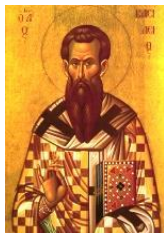


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****IMPORTANT GUIDELINES****

1. Take all precautionary measures according to the directives issued by medical and local authorities.
2. All Faithful of the Eparchy are dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday and Holy Day Divine Liturgies.
3. All Melkite churches must follow the restrictions of the local government and Latin dioceses in which they are located, i.e. if the local Latin diocese has cancelled Mass, then cancel Liturgy, at least until the end of May Parish dinners are suspended.
4. Funerals should be served only with the immediate family members of the deceased. A date can be chosen later for a public memorial service when the pandemic subsides.
5. Each parish may celebrate a Sunday Divine Liturgy with two or three present and *live stream* it to the parish members.
6. Churches may be open at designated times after the *live streamed* Liturgy for those who wish to receive the Eucharist.

These guidelines remain in effect till further notice.

SUNDAY 6TH AFTER EASTER
Saturday, May 23 & Sunday, May 24, 2020

WEEKLY SERVICES

Daily Liturgy: Monday-Friday at 8:30AM **Holy Confession:** Every Monday at 4-6PM
Holy Liturgy: Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 11:00AM **Vespers:** Every Saturday at 3:00PM
Matins/Orthos: Every Sunday at 9:00AM **Holy Rosary:** Every Sunday at 10:30AM

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for our convalescing friends, including Archdeacon George Yany, Nadia Casab, Wael and his son Jordan Barahmeh, Maggy Atallah, Nancy Gazzal, Rose Pawlinga, Julia Nassimos, Jean Benoit, Brian Sagrestano. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection May 16/ 17: \$ 00.00 **Easter Flowers Donation: \$ 00.00**
Syrian Cheese Sale: \$ 00.00 **Memorial Offering: \$ 00.00**
St. Pauly Textile: \$ 00.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS SATURDAY, MAY 23

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By Carol Chanatry and Family

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 24

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By Tom Moran

NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 30

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By Carol Chanatry and Family

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By Tom Moran

*** ANNOUNCEMENT ***

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Mon June. 8, 6:30 PM, Rectory Meeting Rm

CHRIST PRAYERS

Prayer that His Disciples Be One – The prayer continues: “I have manifested your name to the men whom you have given me out of the world ... and they have believed that You sent me” (vv. 6, 8). The Apostles had been called forth by Christ to leave their families and their livelihoods to follow Him. They were about to see Him arrested, humiliated and killed. They in their turn would face similar ends. Yet He prays, not that they remain steadfast, but that they remain one. “Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given me, that they may be one as we are” (v. 11). The unity of the Apostles in Christ would be more significant than the physical lives of any one of them, because from that communion would come the ongoing life of the entire Church.

Prayer for the Church and the World – A few verses later, we find a similar prayer for the whole Church and the world as well: “I do not pray for those alone, but also for those who will believe through their word that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You – that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that You sent Me” (vv. 20, 21).

This mutual interaction of Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the Trinity is extended to humanity in the Church. The bond we have with God is no longer simply that of creature to Creator; but is the filial relationship of the Son to the Father “as You, Father, are in Me and I in You.” The Church, then, is not simply a human association of Jesus’ followers, but an organic union of those who are “one in us.”

The world’s conversion to Christ is tied to the communion of the Church with God. This passage is often explained to mean that, when Christians are united to one another, the rest of the world will believe. It is perhaps more accurate to say that, when the Church is “one in us” – finding the source of its unity in the life of the Trinity rather than in authority, political power or other external factors – people will be drawn to it.

The Icon of Our Communion with God- The icon which most perfectly expresses this vision for the communion of the Church as being “one in us” is the adaptation by St Andrei Rublev of the traditional image, “The Hospitality of Abraham.” The patriarch himself and other details from the Genesis story are deleted and all we see are the three guests whom he entertained, seated around a table. In Gen 18:2 these visitors are described as “three men,” but Rublev depicts them as angels. In fact, Gen 18:13 and verses following refer to Abraham’s company as “the LORD,” causing the Fathers to see this visitation as an early indication of the Trinity. Their eternal relationship is expressed by the fluid motion of their gestures.

The fourth place at the table, included in these gestures, is set for us. Through baptism we have been brought into the eternal relationship of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The single vessel on the table suggests the means of our ongoing communion with God: the Eucharist. (*MayLeaflets2020*)