

St. Basil the Great

MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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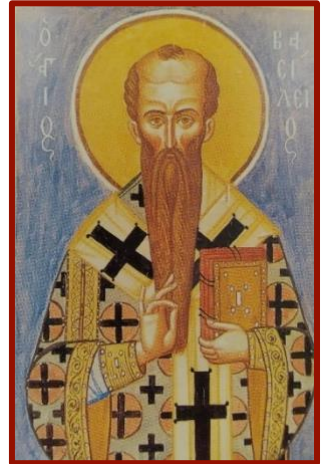
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Commemoration of the Holy and Great-martyr Christina July 24, 2022

Parish Advisory & Finance Council:

*Maryann Astour (Chair), Albert Casab, Janet George, Robert Lalli,
Michelle Roth, Anthony Showa, Robert Zaloom*

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

HOLY MYSTERY OF CHRISTIAN ILLUMINATION: Please contact the pastor in advance to arrange for the required baptismal preparation and formation;

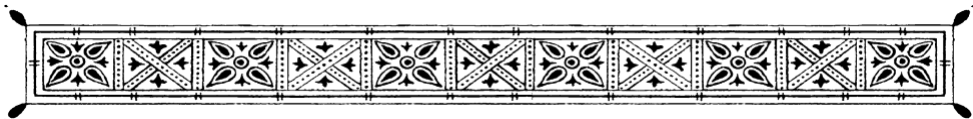
HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING: At least six months prior to the proposed wedding date, please contact the pastor to arrange for the required interview and sacramental preparation and formation;

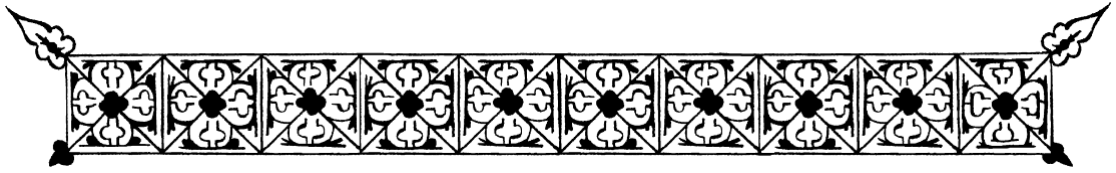
HOLY MYSTERY OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the pastor at any time when this sacrament is needed. The pastor will make attempt to provide himself or arrange for another priest to provide the sacrament of anointing;

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 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Commemoration of the Holy Woman and Great-martyr Christina

Antiphon

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

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: 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!

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 9:27-35

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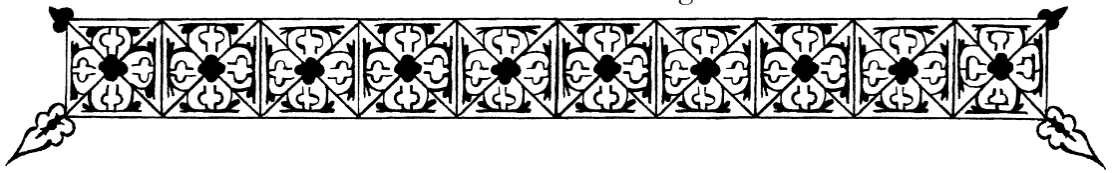
It is truly right to bless you...

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 Greek Catholic Church, please visit www.melkite.org or www.godwithusonline.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Sat. July 23	4:30 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy: Music Practice after Divine Liturgy
Sun. July 24	11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Sat. July 30	4:30 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun. July 31	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 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

Saturday July 30, 2022, 4:30 PM:

For the repose of the soul of

Jeannette Farewege

By Merched and Christina Sabbagh and children

Sunday July 31, 2022, 11:00 AM:

For the repose of the soul of

Jeannette Farewege

By Fadi and Dana Sabbagh and children



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

July's Liturgy Attendance:

Saturday July 2: 40	Saturday July 16: 26
Sunday July 3: 25	Sunday July 17: 21
Saturday July 9: 25	
Sunday July 10: 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: August 25, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

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: September 9, 16, 23 at 6:00 pm

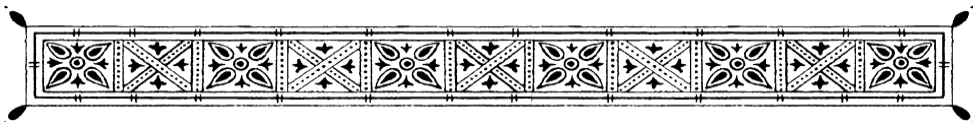
This three-part course, presented by Fr. Thomas, is best for young adults and adults. But, anyone over 13 years old will enjoy it. Fr. Thomas will cook and serve dinner, stew or soup, each night for anyone who attends. Please prayerfully consider attending. If you would like to attend, please let Fr. Thomas know for planning purposes: fatherthomasmoses@gmail.com

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 just over 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 Romans:

Now, we the strong should bear the infirmities of the weak, instead of catering to ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor by doing good for his edification: for Christ did not seek His own pleasure, but as it is written, the reproaches of those who, reproach you have fallen on me. (Ps.6: 10) For whatever has been written has been written for our instruction, that through the patience and consolation afforded by the Scriptures, we may have hope. May then the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Jesus Christ, so that being one in spirit you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another as Christ has received you, in a manner that gives honor to God.



**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Matthew 9:27-35**

At that time as Jesus was passing on, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Have pity on us, Son of David” And when He had reached the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I can do this to you?” They answered Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “Let it be done to you according to your faith.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, “See that no one knows of this!” But they went out and spread His fame abroad throughout all that district. Now as they were going out, behold, there was brought to Him a dumb man possessed by a devil. And when the devil had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never has the like of this been seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “By the prince of devils He casts out devils.” And Jesus was going about all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and curing every kind of disease and infirmity in the people.

انجيل الاحد السابع بعد العنصرة

الانجيل متى 9: 27-35

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مجتازُ تبعه أعميان يصيحان ويقولان: ارحمنا يا ابن داود. فلما دخل البيت، دنا اليه الاعميان. فقال لهما يسوع: هل تُؤمنان أنني أقدر أن أفعل ذلك؟ قالا له: نعم يا سيد. حينئذ لمس أعينهما قائلاً كأيمانكما فليكن لكما. فانفتحت أعينهما. فنهاهما قائلاً احذرا أن يعلم أحد. أما هما فخرجا وشهراه في تلك الارض كلها. وبعد خروجهما قدموا اليه إنساناً أخرس به شيطان. فلما أخرج الشيطان تكلم الأخرس. فتعجب الجموع قائلين: لم يظهر قط مثل هذا في إسرائيل. أما الفريسيون فكانوا يقولون: إنه برئيس الشياطين يخرج الشياطين. وكان يسوع يطوف في جميع المدن والقرى، ويعلم في مجامعهم، ويكرزُ ببشارة الملكوت، ويشفي كل مرضٍ وكل ضعفٍ في الشعب.

The Jesus Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Have Mercy on Me

or

Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Have Mercy on Me, a Sinner

The Great Martyr Christina of Tyre

We do not know precisely when St Christina was born, only that she lived and died in the middle of the third century. Neither do we know her given name – the name “Christina” (little Christ or anointed one) was given by believers who witnessed her martyrdom. She was the daughter of a high-ranking pagan official – some say he was the “urban prefect” or governor of the city. Others mistakenly identify him with Urbanus, the governor of the Palestine and Phoenicia who was a fierce persecutor of Christians at the beginning of the fourth century.

According to the tradition Life of this saint, the child blossomed into a beautiful young woman who had many men seeking her hand. Her father kept her secluded with several maidservant- companions because he had other plans for her: he wanted her to serve as a priestess, presumably in the temple of Tyrian Herakles.

In Greek mythology Herakles had intercourse in a single night with the fifty daughters of Thestios, except for one who refused to have him. Herakles, thinking that he had been insulted, condemned her to remain a virgin all her life, serving him as his priest. Thus the priestess in the temple of Heracles was always a life-long virgin.

Despite her father’s plans, Christina learned about the Christian faith in the one true God. Some versions of her life say that she was taught by an angel, others by the Holy Spirit Himself. All agree that her journey to faith began through her meditations on the beauty of creation. Her father had placed idols of Roman gods in her quarters. Christina came to believe that no idol could have created the universe since they themselves were the work of human hands. She destroyed the idols and prayed that the true God might reveal Himself to her.

When her father learned that she was not offering sacrifices to the Roman gods he tried to persuade her to do so, lest she anger them and bring down their wrath on the family. When his words failed to change Christina’s mind her father resorted to beating her into submission. When that did not succeed either, he had her imprisoned and tortured further, but Christina would not relent. Christina’s mother pleaded with her to obey her father for the family’s sake but the girl was adamant. As we pray in the service of this feast, “You spurned your impious father; and loving the Jerusalem on high as your mother, you rejected your mother's overweening love...”

Christina remained in prison during the rule of two successive prefects, Zienus and Julian. Finally, she died from a volley of arrows shot by the governor’s troops.



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