِحٌ إِلَّا وَاحِدٌ هُوَ اللَّهُ. أَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ الْوَصَايَا: لَا تَزْنِ، لَا تَقْتُلْ، لَا تَسْرِقْ، لَا تَشْهَدَ بِالزُّورِ، أَكْرَمِ أَبَاكَ وَأَمَكَ. فَقَالَ: هَذَا كُلُّهُ قَدْ حَفِظْتُهُ مِنْذُ صَبَايَ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ، قَالَ لَهُ: وَاحِدَةٌ تَعُودُكَ بَعْدَ: بَيْعْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ وَوِزَعُهُ عَلَى الْمَسَاكِينِ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ، ثُمَّ تَعَالَ اتَّبِعْنِي. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ قَدْ حَزَنَ قَالَ: مَا أَعَسَرَ عَلَى ذَوِي الْأَمْوَالِ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ! إِنَّهُ لَأَسْهَلُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ الْجَمَلُ فِي ثَقَبِ الْإِبْرَةِ مِنْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ غَنِيٌّ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ. فَقَالَ السَّامِعُونَ: فَمَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ إِذَنْ أَنْ يَخْلُصَ؟ فَقَالَ: مَا لَا يَسْتَطَاعُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ.

Health and wealth tempt us to no end, but they can never deliver what we need most. Christ is our only true life and treasure



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **CLIFFORD VILLENEUVE & SON ROBERT** by wife & mother, Shirley Villeneuve & Family.
- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family.
- + **HON. LOUIS & MRS. MARIE AZAR** by the Family.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.
- + **MARIE SAURIOL** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS, WHO HAVE GONE TO THEIR REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.**

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **RAYMOND SAGGAL (10th Anniv.)** by Joseph & Yolanda Saggal.
- + **GEORGE SAGGAL (37th Anniv.)** by Joseph & Yolanda Saggal.
- + **JEANNETTE AYOUB DAIKH (Aleppo, Syria)** by Dr. Jason Boudjouk & Ms. Jiana Daikh.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Bud & Mary Saggal & Family.
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Mr. Albert & Lina Kishfy.
- + **SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS, WHO HAVE GONE TO THEIR REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.**





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: November 20, 2022: Budgets: \$1,819.00: Envelopes: \$1,765.00, Loose: \$54.00; Candles: \$93.00; Stole Offerings: \$200.00; Building Fund: \$175.00; Fuel: \$366.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$25.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS**, please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

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.

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2022, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Please help subsidize the expenses of the operation of the Diocese. Much appreciated.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2022, there will be a special collection for the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**. Please be generous in your support to help defray the cost of books, paper stock, visual aids and all that is involved to perfect our program and meet present day standards in this field of education.

BE GOOD STEWARDS OF TIME: All churches fall short of what they could be and do because some of their members don't seem to feel the reality of the claim of God on their time through His Church. So if you've got an hour to kill someday soon, either do nothing in the presence and consciousness of God, or do something for His sake, and the sake of another.

The **MYO** will be making blankets and donating them to **AMOS HOUSE** this year. We will be seeking monetary or fabric donations for this worthy cause. If you would like to donate, kindly see any **MYO** member or contact: Joe Massud at 1-508-802-7585 or Christine Barrett at 1-401-265-0386. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Much appreciated!

ENVELOPE USERS: It would be helpful to us if you could please check off the amount on the outside of the budget envelope. This will allow for more efficiency and accuracy in the recording of your budgets. Thank you kindly! Also, it has been observed that some people have forgotten to fill their budget envelopes with their offering (some sealed, others unsealed), and it is awkward to put us in this kind of position. We humbly ask you to be more careful in this regard.

ST. BARBARA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: Saturday, December 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Dinner & Cash Bar. Music by Mitch Kaltsunas & Ensemble. Table reservations only. Deadline is today, Sunday, November 27. All tickets must be pre-ordered. Please complete ticket form, and mail to rectory or place in the collection basket. Traditional Procession with "Sleaa". Come one! Come all!

NOVEMBER 25: CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA was a virgin of rare and striking beauty, a member of a noble and wealthy family. Her qualities had attracted to her the influential men of the city, the philosophers and even Emperor Maximianus. She was martyred in the year 305.

NOVEMBER 30: ANDREW was the son of Jonas, brother of Peter and disciple of John the Baptist. He was born in Bethsaida of Galilee. He is the very first Apostle to have been chosen by the Lord. He followed Jesus with John when the Baptist gave his testimony and said: "This is the Lamb of God." The historian Eusebius recounts that, after the resurrection, he preached the Gospel in Scythia. According to tradition, he was crucified in Patras of Achaia. He also believed to have been the first Bishop of Byzantium or Constantinople. In the year 1462, Pope Paul II solemnly deposited his head in the Vatican, close to the tomb of Peter. In 1964, Paul VI returned it to the See of Constantinople.

ST. BASIL'S PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL will hold an open Parish Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. You will be kept abreast of all the activities and operations of the Church. This is the opportune time if you wish to raise any needs, thoughts, concerns, questions, misunderstandings, suggestions, etc. Let us remain the united and caring community that we are! Everyone is welcomed!

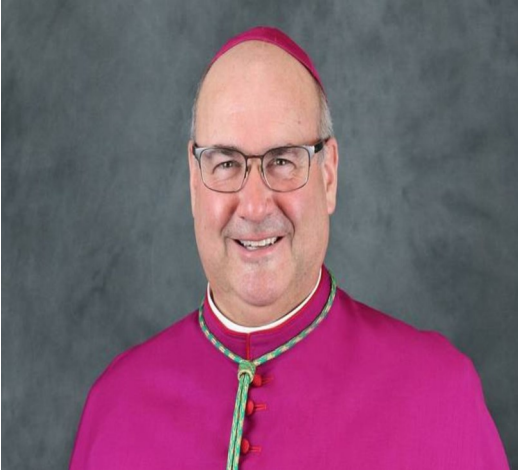
REFLECTION: "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird, that cannot fly." - Langston Hughes

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.





POPE FRANCIS named a New York prelate as the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence's new Bishop on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, in a surprise move that comes months before Bishop Tobin reaches the church's mandatory retirement age.

Pope Francis appointed Bishop Richard Henning as a coadjutor bishop of Providence on Wednesday. As coadjutor, Henning will assist [Bishop Thomas J. Tobin](#) in the administration of the Rhode Island diocese and should succeed him as bishop upon his retirement, expected once Tobin turns 75 next April.

The Diocese of Providence is home to more than 603,000 Catholics. In the Vatican's announcement on Nov. 23, Pope Francis also accepted the resignation of Bishop Robert C. Evans, 75, who served as an auxiliary bishop of Providence for the past 13 years.

Henning, an auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre since 2018, reacted to his appointment with gratitude. "On this eve of the Thanksgiving Feast, I give thanks to almighty God 'from Whom all blessings flow!'"

The bishop added that he was thankful for "the opportunity to learn" from Tobin and "for the many people who have offered me their love and their witness of lived faith ... and sustained me, sharing in the work of proclaiming the Gospel."

"As I express gratitude, I entrust myself to the grace of our merciful God and ask the Lord to grant the strength and faith necessary for the ministry that I will exercise in the Church of Providence," he said.

Henning, 58, was born in Rockville Centre as the first of five children. After earning a master's degree in history from St. John's University in Queens in 1988, he entered the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and was ordained a priest for the Rockville Centre Diocese in 1992.

After receiving a licentiate in biblical theology from the Catholic University of America in Washington in 2000, Henning began to teach Sacred Scripture at his former seminary. He continued his studies in Rome, earning a doctorate in biblical theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 2007, and was named rector of the seminary and director of an institute for ongoing formation for clergy in 2012.

Henning enjoys sailing, boating, and kayaking. In addition to English, he speaks Spanish and Italian and is able to read French, Greek and Hebrew.

As an auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre, Henning worked closely with Bishop John Barres on driving missionary growth and parish evangelization, according to the diocese. Barres speaks highly of Henning as "an erudite biblical scholar" who "combines a deep knowledge of the Scriptures with a tremendous passion for the Word of God."

"Bishop Richard Henning is a wise pastor, a gifted theologian, and a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. In him, the Diocese of Providence truly receives a good shepherd," Barres said.

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Axios! Worthy! Mustahiq! Ad Multos Annos!



Following Jesus Kids bulletin



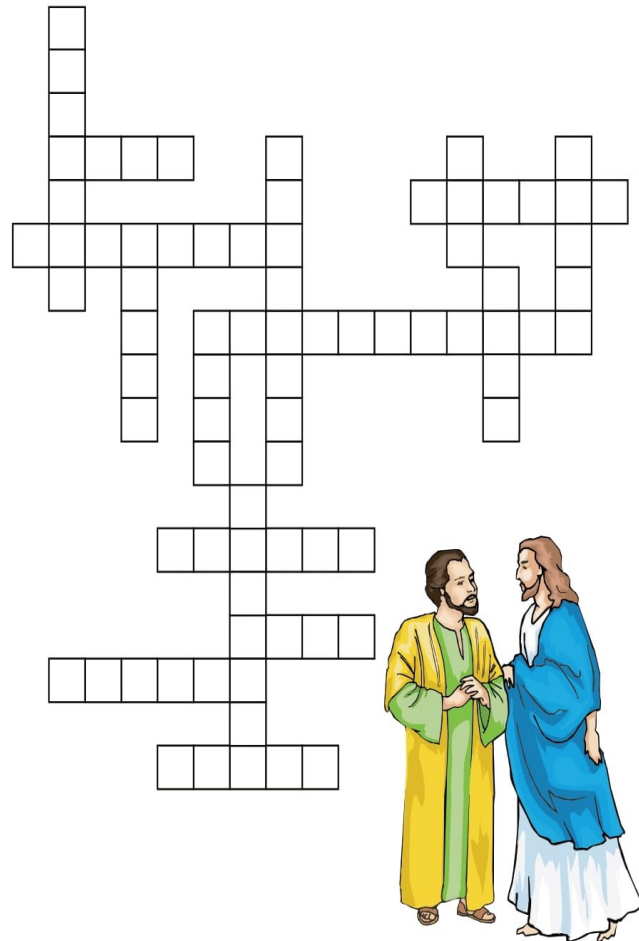
BibleWise

A Rich Young Ruler

Complete the story of a rich young ruler who asks Jesus about how to achieve eternal life (Mark 10:17-27 KJV).
Fill in the blanks with words from the list. Then, fit the words into the puzzle.

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, _____ Master, what shall I do that I may inherit _____ life? And _____ said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not _____, Do not bear _____ witness, Defraud not, Honour thy _____ and _____. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and _____ to the _____, and thou shalt have _____ in _____: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great _____. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a _____ man to enter into the _____ of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with _____ all things are _____.

father	treasure	mother	steal	possible
possessions	cheat	kingdom	heaven	rich
Jesus	God	false	poor	
give	Teacher	eternal		



**To save our lives we must lose them. To preserve our lives we must give them up.
To become great we must become small.**



In today's Gospel reading, we often focus on the fact that the young man did not give up all of his riches and follow Christ. In particular, we tend to focus on our Savior's words that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven." We usually forget about the first part of this story.

The young man asks our Savior what must he do to inherit eternal life. Our Savior instructs the fellow that he should keep the commandments and lists them by name. The young man answers that he has kept all these commandments from his youth. Let's for a moment examine ourselves.

With a clear conscience, are we able to say the same as the young man, that from our youth we have kept all of these commandments? Do we completely follow and keep all of the Ten Commandments which are the foundation of the moral life? Can we honestly put ourselves on the same level as this young man?

The young man persists in his questioning and asks if there is anything else he can do. Our Savior says yes, there is an additional path that he can take. If you would be perfect, you can give away all your riches, sell all your property and come and follow Me.

Today we would understand the second choice that our Savior offers the young man to be to choose the monastic life. There are two choices. The first choice is to live in what we call the "world," have our secular employment, be married and have a family and follow the commandments of God, or give up everything: family, money and property and enter a monastery. There are no other viable choices. It is either the one or the other.

There is a third choice, but it is not unto salvation but unto condemnation, and that is to follow the path of evil and to serve the devil. Not everyone is required to become a monastic. This is a beautiful and wonderful way of life but it is not for everyone. However, everyone is required to keep the commandments of God as well as to be morally precise in living the Gospel. It makes no difference whether we are married or living in a monastery. The commandments of God are the same for everyone. The monastic

life is simply stricter and at a higher level. More is given up for the sake of Christ. For those of us living in the world who do not completely physically give up all of our money, property and families, nonetheless, Christ must hold the first place in our hearts.

Our Savior tells us that we must not be more attached to anything else in this life more than to Christ. "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me isn't worthy of me" (Matt. 10:37). In a sense, then, monastics and those living in the world are called upon to do the same thing but in a different way.

Our Savior says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). In another place the Lord says, "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt. 6:24). Mammon is money and the greedy pursuit of gain. In life we are all called upon from time to time to deny ourselves for the sake of the other.

How often does the husband or wife deny their own desires in order to fulfill the desires of one's spouse? How often do parents deny their own wants for the sake of their children? How often do we make unselfish personal sacrifices in order to serve and to help others: family, friends, acquaintances, our neighbors, those in need, those who ask for help, everyone around us?

You do not necessarily have to be a monk or nun in order to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Christ. This commandment is given unto all of us and is the calling to everyone who would be a Christian. Whether in the monastery or not in the monastery, we all have the opportunities to share what we have with others, whether it be money, possessions, our love, our care and our concern, our prayers for others and not only for ourselves.

All of us must be doing and sharing and serving others with the blessings and talents that God has given us, no matter what form these talents may take. It is a sin to bury your talent in the ground and do nothing with it. God calls upon Christians to be people of action and to live the Gospel, not only in word but in deed. This is the path that the Lord blesses us to follow, by which, with God's help, we may attain salvation and eternal life. Amen.

فَمَاذَا يُعْوزُنِي بَعْدُ؟



اختيار الرجل قد أجزن يسوع أيضاً، لأن يسوع أحبه (مرقس 10: 21).

عندما قال يسوع للشباب أن يحفظ الوصايا، لم يقصد أنه يمكن أن يخلص من خلال طاعة الوصايا؛ بالأحرى، كان يسوع يشدد على الناموس كمعيار الله الكامل. فإذا تمكنت من حفظ الناموس بشكل كامل، يمكنك النجاة من عقوبة الخطية - ولكن هذا شرط هائل. عندما أجاب الرجل أنه قد حفظ الناموس، تطرق يسوع ببساطة إلى مسألة واحدة أثبتت أن الرجل لم يرق إلى مستوى قداسة الله. لم يكن الرجل على استعداد لاتباع الرب إذا كان ذلك يعني أنه يجب أن يتخلى عن ثروته. وهكذا، كان الرجل يكسر أعظم وصيتين؛ لم يحب الرب من كل قلبه، ولم يحب قريبه كنفسه. لقد أحب نفسه (وأمواله) أكثر. كان الرجل بعيداً عن حفظ "كل" الوصايا، كما ادعى، بل كان خاطئاً مثل أي شخص آخر. وقد أثبت الناموس ذلك.

لو كان الرجل قد أحب الله والناس أكثر مما أحب ممتلكاته، لكان على استعداد للتخلي عن ثروته في سبيل خدمة الله والناس. ولكن لم يكن هذا هو حاله. لقد صنع من ثروته صنماً، وقد أحبها أكثر من الله. كشف يسوع، بدقة متناهية، الجشع الكامن في قلب الرجل - جشع لم يشك حتى الرجل نفسه في وجوده. وقد ثبتت صحة عبارة يسوع عن كون الله وحده هو الصالح (متى 19: 18) من خلال استجابة الشاب لأمر يسوع.

لم يعلم المسيح أننا نخلص بأعمال الناموس في حديثه مع الشاب الغني. فرسالة الكتاب المقدس هي أن الخلاص يكون بالنعمة من خلال الإيمان (رومية 3: 20، 28؛ 4: 6؛ غلاطية 2: 16؛ أفسس 2: 9؛ تيموثاوس الثانية 1: 9). بالأحرى، استخدم يسوع حب الرجل للمال ليظهر كيف فشل الرجل في استيفاء معيار الله المقدس - كما نفعل نحن جميعاً. كان الرئيس الشاب الغني بحاجة إلى المخلص، وكذلك نحن أيضاً.

لكي نفهم رد يسوع على السؤال الذي طرحه الشاب الغني - "ما الذي يجب أن أفعله لأخلص؟" - يجب أن نأخذ في الاعتبار ثلاثة أشياء: خلفية الحاكم الشاب الغني، والغرض من سؤاله، وجوهر إنجيل يسوع المسيح. كان الشاب قد سأل يسوع: "إِنَّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، أَيُّ صَلاَحٍ أَغْمَلُ لِتَكُونَ لِي الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ؟" (متى 19: 16). أجاب يسوع: "إِنْ أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَدْخُلَ الْحَيَاةَ فَاحْفَظِ الْوَصَايَا" (الآية 17). يبدو، للوهلة الأولى، أن يسوع يقول للشباب، وبالتالي جميع الناس، أن عليه حفظ الوصايا لكي يخلص. لكن هل هذا حقاً ما كان يقوله؟ بما أن جوهر رسالة الخلاص هو أننا نخلص بالنعمة من خلال الإيمان (أفسس 2: 8-9)، فلماذا يقدم يسوع للشباب الغني "خطة بديلة؟"

قصة الشاب الغني موجودة في الأنجيل الثلاثة، متى 19: 16-23، مرقس 10: 22-27، لوقا 18: 18-23. يوصف الرجل بأنه "رئيس"، مما يعني أنه كان أميراً أو قاضياً من نوع ما. وحيث أن أي قائد روماني لم يكن ليخاطب يسوع بصفته "معلماً" أو "سيِّداً"، فمن المفترض أن هذا الرجل كان رئيساً يهودياً في المجمع المحلي. كان لهذا الرجل أيضاً "أَمْوَالٌ كَثِيرَةٌ" (متى 19: 22)، واستخدم يسوع فيما بعد حديثه مع هذا الرجل للتعليم بشأن التأثير الضار الذي يمكن أن يحدثه المال على رغبة المرء في الحياة الأبدية (الآيات 23-24). الدرس الذي استخلصه يسوع من هذه الحادثة يتعلق بالمال وليس الخلاص بالأعمال.

أول ما يقوله يسوع بشأن تحية الرجل له، "إِنَّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ"، هو تذكيره بأنه لا يوجد أحد صالح إلا الله (متى 19: 17). لم يكن يسوع ينكر الوهيته. بل كان يسوع يدفع الرجل فوراً إلى التفكير في المعنى الحقيقي لكلمة "صالح" - بما أن الله وحده هو الصالح، فإن ما نسميه عادة الصلاح البشري قد يكون شيئاً آخر تماماً. تلعب هذه الحقيقة دوراً لاحقاً في المحادثة. عندما طلب الرجل من يسوع تحديد الوصايا التي يجب أن يحفظها، ذكر يسوع ست وصايا، بما في ذلك "أُحِبُّ قَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ" (متى 19: 19). أجاب الرجل: "هَذِهِ كُلُّهَا حَفِظْتُهَا ... فَمَاذَا يُعْوزُنِي بَعْدُ؟" (الآية 20)، وهذا تصريح مهم. من الواضح أن الشاب كان متديناً ومخلصاً في سعيه إلى البر. كانت مشكلته أنه كان يعتبر نفسه بلا عيب فيما يتعلق بالناموس. وهذه هي النقطة التي يتحداها يسوع.

قال يسوع للرجل: "إِنْ أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَكُونَ كَامِلاً فَادْهَبْ وَبِعْ أَمْلاكَكَ وَأَعْطِ الْفُقَرَاءَ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ، وَتَعَالَ أَتْبِعَنِي" (متى 19: 21). فرأى الشاب أن ما يطلبه يسوع كان كثيراً. لذلك، "مَضَى حَزِينًا، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ ذَا أَمْوَالٍ كَثِيرَةٍ" (الآية 22). وبدلاً من طاعة تعليمات يسوع، أدار ظهره للرب وذهب بعيداً. لا شك أن



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sts Cosmas & Damian 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-7 Matthew 10:1, 5-8	2 St Akindinos and his companions Colossians 3:17-4:1 Luke 11:42-46	3 Sts Acepshimas, Joseph and Aethalas Colossians 4:2-9 Luke 11:47-12:1	4 St Hermias Colossians 4:10-18 Luke 12:2-12	5 Sts Galaction and Episteme 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Luke 9:1-6
6 7 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب Galatians 6:11-18 Luke 8:41-56	7 St Lazarus 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Luke 12:13-15, 22-31	8 Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel مجلس مقدس لرؤساء الملائكة Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 10:16-21	9 St Matrona 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Luke 12:48-59	10 St Orestes 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 Luke 13:1-9	11 St Theodore the Studite 1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 Luke 13:31-35	12 St John of Alexandria 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Luke 9:37-43
13 St John Chrysostom 8 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثامن بعد عيد الصليب Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Luke 10:25-37	14 St Philip the Apostle Acts 8:26-39 John 1:43-51	15 Sts Gourias, Samonas and Habib 1 Thessalonians 3:8-13 Luke 14:25-35	16 St Matthew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13	17 St Gregory of Neo-Caesarea 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:1-10 Luke 16:1-9	18 Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanos 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28 Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4	19 Holy Prophet Obadiah 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 Luke 9:57-62
20 9 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد التاسع بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 12:16-22	21 ✠ The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple دخول السيدة إلى الهيكل Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	22 St Onesimos 2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2 Luke 17:26-37; 18:8	23 St Amphilochios 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 18:15-17, 26-30	24 St Clement of Rome 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Luke 18:31-34	25 Leave-taking of the Entrance of the Theotokos Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34	26 St Nikon the Preacher of Repentance Galatians 1:3-10 Luke 10:19-21
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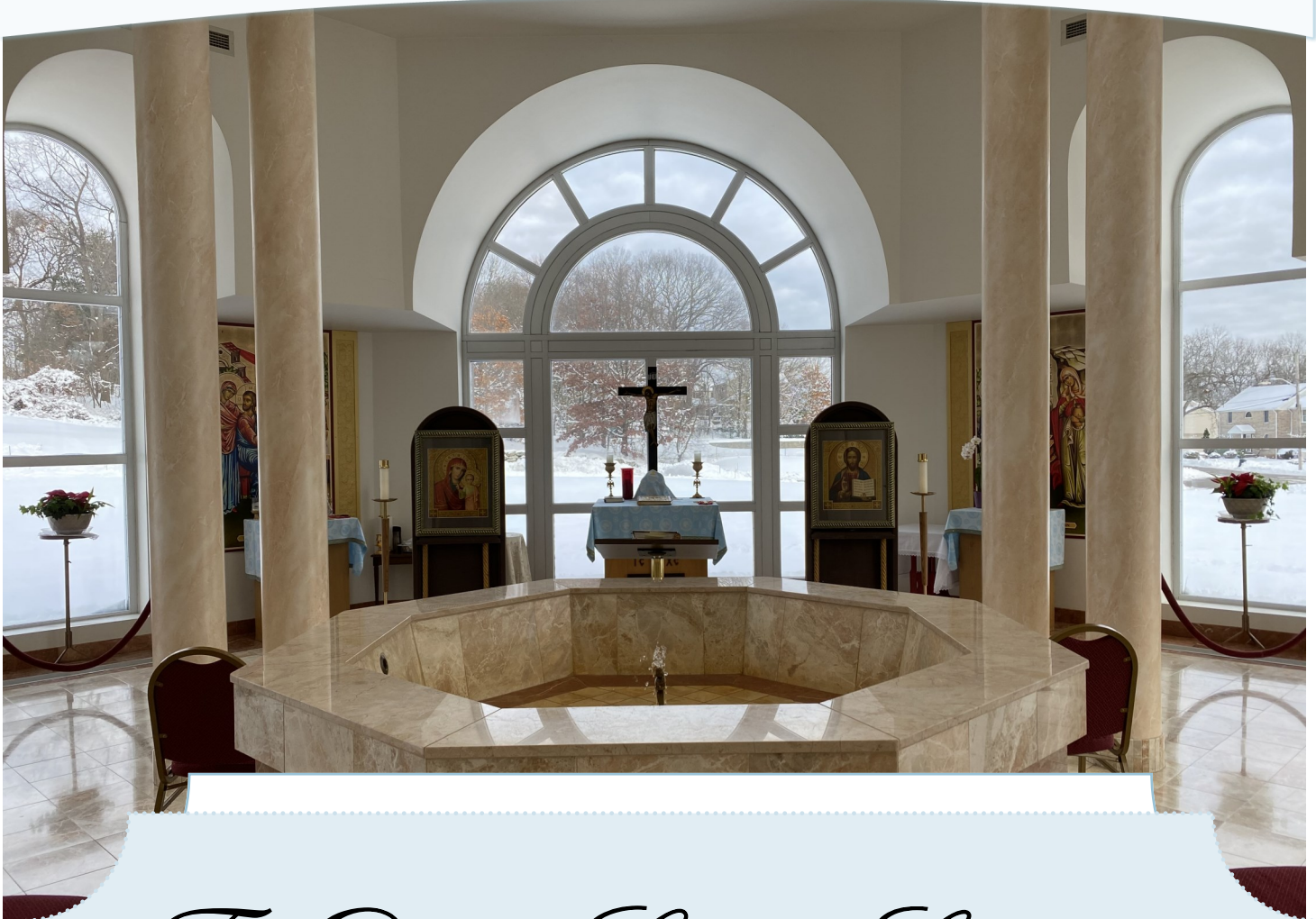
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🐟 Abstain from Meat

🕒 Fast from midnight until noon

🌸 Lenten Season

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

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Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$363,000



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

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Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 51%

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Church Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000, pending review.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), pending review.



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



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning estimated cost \$9,000.



Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Repairs: Reviewing needs and potential options.



Exterior/Masonry /Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals.



Security Cameras/Door Upgrades: Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Door proposal received, pending review.

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts, we do not expect everyone to support with the same amount...*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
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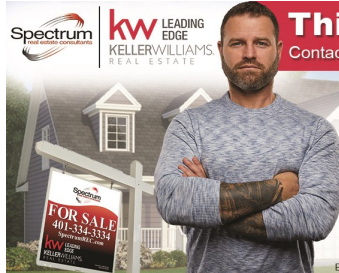
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