

St. Basil the Great

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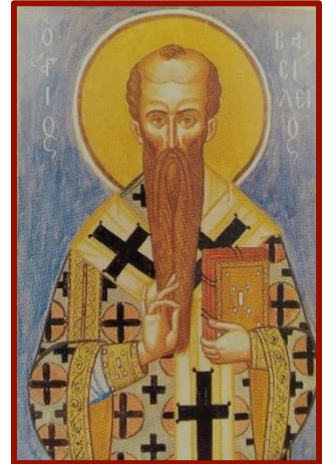
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Thomas A. Moses

"Enter the Church and repent ... for here is the physician, not the judge. Here one is not investigated, one receives remission of sins."

- St. John Chrysostom



Bulletin: July 17, 2022 Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Parish Advisory & Finance Council:

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HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Before or after any service, or by appointment;

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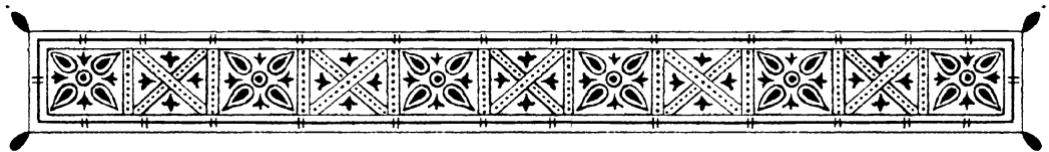
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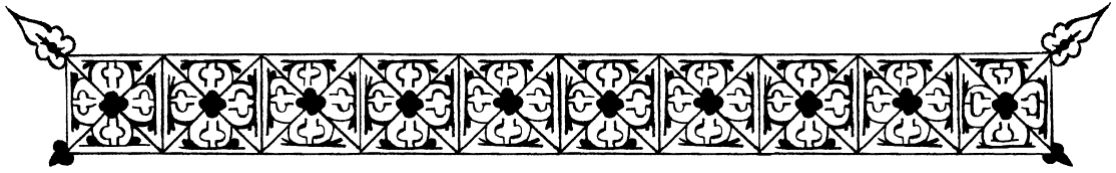
HOLY MYSTERY OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the pastor at any time when this sacrament is needed. The pastor will make attempt to provide himself or arrange for another priest to provide the sacrament of anointing;

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Anyone too infirm to attend our services may receive the Eucharist in their home or in a local hospital. Please advise the pastor when the sacrament is needed.

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES: Please contact the pastor to plan arrangements to provide a proper burial and honor the memory of our beloved departed.

Please remember to contact the pastor if a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from the priest. The hospitals do not always notify the church!





Sunday, July 17, 2022

**Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Commemoration of the Great Woman Martyr Marina**

Antiphon

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Troparion of St. Basil the Great (Tone 1)

Kondakion (Tone 2)

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

TRISAGION:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One...

English, Greek, Arabic

Glory...Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Greek

PROKIMENON

All: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

Stichon: Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

READINGS

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:14-19

HIRMOS

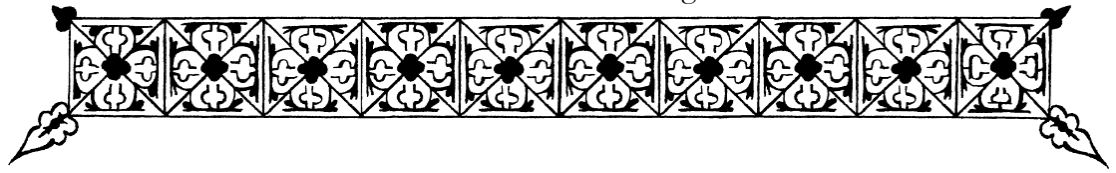
It is truly right to bless you...

KINONIKON:

Praise the Lord...

AFTER COMMUNION:

We have seen the True Light...



If you are visiting our church, our parish family is delighted to welcome you here! Please give us the chance to get to know you. If you would like to know more about the Melkite Catholic Church, please visit www.melkite.org or www.godwithusonline.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Sat. July 16	4:30 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun. July 17	11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Sat. July 23	4:30 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun. July 24	11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

If you or someone you know is homebound, please encourage them to watch the Divine Liturgy online through our sister church in Birmingham Alabama, St. George the Great Martyr:

<https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgeMelkite/>

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Please, email Fr. Thomas at fatherthomasmoses@gmail.com to request memorial services or prayer intentions for your beloved living or deceased.



Saturday July 16, 2022, 4:30 PM:

For the repose of the soul of
Jeannette Farewege (1 Year Memorial)
By Peter & Hana Farewege, Grandson Peter & Family

Sunday July 17, 2022, 11:00 AM:

For the repose of the soul of

Most Rev. John Elya
Phylliss Phillips Seidman

By Eric & Nina Phillips

Saturday July 23, 2022, 4:30 PM:

For the repose of the soul of

Jeannette Farewege

By Mrs. Martha Sabbagh

Doris Zalatan

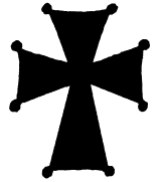
By Michelle Roth

Sunday July 24, 2022, 11:00 AM:

For the repose of the soul of

Jeannette Farewege

By Fares Sabbagh & Children



June's Collection: \$3,531.60
Month's Expenses: (\$5,910.34)
Rectory Flooring Deposit: (\$2,000)

June's Liturgy Attendance:

Saturday June 4: 26	Saturday June 18: 36
Sunday June 5: 16	Sunday June 19: 25
Saturday June 11: 26	Saturday June 25: 23
Sunday June 12: 17	Sunday June 26: 22

Announcements:

Please, email Fr. Thomas to request prayer intentions and memorials or to discuss information and “thank you” notes to be included in future bulletins: fatherthomasmoses@gmail.com.

Syrian String Cheese: Beginning in August

There are three intentions for beginning the Syrian String Cheese Fundraiser: 1) to grow in love for the building of our parish, 2) to engage the wider community and make relationships with individuals and local organizations outside of our parish and 3) to help offset the monthly deficit in the parish finances.

If making cheese becomes no longer enjoyable and or good for community building, we will stop the fundraiser. If anyone is interested in learning how to make the cheese or to help with cooking, advertising or selling the cheese, please contact Fr. Thomas, Janet George or Maryann Astour.

Three Part Adult Course: A Study of the Divine Liturgy in September

This three-part course, presented by Fr. Thomas, is best for young adults and adults. But, anyone over 13 years old will enjoy it. Fr. Thomas plans to cook dinner, stew or soup, each night for anyone who attends. The course will likely take place on Friday evenings during September. Please prayerfully consider attending.

Music Practice Beginning in July

Fr. Thomas would like to practice music for the Divine Liturgy before or after services. Parishioners may come to Church 15 minutes early or stay for 10 or 15 minutes after for brief practices.

Parish List

Fr. Thomas will be working on rebuilding the parish contact list in the coming weeks. Please expect a call from a 603 number. Some phone numbers are no longer working and some addresses are sending back mail. It is important for the long-term health of the parish to have contact information that is up to date. If you know your address or phone number has changed in the last few years, please reach out to Fr. Thomas.

House Visits

Fr. Thomas plans to visit each family in the parish once per year. He will begin making house visits in August. House visits will be made in order to bless your home, visit briefly, and update parish records. Again, accurate and up to date parish records are essential for the long-term health of our parish. Financial gifts and food are NOT necessary, but a glass of cold water or hot tea would be much appreciated.

New Candle Box Commissioned

Deacon John Fleshman, a talented hobbyist wood worker serving as deacon at Our Lady of the Cedars in Manchester, NH, is building a new candle box for veneration of the epitaphios in the kouvouklion. Deacon John is offering his labor and others are offering to contribute to the cost of wood and materials.

The total cost of materials will be about \$1,000. The photo is a candle box Deacon John built for OLOC. If anyone is interested in contributing, please let Fr Thomas know. Let us lift our prayers and petitions up to the Lord in our hearts, light a candle and make an offering!



Please remember to pray for the health and protection of our Bishop Nicholas and his reverend clergy, the faithful in this city of Utica and every surrounding country place, the government and the armed forces that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, the parish community of St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church, and for all of the intentions of her friends and faithful, for Dillan, Philip, Christine Ali & Family, Jordan Barahmeh, Colin Ermatinger, Maryangela Fiorentino, Rt. Rev. Ed Kakaty, Charles Kanelos, Mary Nassimos, Joseph Nehme, Danyol Pacciarelli, Karen Zalatan, Robert Zaloom.

**Let us keep in our prayers the departed handmaid of God
Jeannette Farewege**

Jeannette fell asleep in the Lord one year ago.

***“O Christ God, with the Saints grant rest to the soul of your servant,
in a place where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing, but everlasting life.”
May her memory be eternal!***

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Titus

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter, I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works: these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile.

Avoid a factious man after warning him once or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to His disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lamp stand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore, whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

الانجيل (متى 5: 14 - 20) انجيل احد آباء المجامع المسكونية الستة الاولى

قال الرب، أنتم نور العالم، لا يمكن أن تخفي مدينة قائمة على جبل، ولا يوقد سراج ويوضع تحت المكيال، بل على المنارة فيضيء لكل من في البيت. وهكذا فليضيء نوركم قدام الناس، ليروا أعمالكم الصالحة ويمجدوا أباكم الذي في السماوات. لا تظنوا اني أتيت لأنقض الناموس والأنبياء. اني لم آت لأنقض بل لأتمم. الحق أقول لكم: إنه إلى أن تزول السماء والارض لا تزول ياء واحدة أو نقطة واحدة من الناموس حتى يتم الكل. فكل من يحل واحدة من تلك الوصايا الصغرى ويعلم الناس هكذا، فإنه يدعى صغيراً في ملكوت السماوات. وأما من يعمل بها ويعلم، فهذا يدعى عظيماً في ملكوت السماوات.



Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

First Council of Nicaea (325 AD)

Arius, a priest in Egypt and his followers, held that Christ was like the Father, but was not of the same essence or substance. They believed Him to be the first of God's creatures. This Council rejected Arius' teachings and, in the Creed which it drafted (the Nicene Creed), proclaimed Him as being "one in essence" with the Father. The council also recognized the first leading bishops to be in the cities of Rome, Alexandria and Antioch. The Council unified the celebration of Pascha (Easter) and issued other canons (rules/laws) regulating Church life such as prohibiting kneeling on Sundays, the day of the Lord's resurrection.

First Council of Constantinople (381 AD)

Macedonius was one of the rival bishops in Constantinople during the Arian controversy. His followers denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit. In response this Council proclaimed the second part of the Creed ("and in the Holy Spirit the Lord the Giver of Life...").

Council of Ephesus (431 AD)

The question "How could Jesus be both God and Man?" was much debated in these centuries.

Nestorius taught that Jesus was a man in whom the Logos (Word) dwelt and therefore Mary could not be called "Theotokos" (God-Bearer) but only "Christotokos" (Christ-Bearer). His chief opponent, St. Cyril of Alexandria, saw that Jesus is one Divine Person, not two persons. And if Christ were not truly divine, He could not have united His Divinity to our humanity. This Council endorsed Cyril's teaching and forbade the development of any further Creed.

Council of Chalcedon (451 AD)

As Nestorius had lessened the reality of the Incarnation by emphasizing Christ's humanity, Eutyches, a disciple of Cyril, seemed to be minimizing His humanity. After several rival councils endorsed first one then the other approach, a new emperor, Marcian, summoned this council which endorsed the teaching of St. Leo, Pope of Rome, finding it compatible with the teaching of St. Cyril and Ephesus. The Fathers of this Council confessed that Christ was "unconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, and inseparably one in two natures." The Council also added the leading bishops of Constantinople and Jerusalem to the principal sees recognized at Nicaea, constituting the "pentarchy" (Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem).

Second Council of Constantinople (553 AD)

Many felt that in his "Three Chapters," Theodore of Mopsuestia had paved the way for Nestorius' teachings. To assure the opponents of Chalcedon that the Greek and Latin Churches were firmly behind the Council of Ephesus, this Council condemned his and others' writings as having inspired Nestorius.

Third Council of Constantinople (680-681 AD)

Attempts at reconciling the teachings of Cyril and Leo sought to stress the unity of God and man in Christ had given rise to two new theological trends. Monoenergism taught that Christ had but one energy. Monothelism taught that He had only one will. This Council condemned both propositions as minimizing the fullness of Christ's humanity and divinity.

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