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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Divine Liturgy

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Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

A notice of at least 6 months should be given to the pastor, before the proposed wedding date to arrange for the required interview and instructions



Sunday of St. Thomas

Antiphon Prayer

O Christ God, You showed Thomas your side from which gushed blood and water, symbol of Baptism. You invited him to touch the wound by which mankind was healed from its ancient deep wound. We ask You to strengthen our faith in your Divinity and Humanity so that we may become witnesses to your glorious Resurrection by our words, our deeds and our way of life.

For You are our Resurrection, O Christ, God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever

Troparion of St. Thomas 7th Tone (3 times)

While the tomb was sealed You shone forth from it, O Christ our Life, and while the doors remained closed, You stood among your Disciples, O Resurrection of all, and through them You restored a new spirit in us according to your great Mercy.

Kontakion of St Thomas (8th Tone):

O Christ God, Thomas explored Your vivifying side with an eager hand; and since You had entered the room while the doors were closed, He cried out with the other Apostles: "You are my Lord and my God."

صلاه الأنديفوننة

أيها المسيح الإله، يا من أظهر لتوما جنبه الذي خرج منه الدم والماء، رمز المعمودية، ودعاه ليلمس الجرح الذي به شفي الإنسان من الجرح العظيم، ثبت إيماننا بلاهوتك، فنصبح شهوداً لقيامتك المجيدة بأقوالنا وأفعالنا وسيرتنا الجديدة

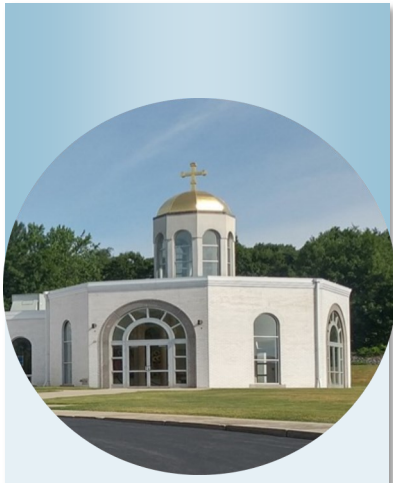
لأنك أنت قيامتنا أيها المسيح الإله، وإليك نرفع المجد، وإلى أبينا الأزلي وروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الدهرين.
الشعب: آمين.

نشيد القديس توما باللحن السابع (3 مرات)

إذ كان القبر مختوماً اشرفت منه أيها الحياة. ولما كانت الابواب مغلقة وقفت بالتلاميذ، أيها المسيح الإله قيامة الكل وجددت لنا بهم روحاً مستقيماً بعظيم رحمته.

فنداق القديس توما (باللحن الثامن):

باليمين الفضولية، أيها المسيح الإله، جسّ توما جنبك الواهب الحياة. فإنه لما دخلت الأبواب مغلقة، هتف إليك مع سائر التلاميذ: أنت ربي وإلهي.



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 Acts of the Apostle, 5:12-20, PROKIMENON (Tone 3)

Great is our Lord, and great is his power, and to his wisdom there is no limit. Stichon: Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

READING from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people (and with one accord, they all would meet in Solomon's portico; but of the rest, no one dared to associate with them, yet the people made much of them. And the multitude of men and women who believed in the Lord continued to increase), so that they carried the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and pallets, in order that, as Peter went by, at least his shadow would fall upon some of them. And crowds also came to Jerusalem from neighboring towns, and they brought the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits — and all of them were healed.

But the High Priest rose up, and all his supporters (that is, the members of the Sadducean sect), and being filled with hatred, they laid their hands upon the apostles and threw them into the public jail. But during the night, an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, and led them out, saying: "Go, and standing in the temple, speak to the people all the words of this life."

ALLELUIA (Tone 8)

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us sing gladly to God our Savior!
Stichon: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Gospel of the Feast, John 20: 19-31

When it was late, that same day, the first of the week, though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you!" And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When he had said this, he breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side I will not believe." And after eight days, his disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be to you!" Then he said to Thomas. "Bring here your finger, and see my hands; and bring here your hand, and put it into my side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed." Many other signs also Jesus worked in the sight of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

مقدمة الرسالة

عظيم ربنا وعظيمة قوته، ولا إحصاء لعلمية سبحوا الرب فإن الترتيم صالح، لإلهنا يلد التسبيح
اعمال الرسل (5: 12-20)

في تلك الايام، جرت على ايدي الرسل آيات وعجائب كثيرة في الشعب. وكانوا كلهم بنفس واحد في رواق سليمان. ولم يكن احد من الآخرين يجترئ ان يخالطهم، بل كان الشعب يعظمهم. وكان جماعات من رجال ونساء ينضمون بكثرة، مؤمنين بالرب، حتى انهم كانوا يخرجون بالمرضى الى الشوارع، ويضعونهم على فرش وأسرة، ليقع ولو ظل بطرس عند اجتيازه على بعض منهم. وكان يجتمع ايضا الى اورشليم جمهور المدن التي حولها، يحملون المرضى والمعذبين بالأرواح النجسة، فكانوا يشفون جميعهم. فقام رئيس الكهنة وكل من معه، وهم من مذهب الصدوقيين، وامتلاوا حسداً. وألقوا أيديهم على الرسل وجعلوهم في السجن العام. ففتح ملاك الرب ابواب السجن ليلاً، وأخرجهم وقال: امضوا وقفوا في الهيكل، وكلموا الشعب بجميع كلمات هذه الحياة.
هللوا

هلم نبتهج بالرب، ونهلل لله مخلصنا
فإن الرب اله عظيم، وملك عظيم على الارض كلها.

الانجيل (يوحنا 20: 19-31)

في عشية ذلك اليوم عينه، وهو الاول في الاسبوع، والابواب مغلقة، حيث كان التلاميذ مجتمعين خوفاً من اليهود، جاء يسوع ووقف في الوسط وقال لهم: السلام لكم. ولما قال هذا أراهم يديه وجنبته، فرح التلاميذ إذ أبصروا الرب. وقال لهم يسوع ثانية: السلام لكم، كما أرسلني الرب كذلك أنا أرسلكم. ولما قال هذا نفخ فيهم وقال لهم: خذوا الروح القدس. من غفرتم خطاياهم تغفر لهم، ومن أمسكتم خطاياهم أمسكت. وان توما أحد الاثني عشر الذي يقال له التوأم، لم يكن معهم حين جاء يسوع. فقال له التلاميذ الآخرون: إننا قد رأينا الرب. فقال لهم إن لم أر موضع المسامير في يديه، وأضع إصبعي في موضع المسامير، وأضع يدي في جنبه لا أؤمن. وبعد ثمانية أيام كان تلاميذه أيضاً داخلًا وتوما معهم. فأتى يسوع والابواب مغلقة ووقف في الوسط وقال السلام لكم. ثم قال لتوما: هات إصبعك الى ههنا. وعان يدتي، وهات يدك وضعها في جنبي، ولا تكن غير مؤمن بل مؤمناً. أجاب توما وقال له: ربي والهي! قال له يسوع: لأنك رأيتني يا توما آمنت طوبى للذين لم يروا وأمنوا. وآيات أخر كثيرة صنع يسوع أمام تلاميذه لم تكتب في هذا الكتاب. وإنما كتبت هذه لتؤمنوا بأن يسوع المسيح هو ابن الله. ولتكون لكم اذا آمنتم، الحياة باسمه.



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

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER. ST. THOMAS SUNDAY.

9:00 a.m.:

- + **CHARLES PERRY** by Kenneth, Ann, Allyson & Kimberly Perry.
- + **ELIAS AZRAK** by M/M Justin Boudjouk & Family.
- + **ALBERT P. YANY (2nd Anniv.)** by Joanne Yany & Family.
- + **CATHERINE KANDO (2nd Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **JAMES L. & LILLIAN KOURY SALOME** by the Family.

11:15 a.m.:

- + **ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE AZAR AND DEEB FAMILY** by Elias & Barbara Deeb & Family.
- + **FADILA TOUBIA** by William D. Haddad.
- + **FOUAD & HANNA SHARISTAN MANSOURATI & THEIR LOVED ONES** by Sam Mansourati & Family.
- + **NAJAT CHARCHAFLIAH** by Kawsar Boudjouk.
- + **YOUSEF GEORGI DEEB** by Dr. & Mrs. Gilbert Altongy.
- + **ROSE & HOUNEIN KHOURY** by Micheline Ghanem.
- + **MAGEE MARTINEZ** by Albert & Ghada Dekki.
- + **JOHN R. ROWEY** by Paul & Chirin Ashkar.
- + **NICOLA HANNA ZABOURA** by Dr. Nabil & Nancy Toubia.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: March 31, 2024: Budgets: \$3,920.00 (Envelopes: \$3,158.00; Loose: \$762.00); Candles: \$.181.83; Building Fund: \$10.00; Easter Collation: \$130.00; Easter Lilies: \$763.00; Easter Offerings: \$3,134.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three and a half years and has been fully available for 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 this New Year.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who is planning an ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy BEFORE reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings.

CLEANLINESS AND HEALTH: Please pick up after yourselves and the children during and following Coffee Hour; insects and rodents are attracted by what we leave throughout and around the interior and exterior of the building; it takes but a few moments to clean up well. Cultural Center, kitchen, and bar should always be free of open food items. Everyone: please take note: Hall dining tables, coffee serving areas, stainless steel tables, counters, sinks, stove etc. should be soap washed after every use and before leaving the building. The custodian does not always come in on our desired schedule. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE of any change of address or telephone number information. This will cut down on returned mail and time waste. Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing request but to no avail. Kindly give this your undivided attention and as Our Lord says in His parables: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear. "

REFLECTION: *"The wise understand by themselves; fools follow the reports of others."*- Raimon Pannikar

PAC MEETING: Hope and pray everyone had a blessed & great Easter. As a reminder, there is an OPEN MEETING of the PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL, scheduled for Monday, April 8th, @ 6:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center. We look forward to seeing you there.

ARABIC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2024 SCHOLARSHIP: application, eligibility information and checklist is available at aef-ri.org

The completed application and official transcript is due April 15, 2024. Question(s) contact: aef1966@cox.net

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.



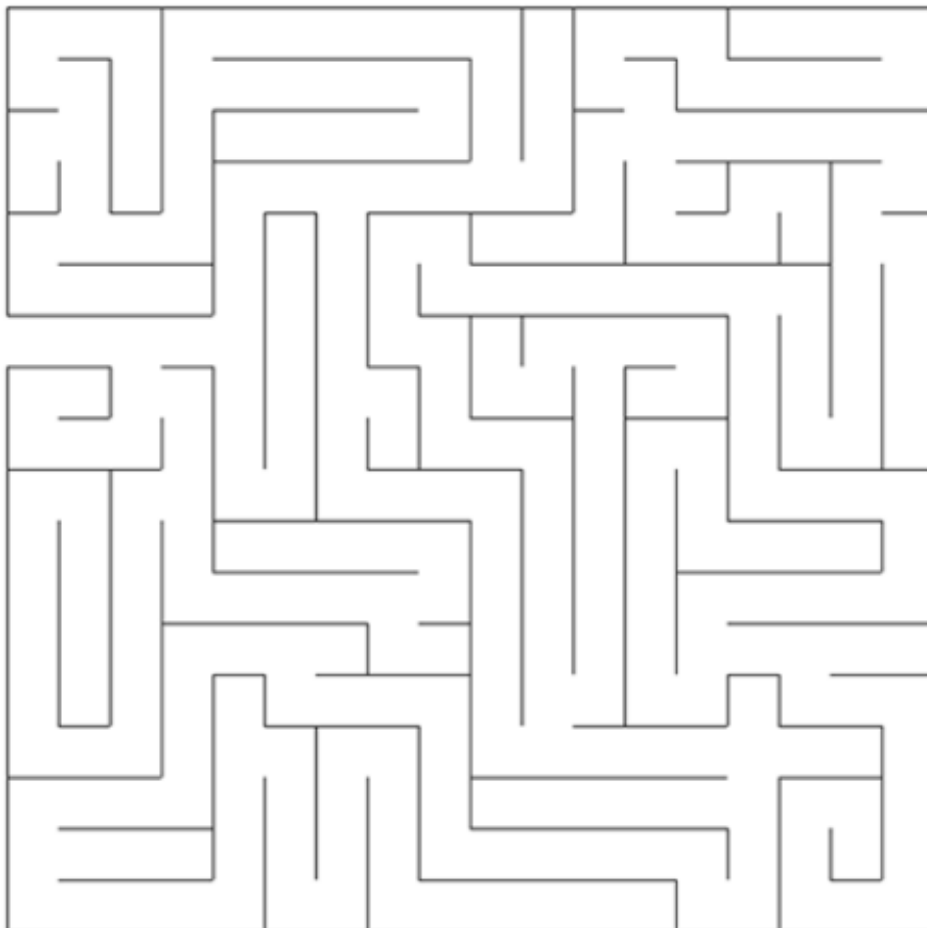
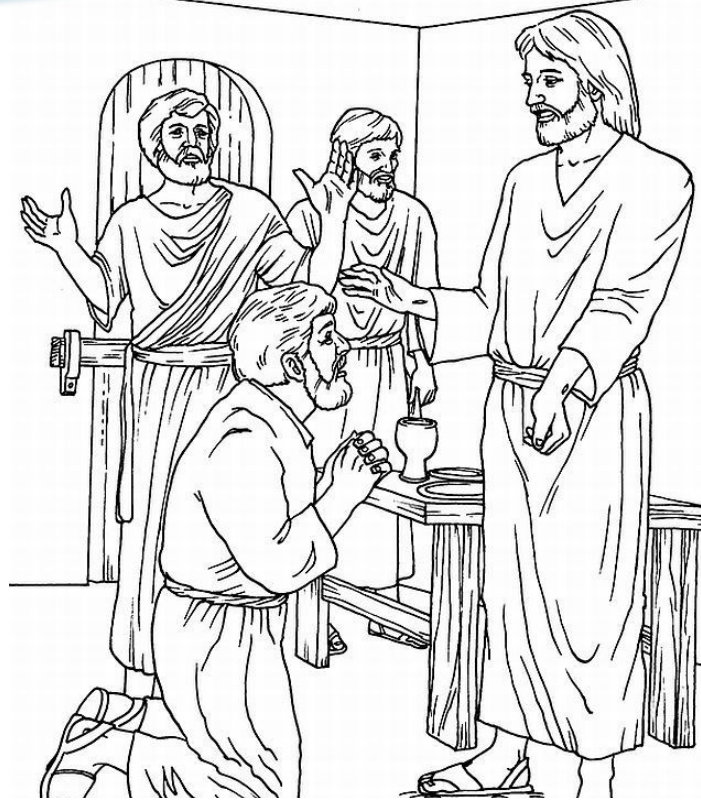


CHRIST IS RISEN! AL MASIH QAM! KRISTOS ANESTI!
WITH APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who made our Great Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Celebration beautiful and memorable: Those who made donations especially the eggs and sweet bread, those who offered flowers, altar servers, choirs, readers, ushers, tomb-bearers, women shroud bearers, errand runners, those who decorated, cleaned and set up the church, those responsible for the Easter Decorum of the Church, those who organized the chair layout, server coordinators, sacristans, those who contributed to the Easter Collection as their Love Gift, those who prepared the Social Hour in the Cultural Center following the Easter Vigil, the assisting clergy, and to all those who came, prayed, worshipped, and joined in the never-ending experience of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Many thanks to those who decorated the Epitaphios (Tomb) and enhanced the sanctuary area by the giving of their time and talents. OH! What can happen when we all work together for the honor and glory of God!

May the Glory of the Risen Savior bring to you and yours Peace, Happiness and Spiritual Contentment.

Following Jesus - Kids bulletin



**From
Doubting**



**To
Believing**

Seeing and Believing

As we continue to celebrate the glorious good news of this season of Pascha, we recall how Christ called doubting Thomas to faith in His great victory. "He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.'

Thomas answered Him, 'My Lord and my God!'" Still bearing His wounds even in His glorified body as the God-Man, the Risen Christ brought Thomas to faith through the witness of His own deified flesh.

The Apostles saw the Lord after His resurrection with their eyes, touched Him with their hands, heard His voice with their ears, felt His breath on their skin, and even saw Him eat food. (Luke 24: 36-43) The good news that "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all" comes from a resurrection in glory of a complete Person with a human body marked by the wounds of torture and crucifixion. His resurrection is not an escape from the body, but its fulfillment. The Eternal Word Who created us by breathing into the dust of the earth now breathes physically on His Disciples as He empowers them to carry out His ministry of bringing salvation to the world, even to the point of forgiving sins in His name. Here are powerful signs of what it means for human beings to be in the likeness of God and partakers of the divine nature by grace.

These are not merely details of ancient history, but reminders that we participate in Christ's Passover from death to life by how we live as whole, embodied persons. We were baptized physically with water into Christ's death in order to put Him on like a garment, in order to rise with Him into a new life of holiness. To be blunt, the Christian life is not simply about our emotions, ideas, or opinions; it is not reduced to what we say we believe. For those who are truly in Christ will live in ways that manifest the brilliant life of the resurrection, that radiate the holy light of the Savior's great victory over sin and death. As St. John put it, "If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

We are probably all tempted at times to think how much easier it would be to serve God if we did not have our particular set of bodily limitations and problems. Some are challenged by physical or mental illness, while others wrestle with passions for the pleasures of food, sex, alcohol, or other substances. Eating disorders and unrealistic expectations of what their bodies should look like ruin the health and well-being of some, while others struggle to accept that their male or female bodies are signs of who they are in God's image and likeness. Many today ignore the sacredness of the intimate bodily union of man and woman, which makes two into one flesh. The epidemic of pornography in our culture reflects a repudiation of the sacredness of the flesh and blood through which we encounter the living icons of Christ. Some refuse to honor the bodies of their neighbors by becoming blind to the humanity of children in the womb, of people with skin of a



different color, or of terminally ill patients in chronic pain. And whether it is greed, sloth, anger, or refusal to help the needy with our time, attention, and resources, there is no sin that does not show itself physically in some way in the lives of those who struggle with it.

No matter what someone's particular struggles, weaknesses, or failings are,

we must respond with compassion, for we too are among the sick who need the Physician. Nonetheless, no physical condition can ever make us sin or do evil. The problem is not that we have bodies, but that we choose to remain in the tomb, that we would rather walk in the darkness than in the light. For it is no sin to be ill or to be tempted in any way. The Lord Himself suffered terribly on the cross and was tempted. It is a sin, however, to let any of our wounds become excuses for not walking in the light as best we can. It is a sin to let anything fill our lives with such darkness that we refuse to open our eyes—and our lives—to the good news of the resurrection. It is a sin when we think that God must remove this or that problem in order to earn our faithfulness, in order to be worthy of our devotion. As we celebrate Christ's great victory over sin and death, we must not be afraid to expose our wounded selves to Him with humility as we say with St. Thomas "'My Lord and my God!'"

Remember that the Savior has taken upon Himself even the worst bodily wounds. It is through them that He has brought life out of death and brilliant light out of the darkest tomb. He has conquered even death itself. Do you see what that means? Even our darkest inclinations ultimately do not stand a chance against His glory, if we will only expose them to Him, if we will only offer them to Him for healing. And though it probably will not happen instantaneously, our wounds will find healing as we move step by step further into His light. Darkness is simply the absence of light and it disappears when it is illumined. The same Lord Who conquered Hades and the tomb for our salvation, and Who invited Thomas to touch His wounds, will bring us as whole, embodied persons into the new day of His Kingdom if we will only keep turning as best we can from the darkness as we struggle to live faithfully each day in the midst of the problems, pains, and weaknesses that beset us. We must all take that journey one day at a time.

The good news is that Christ does not ask us to conquer sin and death by our own power, for He has already done that. But He does ask us truly to have faith, which requires a faithful life, even as we constantly ask for His mercy and strength to participate as fully as possible in the joy of His resurrection. We will not do that with a fake spirituality that relies purely on emotions or ideas, but as whole persons of flesh and blood enlivened by the One Who made us in His image and likeness and even died and rose again for our salvation. So let us celebrate Pascha by walking in the light as best we can with all our wounds, for that is how we will open ourselves to the light that has made even the tomb radiant with the divine glory. If He can do that to a grave, just imagine what He can do with us.

الإيمان والشك



عظة قداسة البابا فرنسيس

قد يفكر أحدٌ منا قائلًا: إن خطيئتي هكذا عظيمة، ويُعدي عن الله كبعد الابن الأصغر في المثال الإنجيلي، وعدم إيماني مماثل لشك توما؛ ليس لدي شجاعة الرجوع، أو التفكير في أن الله يمكنه أن يقبلني أو أنه ينتظرنى أنا بالذات. ولكن الله ينتظرك أنت بالذات، ويطلب منك فقط شجاعة الذهاب إليه. فكم من مرة سمعت، في خدمتي الرعوية: "يا أبتى، أخطئ كثيرًا"؛ والدعوة التي قدمتها دائما هي: "لا تخف، إذهب له، إنه ينتظرك، وسيقوم هو بكل شيء". كم من العُروض الزمنية التي نسمعها حولنا، لكن دعونا نسمح لعرض الله من أن يلامسنا، فهذا العرض هو لمسة محبة. فبالنسبة لله نحن لسنا مجرد أرقام، بل أننا مهمون، بل أننا أهم شيء بالنسبة له؛ حتى وإن كنّا خطأ، فنحن أعز ما في قلبه.

لقد شعر آدم بعد الخطيئة بالعار، بأنه عريان، وشعر بثقل ما فعله؛ لكن الله لم يتركه؛ وإن كان قد بدأ في تلك اللحظة الابتعاد عن الله بسبب الخطيئة، فقد وجد أيضا الوعد بالعودة، أي إمكانية الرجوع له. فقد سأل الله مباشرة: "آدم، أين أنت؟"، كان يبحث عنه. لقد تعرى يسوع من أجلنا، لقد حمل على ذاته عار آدم، وتعري خطيئته ليغسل خطيئتنا؛ إننا بجراحه شفيينا. تذكروا كلمات القديس بولس: بماذا يمكنني أن أفخر سوى بضعفي، وبفقري؟ في الإحساس حقا بخطيئتي، وبالنظر إلى خطيئتي يمكنني أن أرى وأقابل مع رحمة الله، ومع محبته والذهاب له للحصول على المغفرة.

لقد رأيت في حياتي الشخصية لمرات عديدة وجه الله الرحيم، وصبره؛ رأيت في أشخاص كثر شجاعة الدخول في جراح يسوع وقول: يارب إني هنا، فاقبل فقري، واخف في جراحك خطيئتي، واغسله بدمك. ورأيت دائما أن الله قد فعل، قد استجاب، وعزى وغسل وأحب.

الأخوات والإخوة الأحباء، دعونا نترك رحمة الله لتغمرنا: واثقين من طول أناة التي تمنحنا كل الوقت؛ دعونا نتحلى بشجاعة الرجوع لبيته، والسكن في جراح محبته، لنترك أنفسنا لمحبه، وللقاء برحمته في الأسرار المقدسة. سنشعر بعطفه، الذي ما أروع، وسنشعر بعناقه وعندئذ نصبح، نحن أيضا، أكثر قدرة لتقديم الرحمة، والصبر، والمغفرة، والمحبة.

جميع الحقوق محفوظة ٢٠١٣ - حاضرة الفاتيكان

نحتفل اليوم بالأحد الثاني من الزمن الفصحى، والمسمى أيضا بأحد "الرحمة الإلهية". كم هو رائع واقع الإيمان هذا في حياتنا: **رحمة الله!** فمحبة الله هي هكذا عظيمة، وهكذا عميقة تجاهنا، محبة لا تنفص، محبة ترافقنا بدا بيد، وتوازرنا، وتنهضنا، وترشدنا.

في إنجيل اليوم، يختبر القديس توما حقيقة الرحمة الإلهية، تلك الرحمة التي لها وجه ملموس، وجه يسوع، يسوع القائم من بين الأموات. لم يشأ توما أن يصدق ما قالها له التلاميذ: "لقد رأينا الرب"؛ لم يعد يكفيه وعد يسوع، الذي سبق ونطق به: سأقوم في اليوم الثالث. أراد أن يرى، أراد أن يضع يده في أثر المسامير وفي الجنب. فكيف كانت ردة فعل يسوع؟ **الصبر**: فيسوع لم يُهمل توما العنيد في عدم إيمانه؛ يعطيه أسبوعا من الوقت، لا يغلغ أمامه الباب، ينتظر. فيتعرف توما على فقره، وعلى قلة إيمانه. "ربي وإلهي": بهذه الصبحة البسيطة والمفعمة بالإيمان هي جوابه على صبر يسوع. لقد ترك نفسه لتغمره الرحمة الإلهية، لقد رآها ماثلة أمامه، في جراح اليدين والرجلين والجنب المفتوح، فيسترد يقينه: أصبح إنسانا جديدا، ليس بعد غير مؤمن، بل مؤمنا.

دعونا نتذكر أيضا بطرس: لقد أنكر يسوع ثلاث مرات، في الوقت الذي كان يجب عليه أن يظل قريبا منه؛ فعندما لمس القاع، هناك التقى بنظرة يسوع التي، بصبر، وبدون كلام قالت له: "يا بطرس، لا تخف من ضعفك، ثق فيّ"؛ وهنا يفهم بطرس، ويشعر بنظرة محبة يسوع وبيكي. كم هي رائعة نظرة يسوع هذه - وكم مفعمة بالعطف! إخوتي وأخوتي دعونا ألا نفقد أبدا الثقة في رحمة الله الحليمة!

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كلما زادت مراحلنا كلما فاضت استحقاقاتنا (ن، م، 5). إن هذا مهم: شجاعة الاستسلام لرحمة يسوع، والثقة في طول أناته، والهروب دائما في حمى جراح محبته.

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The Divine Liturgy Schedule

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



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Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 56%

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Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project initially completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, estimated cost of \$1,665.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



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



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Power Washing/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



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



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,845. Additional upgrades are necessary.

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!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign, if you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



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