

# St. Basil the Great

## MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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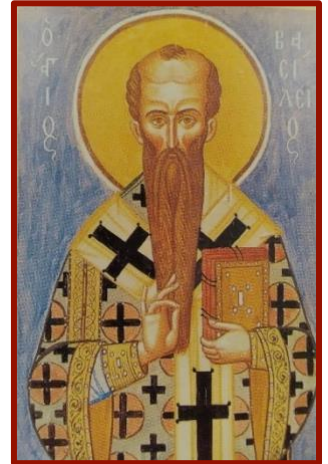
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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



Sunday, August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost:

7th Day of Celebration of the Dormition - Commemoration of the Holy Apostle Thaddeus and of the Holy Woman Martyr Bassa and her children

Parish Advisory & Finance Council:

*Maryann Astour (Chair), Albert Casab, Janet George, Robert Lalli,  
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**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.

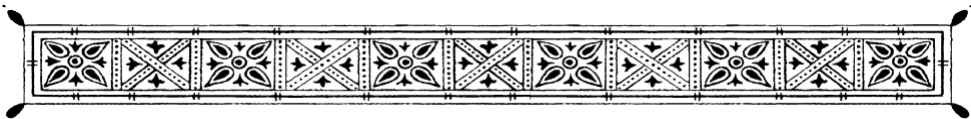
**HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING:** At least six months prior to the proposed wedding date, please contact the pastor to arrange for the required interview, sacramental preparation and formation.

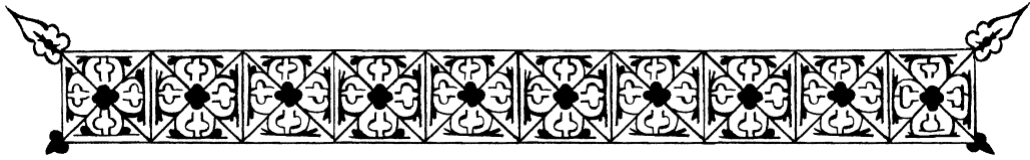
**HOLY MYSTERY OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the pastor at any time when this sacrament is needed. The pastor will make attempt to provide himself or arrange for another priest to provide the sacrament of anointing.

**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!*





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**ANTIPHON**

Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)**

*See Divine Liturgy Music Insert for the Troparion of the Resurrection*

**Troparion of the Dormition (Tone 1)**

*See Divine Liturgy Music Insert for the Troparion of the Vigil*

**Troparion of St. Basil the Great (Tone 1)**

*See Divine Liturgy Music Insert for the Troparion of the Vigil*

**Kontakion of the Dormition (Tone 2)**

*See Divine Liturgy Music Insert for the Kontakion of the Vigil*

**TRISAGION:**

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

*English, Greek, Arabic*

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

*Greek*

**PROKIMENON**

**All:** My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

**Stichon:** The Lord has chastised me through His teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death.

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:23-35

**HIRMOS**

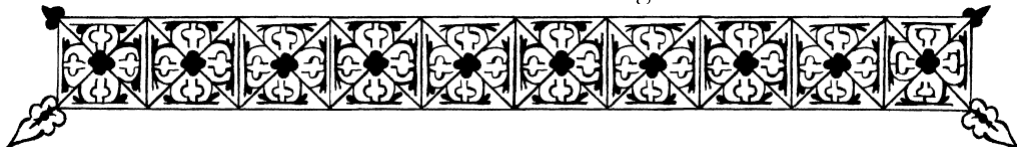
*See Divine Liturgy Music Insert for the Hirmos*

**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](http://www.melkite.org) or [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org).

**UPCOMING SERVICES:**

Sat. Aug 20	4:30 PM	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
Sun. Aug 21	11:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Sat. Aug 27	4:30 PM	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
Sun. Aug 28	11:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Mon. Aug 29	6:30 PM	<b>Divine Liturgy: Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b>
Wed. Aug 31	6:30 PM	<b>Vespers: Synaxis of the Mother of God and Church New Year</b>

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/>

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**July Collection: \$3,176.81**

**July Ordinary Expenses: (\$6,360.58)**

**July Extraordinary Expenses:**

*Rectory Flooring and Window Balance and Cleaning: (\$22,523.67)*

*Moving Expenses: (\$7,363.94)*

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***July's Liturgy Attendance:***

Saturday July 2: 40	Sunday July 3: 25
Saturday July 9: 25	Sunday July 10: 22
Saturday July 16: 26	Sunday July 17: 21
Saturday July 23: 32	Sunday July 24: 19
Saturday July 30: 24	Sunday July 31: 30

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***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, our 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, Daniel Klockowski, Mary Nassimos, Joseph Nehme, Danyol Pacciarelli, Sean Sweeney, Karen Zalatan, Robert Zaloom.

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**Let us keep in our prayers the departed servant of God,**

**Anthony Zangrone**

Anthony is the father of Laura Zaloom. He recently fell asleep in the Lord on July 30, 2022, the feast of the Apostles Silas and Silvan and their companions.

Please keep Anthony, his daughter Laura, and their family in your prayers.

***“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 his memory be eternal!***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Parish Pot Luck Picnic: September 18, 2022 After the Divine Liturgy**

After the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, September 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Basil's will be hosting a pot luck picnic. Weather permitting, everyone will bring their own lawn chairs and eat on the grass in between the church and the rectory. Fr. Thomas will send out a signup sheet for parishioners to contribute to part of the meal.

Anyone that is able to attend, please bring your families, your children and grandchildren. If anyone is interested in helping to set up or break down, your time would be much appreciated. If anyone has a pop up tent that they can lend to the parish, please let Fr. Thomas know.

Share this event with your friends and families!

### **Syrian Braided Cheese: THIS THURSDAY August 25, 9:30 am**

We will be making Syrian Braided Cheese in the Church Hall on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. All are welcome to help, no experience necessary. This is an important community building activity and fundraiser as a bonus.

We will also need help selling the cheese at the St. George Mediterranean Festival. Please let Fr. Thomas know if you are interested in helping with this project.

### **Our Life in Christ: A Study of the Divine Liturgy: September 9, 16, 23 6:00 pm**

Fr. Thomas has prepared a study, open to all parishioners, to explore the spirituality and symbolism of the Divine Liturgy. This course will enrich your weekly experience of the Divine Liturgy. Fr. Thomas will also

prepare a vegetarian soup or stew each evening to eat during the interactive presentations. Please, prayerfully consider attending! RSVP, if possible.

### **Divine Liturgy: Feast of the Dormition on Monday August 15th**

Seventeen of us offered a sacrifice of praise by celebrating a Divine Liturgy that commemorated the falling asleep of the Mother of God, called the Feast of the Dormition in the Melkite Church and the Feast of the Assumption in the Roman Catholic Church. It was a beautiful evening. Next time we will honor a feast in this way, with Great Vespers the evening before and Divine Liturgy the evening of, will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for the Nativity of the Mother of God. Please prayerfully consider attending one of the services!



### **New Bishop Announced for the**

### **Melkite Eparchy of Newton: Fr. François Beyrouti**

Bishop Nicholas Samra is happy to announce that His Holiness, Pope Francis, has given his assent to the canonical election of Father François Beyrouti as the 6th Eparchial Bishop of Newton for Melkite Greek Catholics in the United States. Father François, 51, was elected on June 23, 2022, by the Melkite Synod held at the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome, Italy. A list of 3 names



was sent to the Dicastery of the Eastern Churches and Pope Francis confirmed the election. The announcement was made on August 20, 2022, by His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East for Melkite Greek Catholics. Please pray for Bishop Nicholas Samra and his successor Fr. François, that God may preserve them in peace, safety, health, and long life, rightly dispensing the Word of His Truth!

# LITURGY INTENTIONS

Please, email Fr. Thomas at [fatherthomasmoses@gmail.com](mailto:fatherthomasmoses@gmail.com)

to request memorial services or prayer intentions for your beloved living or deceased.

**Saturday August 20, 2022, 4:30 PM:**

**For the peace, health and salvation of**

**Sean Sweeney**

By Rebekah Moses

**For the repose of the souls of**

**Kassandra, Benjamin & Mason Sweeney**

By Rebekah Moses

**Anthony Zangrone**

By Robert Lalli

**Sunday August 21, 2022, 11:00 AM:**

**For the peace, health and salvation of**

**Sean Sweeney**

By Rebekah Moses

**For the repose of the souls of**

**Deceased Members of the Ajaeb Family**

By Robert Lalli

**Jeanette Farewege**

By Alex Murad

**Kassandra, Benjamin & Mason Sweeney**

By Rebekah Moses

**Anthony Zangrone**

By Robert & Laura Zaloom & Family

**Saturday August 27, 2022, 4:30 PM:**

**For the peace, health and salvation of**

**Sean Sweeney**

By Rebekah Moses

**For the repose of the souls of**

**Jeanette Farewege**

By Alex Murad

**Julia Nassimos**

By Mary Nassimos

**Kassandra, Benjamin & Mason Sweeney**

By Rebekah Moses

**Sunday August 28, 2022, 11:00 AM:**

**For the peace, health and salvation of**

**Sean Sweeney**

By Rebekah Moses

**For the repose of the souls of**

**Jeanette Farewege**

By Alex Murad

**Alice & Julia Nassimos**

By Edward & Carmella Nassimos

**Kassandra, Benjamin & Mason Sweeney**

By Rebekah Moses

**Anthony Zangrone**

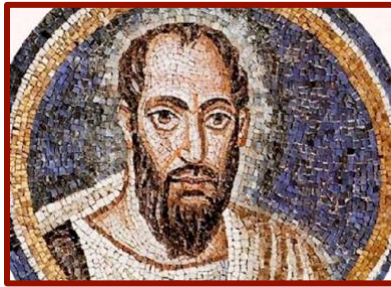
By Robert & Laura Zaloom & Family





## **A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

Brethren, you are the seal set upon my apostleship in the Lord. My defense against those who question me is this: Have we not a right to eat and to drink? Have we not a right to take around with us a sister woman, as do the other apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have not the right of exemption from manual labor? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Who tends the flock and does not drink of the flock's milk? Do I speak these things on human authority? Or does not the Law also say these things? For it is written in the Law of Moses. Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain. (Dt.25:4) Is God concerned about the oxen, or does He say this simply for our sakes? These things were written for us. For he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes. in the expectation of partaking of the fruit. If we have sown for you spiritual things, is such an affair if we reap from you material things? If others share in this right over you. why should it not rather go to us? Yet, we have not used this right, but we bear all our expenses. lest we be a hindrance to Christ's Good News.



### **A WORD FROM THE HOLY FATHERS**

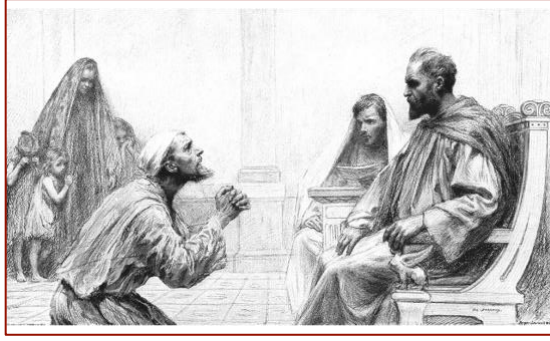
**LIVE BY THE GOSPEL.** AUGUSTINE: The Lord directed those who preach the gospel to live by the gospel, that is, to maintain at the expense of the faithful that life for which food and clothing are essential. **THE WORK OF MONKS 9.**

**A SOLDIER AGAINST THE DEMONIC.** CHRYSOSTOM: The apostleship was much more dangerous than being a soldier. For their warfare was not just with men but with demons as well. The apostles were both soldiers and husbandmen and shepherds, not of the earth, nor of irrational animals, nor in such wars as are perceived by the senses, but of rational souls and in battle array with the demons. **HOMILIES ON THE EPISTLES OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 21.4.**

**GOD'S CARE FOR THE APOSTLES.** ORIGEN: God's care was not only for the oxen but moreso for the apostles, for whose sake he uttered these words. **ON FIRST PRINCIPLES 2.4.2.**

**AN OX TREADING GRAIN.** CHRYSOSTOM: Why does Paul mention this, when he could have used the example of the priests? The reason is that he wanted to prove his case beyond any shadow of doubt. If God cares about oxen, how much more will he care about the labor of teachers? **HOMILIES ON THE EPISTLES OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 21.5.**

**OXEN AND MEN.** FULGENTIUS: These animals accomplish their life and purpose in this world according to the incomprehensible will of the Creator. They render no account of their deeds because they are not rational. "Is God concerned about oxen?" Human beings, however, because they have been made rational, will render an account to God for themselves and for all the things which they have received for use in this present life. **TO PETER ON THE FAITH 42.<sup>1</sup>**



**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Parable of the Unforgiving Servant**  
**Mt. 18:23-35**

The Lord told this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who desired to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the settlement, one was brought to him who owed him millions. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you all.’ And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt.

But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a small amount, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you all.’ But he would not; but went away and threw him into prison until he would pay what was due. His fellow-servants therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much saddened, and they went and informed their master of what had taken place. Then his master called him, and said to him, ‘Wicked servant, I forgave you all the debt, because you begged me. Should not you also have had pity on your fellow-servant, even as I had pity on you?’ And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he would pay all that was due to him. So also, My heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts.”

الانجيل متى 18: 23 – 35

قال الربُّ هذا المثلَّ: يُشَبَّهُ ملكوتُ السماواتِ بإنسانٍ مَلِكٍ أرادَ أنْ يحاسبَ عبيدَه. فلَمَّا بدأَ بالمحاسبةِ، قُدِّمَ اليهَ واحدٌ عليه عَشْرَةُ آلافِ وِزْنَةٍ. واذَ لم يَكُنْ له ما يُوفِي، أَمَرَ سيِّدُه أنْ يُباعَ هوَ وامرأتُه وبنوُه وكلُّ ما له ويُوفَى عنه. فخرَّ ذلكَ العبدُ وسجدَ له قائلاً: يا سيِّد، تمهَّلْ عليَّ فأوفيكَ كلَّ ما لك. فتنحَّنَ سيِّدُ ذلكَ العبدِ وأطلقَه وتركَ له الدَّينَ. وبعدَ أنْ خرَّجَ ذلكَ العبدُ، وجدَ واحداً منَ رفقاءِ العبيدِ له عليه مئةُ دينارٍ، فأمسكَه وأخذَ بخناقِه قائلاً: أوْفني ما لي عليك. فخرَّ رقيقُه العبدُ على قدميه، وجعلَ يتضرَّعُ اليهَ قائلاً: تمهَّلْ عليَّ فأوفيكَ كلَّ ما لك. فلم يردْ، بل مضى وطرحَه في السجنِ حتى يُوفَى الدَّينَ. فلَمَّا رأى رفقاءُه العبيدُ ما كانَ، حزنوا جداً وجاؤوا فأعلموا سيِّدَهُم بكلِّ ما جرى. حينئذٍ دعاَهُ سيِّدُه وقالَ له: أيُّها العبدُ الشريرُ، كلُّ ما كانَ لي عليكَ قد تركتُه لكَ لأنكَ تضرَّعتَ اليَّ. أفما كانَ ينبغي أنْ ترحمَ أنتَ أيضاً رفيقَكَ كما رحمتُك أنا؟ و غضبَ سيِّدُه ودفَعه إلى الجلاَّدينَ، حتى يُوفَى جميعَ ما له عليه. فهكذا يفعلُ أبى السماويُّ بكم، إنْ لم تنزُّكوا كلُّ واحدٍ منكم لأخيه زلاته من كلِّ قلوبكم

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