

St. Basil the Great

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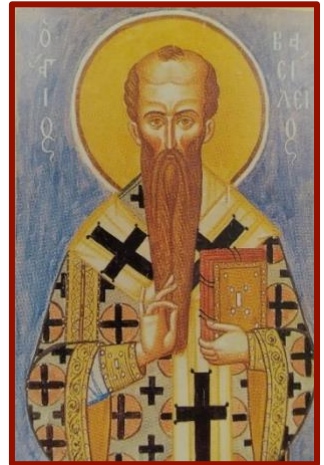
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Commemoration of the Holy and Just Eudokimos July 31, 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;

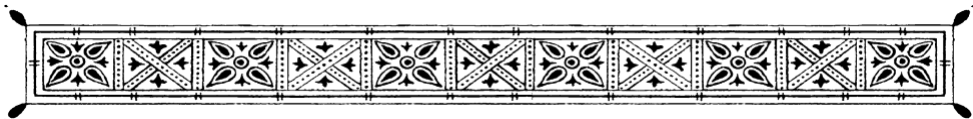
HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING: At least six months prior to the proposed wedding date, please contact the pastor to arrange for the required interview and sacramental preparation and formation;

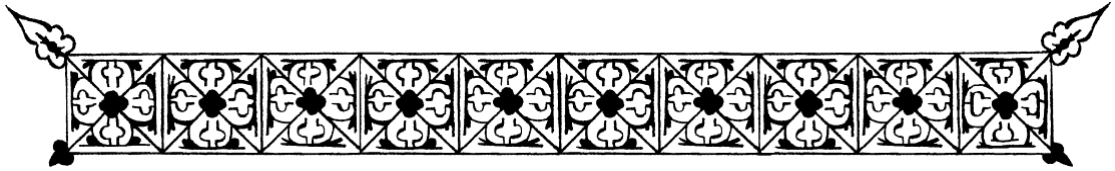
HOLY MYSTERY OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the pastor at any time when this sacrament is needed. The pastor will make attempt to provide himself or arrange for another priest to provide the sacrament of anointing;

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 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Commemoration of the Holy and Just Eudokimos

Vigil of the Feast of the Procession of the Holy and Vivifying Cross

Antiphon

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

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Troparion of St. Basil the Great (Tone 1)

Kontakion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

On the Mountain You were transfigured, O Christ our God,
and Your disciples saw as much of Your glory as they could hold,
so that when they should see You crucified, they would know that You suffer willingly,
and would proclaim to the world that You are verily the Splendor of the Father.

TRISAGION:

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

English, Greek, Arabic

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

Greek

PROKIMENON

All: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Stichon: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:14-22

HIRMOS

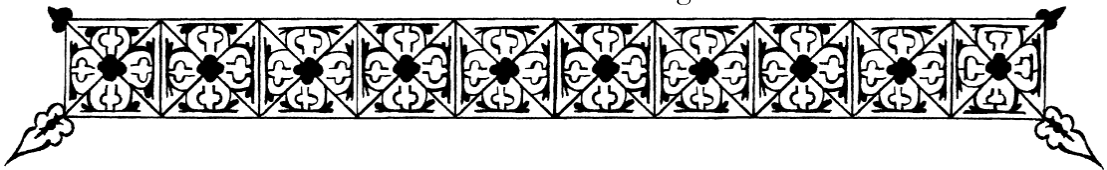
It is truly right to bless you...

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

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Sat. July 30	4:30 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun. July 31	11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Mon. Aug. 1		Dormition Fast Begins
Wed. Aug 3	6:00 PM	Paraklesis
Fri. Aug 5	6:00 PM	Great Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration
Sat. Aug 6	4:30 PM	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration
Sun. Aug 7	11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Mon. Aug 8	6:00 PM	Paraklesis
Wed. Aug 10	6:00 PM	Paraklesis
Fri. Aug 12	6:00 PM	Paraklesis

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/>

Quarter 2 Collection: \$10,033.38

Q2 Expenses: (\$16,431.97)

Rectory Flooring and Window Deposit: (\$20,750)

July's Liturgy Attendance:

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

Announcements:

Syrian Braided Cheese: August 25, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

There are three intentions for beginning the Syrian Braided Cheese Fundraiser: 1) to grow in love and for the building up 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.

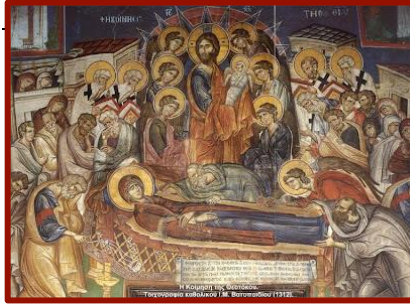
Three Part Adult Course: Our Life in Christ: A Study of the Divine Liturgy September 9, 16, 23 at 6:00 p.m.

This three-part course, presented by Fr. Thomas, is best for young adults and adults. Fr. Thomas will cook and serve a light dinner each night for anyone who attends. Children under 13 who attend will have their own faith formation experience. Please prayerfully consider attending. If you would like to attend, please let

Fr. Thomas know for planning purposes: fathertthomasmoses@gmail.com

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 30, 2022, 4:30 PM:

**For the repose of the soul of
Jeannette Farewege**

By Merched & Christina Sabbagh & children

Sunday July 31, 2022, 11:00 AM:

**For the repose of the soul of
Jeannette Farewege**

By Fadi & Dana Sabbagh & children

**Shaha Marji, Basil Marji, Joshua Marji, Fadi Marji,
Munther Marji, Nasiem Marji, Najwa Marji,
Ayoub Twal, Mariam & Abdallah Ghrayyeb,
David Barahmeh**

By Sami Marji

Saturday August 6, 2022, 4:30 PM:

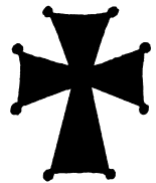
**For the repose of the soul of
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By Basel & Melissa Sabbagh & children

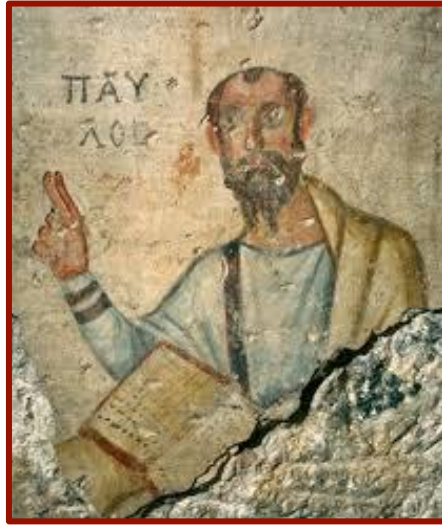
Sunday August 7, 2022, 11:00 AM:

**For the repose of the soul of
Jeannette Farewege**

By Don & Joyce Fedor



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, Mary Nassimos, Joseph Nehme, Danyol Pacciarelli, Karen Zalatan, Robert Zaloom.



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

Brethren, I beseech you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all say the same thing, and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be perfectly united in one mind and one purpose. For I have been informed about you, my brethren, by those of the house of Chloe, that there are quarrels among you. Now this is what I mean: each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in Paul's name? I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Caius, lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. I baptized also the household of Stephanas. I am not aware of having baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News, not with the skill of eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be made useless.

الرسالة (1 كورنثس 1: 10-17)

يا اخوة، أُحَرِّضُكُمْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، ان تقولوا جميعكم قولاً واحداً، وان لا تكونَ بينكم شِفاقات، بل تكونوا مُلتَمِمينَ بفكرٍ واحدٍ ورأيٍ واحد. فقد أَخْبَرَنِي عنكم يا اخوتي اهلُ كَلْوَةَ، انَّ بينكم خصومات. اعني انَّ كلَّ واحدٍ منكم يقول انا لبولس، ان انا لأبُلُس، او انا لكيفا، او انا للمسيح، هل تجزأُ المسيح؟ أَلَعَلَّ بولسَ صُلبَ لأجلكم؟ ام باسمِ بولسِ اعتمدتُم؟ أَشْكُرُ اللهَ أَني لم أُعَمِّدْ منكم أحداً، سوى كرسبُسَ وِغايوسَ، لئلا يقول احدٌ اني عَمَدْتُ باسمي. وقد عَمَدْتُ ايضاً اهلَ بيتِ إِسْتِغَانَا. وما عدا ذلك لا أَعْلَمُ هل عَمَدْتُ احداً غيرهم. لأن المسيح لم يُرسلني لأعَمِّد بل لأبشِّر، لا بحكمةِ الكلام، لئلا يبطلَ صليبُ المسيح.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes
Mt. 14:14-22

At that time when Jesus saw a large crowd, out of compassion for them He cured their sick. Now when it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a desert place and the hour is already late; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them. "They do not need to go away; you yourselves give them some food." They answered him, "We have here only five loaves and two fishes." He said to them, "Bring them here to me." And when He had ordered the crowd to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowd. And all ate and were satisfied; and they gathered up what was left over, twelve baskets full of fragments. Now the number of those who had eaten was five thousand men, not counting women and children. And immediately afterwards He made His disciples get into the boat and cross ahead of Him, while He dismissed the crowd.

الانجيل: متى 14:14-22

في ذلك الزمان، أبصر يسوع جمعاً كثيراً، فتحنن عليهم وأبرأ مرضاهم. ولما أقبل المساء، دنا إليه تلاميذه وقالوا له: إن المكان قفر، والساعة قد فاتت، فأصرف الجموع ليذهبوا إلى القرى ويبتاعوا لهم طعاماً. فقال لهم يسوع: لا حاجة لهم إلى الذهاب، أعطوهم أنتم ليأكلوا. فقالوا له: ليس عندنا ههنا إلا خمسة أرغفة وسمكتان. فقال لهم إليّ بها إلي ههنا. وأمر الجموع أن تتكئ على العشب. ثم أخذ الخمسة الأرغفة والسمكتين، ونظر إلى السماء وبارك، ثم كسر وأعطى الأرغفة للتلاميذ، والتلاميذ للجموع. فأكل جميعهم وشبعوا، ورفعوا ما فضل من الكسر اثنتي عشرة ففة مملوءة. وكان الأكلون نحو خمسة آلاف رجل سوى النساء والأولاد. وللوقت اضطر يسوع لتلاميذه أن يركبوا السفينة، ويسبقوه إلى العبر حتى يصرف الجموع. ولما ركبوا السفينة، سكنت الريح. فجاء الذين كانوا في السفينة، وسجدوا له قائلين: بالحقية أنت ابن الله. ولما عبروا، جاؤوا إلى ارض جيبصارت



The Jesus Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Have Mercy on Me

or

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



A Table in the Wilderness (Mt 14:14-22)

THE MIRACULOUS FEEDING OF 5000 with five loaves and two fish is reported in each of the four Gospels. In both the earliest and latest Gospels there is an unusual unanimity in the details they relate: more than most other Gospel narratives, including the resurrection. This reflects the great importance which the first Christians attached to this narrative. In it they saw the Lord Jesus connected to the great movements of God in the past, the present and the future.

The Past: The Exodus from Egypt

As is well known, the Gospel of Matthew was written for Jewish believers who were convinced that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah. They also saw many Old Testament events as “types,” pointing to New Testament events which fulfill and surpass the Old in God’s plan for our salvation. The early Church Fathers in the Greek and Latin worlds had the same vision. Thus St. Cyril of Alexandria would write, “All that is written about the blessed Moses we affirm to be an icon and a type of that salvation which comes in Christ”

The feeding of the 5000 was one such event, in which Christ’s actions reflect that He is the New Moses and more: the One who worked through Moses on behalf of the children of Israel. Just as the exodus from Egypt begins with Pharaoh oppressing the Israelites, the Gospel story begins with Herod’s murder of John the Baptist. While Pharaoh oppresses the Israelites because they were so numerous, Herod kills John because of his moral stance.

Hearing about John’s death, Jesus goes apart, to “a deserted place” (Mt 14:13). Jesus, His disciples and the people who came to Him from the cities were in a “desert” just as Moses, his soldiers, and the crowd were in Sinai.

When the Israelites were in the desert with Moses God fed them with manna and quail, which Psalm 78:24 calls “the bread of heaven.” While the Galileans were in the wilderness with Jesus, He himself fed them with bread and fish.

The feeding of the Israelites in Sinai was connected to their passage through the Red Sea “on dry ground” (Ex 14:23 et al.). The feeding of the 5000 is connected to the miracle of Jesus “walking on the sea” (Mt 14:25) which follows immediately. While the Israelites walked on the ground exposed by the parting of the sea, Jesus walks on the sea itself.

The Present: Jesus Nourishes the Church

This event marks the first time in the Gospel that the whole crowd will be invited to eat together with Christ, showing His desire to gather all His followers around a common table with Him. St Hilary of Poitiers noted that the first Church – those who responded to the preaching of Peter – numbered about 5,000 men (Acts 4:4). The 5,000 fed in the wilderness point to those 5,000 who were the first to be nourished by the presence of Christ in His Church.

On that “table” in the wilderness was bread and fish. We recall that, for Christians during the Roman persecutions, the fish was a code-sign for Christ. The letters of the Greek word for fish – *ichthys* – were an anagram for the profession of faith, “Jesus Christ Son of God, Savior.” The bread – which Jesus “took...blessed...and broke” (Mt 14: 19) – was an “icon” for the early Christians of the Eucharist in which we receive the Son of God our Savior, the Bread of life.

Thus the feeding of the 5,000 points to the Church and its communal meal, the Eucharist.



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Poured Out for the Life of the World



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2022

EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES *of* AMERICA