

# St. Basil the Great

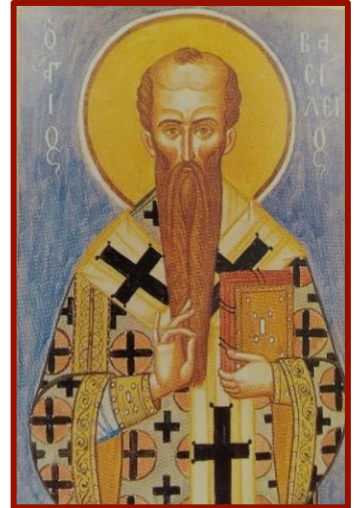
## *MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH*

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*"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, October 2, 2022**  
**Second Sunday After the Holy Cross**  
**Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian**  
**and of the Holy Virgin Martyr Justina**

*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 any time 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.

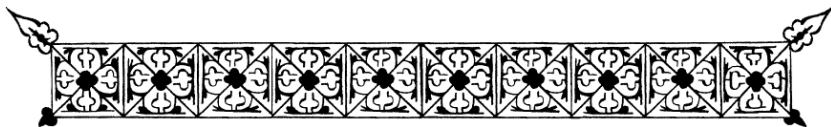
**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** Anyone too infirm to attend our services may receive the Eucharist in their home or in a local hospital. Please advise the pastor when the sacrament is needed.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS IN BRIEF**

Abraham Barahmeh and Jordan Barahmeh: Tonsured & Blessed Reader & Subdeacon:  
Today, October 2, 2022, Join us for a Light Luncheon in the Church Hall  
Bishop-Elect Fr. François Beyrouti Enthronement: October 19, 2022: 2:00 pm

Annunciation Melkite Greek Catholic Cathedral in Boston, MA  
Making Syrian Braided Cheese November 2, 2022 at 9:30 am in the Church Hall



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**ANTIPHON**

Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)**

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

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

*See Divine Liturgy Music Insert for the Troparion of the Patron of our Church*

**Kontakion (Tone 2)**

*See Divine Liturgy Music Insert for the Kontakion*

**TRISAGION**

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

*English, Greek, Arabic*

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

*Then special prayers of and for the Bishop*

*Then Holy God in Greek*

**PROKIMENON**

**All:** Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them;  
let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord.

**Stichon:** God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is His name.

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 **Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36

**HIRMOS**

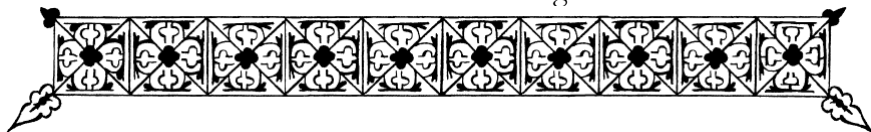
*See Divine Liturgy Music Insert for the Hirmos*

**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. Oct 1		<i>No Vigil Divine Liturgy</i>
Sat. Oct 1	5:00 PM	<b>Great Vespers</b> <i>with Bishop Nicholas J. Samra</i>
Sun. Oct 2	11:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <i>with Tonsure and Blessing of Abraham Barahmeh</i>
Wed. Oct. 5	8:30 AM	<b>Daily Orthros</b> <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sat. Oct 8	4:30 PM	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
Sun. Oct 9	11:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <i>with Memorial Service for Alex Murad</i>
Tues. Oct 11	6:30 PM	<b>Daily Vespers</b>
Sat. Oct 15	4:30 PM	<b>Vigil Divine Liturgy</b>
Sun. Oct 16	11:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</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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**September Income:** \$4,439.94  
**September Expenses:** (\$6,522.03)  
**Operating Deficit:** (\$2,082.09)

#### ***September's Liturgy Attendance:***

Saturday September 3: 23	Sunday September 4: 32
Wednesday September 7: 9	Sunday September 11: 47
Wednesday September 14: 12	Sunday September 18: 35
Saturday September 24: 22	Sunday September 25: 28

***Please remember*** to pray for the health and protection of our Bishop Nicholas and his reverend clergy, for bishop elect, Fr. François Beyrouiti, 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, Kim Fazekas, Maryangela Fiorentino, Rt. Rev. Ed Kakaty, Charles Kanelos, Daniel Klockowski, Mark Moran, Mary Nassimos, Joseph Nehme, Danyol Pacciarelli, Sean Sweeney, Karen Zalatan, Robert Zaloom.

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

Alex fell asleep in the Lord on August 30, 2022.

St. Basil the Great will have a 40 Day Memorial at the end of the Divine Liturgy for Alex on Sunday October 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **God grant many years in health and happiness to Bishop Nicholas Samra!**

Bishop Nicholas has served Melkite Greek Catholics in the US for over 52 years, 32 years as Bishop. Sayedna's contributions to the spiritual health and the growth of our diocese have been essential and wonderful. Bishop Nicholas tirelessly labored for many years for the good of our parishes, our people and our clergy. May his retirement bring joy, consolation and spiritual fruit as he continues to research and write the history of our Melkite Church in the United States. God grant him many years!

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### **Abraham Barahmeh Tonsured and Blessed Reader and Subdeacon!**

**Today, Sunday October 2, 2022**

**Light Luncheon to Follow in the Church Hall**

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### **Parish Advisory Council Meeting: Administrator's Report Available**

We had a pleasant and productive Parish Advisory Council meeting last week. The Administrator's report is available to anyone who requests it. Please reach out to Fr. Thomas if you are interested in receiving an electronic or physical copy of the Administrator's Report. In the report, an update is provided and plans for the future are introduced. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

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### **Forty Day Memorial Service for Alex Murad: October 9 at 11:00 am**

Alex Murad, a lifelong and devoted member of St. Basil's reposed in the Lord last month. His forty day memorial will be held at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage his friends and family to attend this service to pray for Alex and reflect on our own life and death in Christ. If anyone is willing to bake memorial bread or learn how to bake memorial bread for the service, please let Fr. Thomas know.

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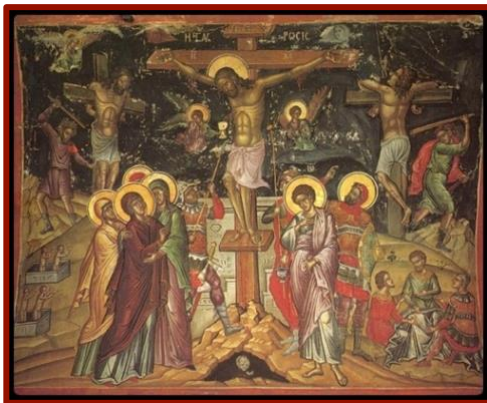
### **Fr. François, Bishop Elect, will be Enthroned as Bishop of Newton for all Melkites in the United States on Wednesday October 19 at 2:00 pm**

This kind of event will only happen a few times in each of our lives. If anyone would like to attend this festive occasion, there is also a dinner afterward that you may purchase tickets for. Please reach out to Fr. Thomas for more information!



## **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.



**Sunday October 2, 2022, 11:00 AM:**

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

**Abraham Barahmeh**

**& Jordan Barahmeh**

By Fr. Thomas Moses

**For the repose of the**

**Deceased Members of the Cimbalo**

**& Lalli Family**

By Robert Lalli

**Saturday October 8, 2022, 4:30 PM:**

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

**Most Reverend Nicholas Samra**

**& Fr. François Beyrouiti**

By Fr. Thomas Moses

**For the repose of**

**Jozefa Gomolka**

By Robert Lalli

**Sunday October 9, 2022, 11:00 AM:**

**For the repose of**

**Alex Murad**

By Fr. Thomas Moses

**Elizabeth Windsor**

By Robert Lalli

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

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

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God, as God says, "I will be their God and they shall be my people" (Lv. 26:12, cf. Jer. 31:1). "Wherefore, come out from among them, be separated, says the Lord, and touch not an unclean thing" (Is. 52:1); "and I will welcome you in, and will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord almighty" (Cf. Hos. 1:10; Is 43:6).

Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the body and of the spirit, perfecting sanctity in the fear of God.

2 كورنثس (6: 16 ب الى 7: 1)

يا إخوة، إنكم هيكلُ الله الحيّ، كما قال الله: إني سأسكنُ فيهم واسيرُ فيما بيّهم، وَاكُونُ لَهُمُ الهَا وَهَمُ يَكُونُونَ لِي شَعْبًا. فَذَلِكَ أُخْرَجُوا مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ وَاعْتَزَلُوا، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجِسًا، فَأَقْبَلْكُمْ وَاكُونُ لَكُمْ أَبَاً وَتَكُونُونَ أَنْتُمْ لِي بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَاذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْمَوَاعِدُ أَيُّهَا الْإِحْبَاءُ، فَلْنَطَهِّرْ أَنْفُسَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَنَسٍ لِلْجَسَدِ وَالرُّوحِ، مُكْمِلِينَ الْقِدَاسَةَ بِمَخَافَةِ اللَّهِ

### The Gospel according to St. Luke the Evangelist

The Lord said, "Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for He is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful."

6 لوقا 31-36

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: كَمَا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَفْعَلَ النَّاسُ بِكُمْ، كَذَلِكَ أَفْعَلُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا بِهِمْ. فَإِنَّكُمْ إِنْ أَحْبَبْتُمْ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَكُمْ فَأَيُّ فَضْلٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا يُحِبُّونَ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُمْ. وَإِنْ أَحْسَنْتُمْ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُحْسِنُونَ إِلَيْكُمْ فَأَيُّ فَضْلٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا يَفْعَلُونَ ذَلِكَ بَعِيْنِهِ. وَإِنْ أَقْرَضْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَرْجُونَ أَنْ تَسْتَوْفُوا مِنْهُمْ، فَأَيُّ فَضْلٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا يُقْرَضُونَ الْخَطَاةَ لِكِي يَسْتَوْفُوا الْمَثْلَ. وَلَكِنْ أَحْبَبُوا أَعْدَاءَكُمْ، وَأَحْسِنُوا وَأَقْرَضُوا غَيْرَ مَوْمِلِينَ شَيْئًا، فَيَكُونُ أَجْرُكُمْ كَثِيرًا وَتَكُونُوا بَنِي الْعَلِيِّ، لِأَنَّهُ مَنَعٌ عَلَى غَيْرِ الشَّاكِرِينَ وَالْأَشْرَارِ. فَكُونُوا أَدْنَى رُحَمَاءَ كَمَا أَنَّ أَبَاكُمْ رَحِيمٌ.

## A WORD FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

### EPISTLE: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16 - 7:1

**RECEIVED AS CHILDREN.** AMBROSIASTER: God wants us to be set apart from all contamination so that he can receive us as his children. By this testimony Paul exhorts us to a pure life. He shows that Jesus Christ was already our Lord in ancient times and was predestined to receive us in the fondness of his love. COMMENTARY ON PAUL'S EPISTLES.

**MAKE HOLINESS PERFECT.** CHRYSOSTOM: Not touching unclean things is not enough to make us clean. Something else is needed for us to become holy—earnestness in faith, heedfulness and piety. HOMILIES ON THE EPISTLES OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 13.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 6:31 - 36

**THE CUSTOM OF CHRISTIANS ONLY.** TERTULLIAN: To love friends is the custom for all people, but to love enemies is customary only for Christians. TO SCAPULA 1.

**STEPHEN IS AN EXAMPLE OF LOVE FOR ENEMIES.** CYPRIAN: How will you love your enemies and pray for your adversaries and persecutors? We see what happened in the case of Stephen. When he was being killed by the violence and stones of the Jews, he did not ask for vengeance but forgiveness for his murderers, saying: “O Lord, do not lay this sin against them.”<sup>16</sup> So it was most fitting that the first martyr for Christ who, in preceding by his glorious death the martyrs that were to come, was not only a preacher of the Lord's suffering but also an imitator of his most patient gentleness. THE GOOD OF PATIENCE 16.

**THE DIVINE IMAGE SEEN IN HUMAN MERCY.** ORIGEN: The traces of the divine image are clearly recognized not through the likeness of the body, which undergoes corruption, but through the intelligence of the soul. We see the divine image in its righteousness, temperance, courage, wisdom, discipline, and through the entire chorus of virtues that are present essentially in God. These can be in people through effort and the imitation of God, as also the Lord points out in the Gospel when he says, “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” and “Be perfect, as your Father is perfect.” ON FIRST PRINCIPLES 4.10.

**MERCY ON THE JUST AND THE UNJUST.** JUSTIN MARTYR: We pray for you that you might experience the mercy of Christ. He instructed us to pray for our enemies, when he said, “Be kind and merciful, even as your heavenly Father is merciful.” We can observe that almighty God is kind and merciful, causing his sun to shine on the ungrateful and on the just and sending rain to both the holy and the evil. All of them, he has told us, he will judge. DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO 96.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Just, A. A. (2005). *Luke* (Vol. 3). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.



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