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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday of the man born blind

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This Sunday, May 5

There is One Divine Liturgy at
10:00 AM

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and anointing of the sick**
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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available before and after the
Divine Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

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A notice of at least 6 months should
be given to the pastor, before the
proposed wedding date to arrange
for the required interview and
instructions

ANTIPHON PRAYER of the Blind Man: O Christ God, Sun of Justice, You touched the man who was blind since his birth and restored to him his sight. Enlighten our minds. Make us children of Light, so that we may cry out to You full of faith: Your mercy is beyond description. For You are our Light and our Sanctification, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving, and worship, and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Troparion of St Basil

Your voice has sounded all over the earth, that accepted your preaching. You gave a divine explanation of doctrine, and made clear the nature of creatures, and set a rule of life for men. Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kondakion of Pascha

Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها المسيح الإله، يا شمس العدل، يا من لمس الفاقدة النور منذ ولادته، فأعاد إليه البصر، أنز أيضاً أبصار نفوسنا، وأظهزنا أبناء النهار، فنهتف إليك بإيمان: إني تحننت علينا لا يوصف، لأنك أنت نورنا وتقدسنا أيها المسيح الإله، وإليك نرفع المجد، وإلي أبيعك الأزلي وروحك القدس، الآن وكل أوان ولى دهر الدهرين. آمين.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الخامس

لنشيد نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة، الأزلي مع الآب والروح، المولود من العذراء لخلصنا. لأنه ارتضى أن يصعد بالجسد على الصليب، ويحمل الموت، وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطلقك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بنيت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الآب البار ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، ابتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

القنداق باللحن الثاني

وإن نزلت إلى القبر يا من لا يموت، فقد نقضت قدرة الجحيم وقمت كظافر، أيها المسيح الإله. وللنوسة حاملات الطيب فلت افرحن. ولرسلك وهبت السلام، يا مانح الواقعين القيام.





Our church organizations:

MAYA: Organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra.

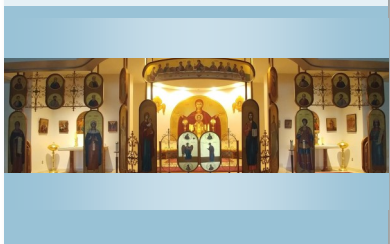
<https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.

www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.

<https://melkite.org/namw>



EPISTLE: Sunday of the Man Born Blind, Acts 16:16-34

PROKIMENON: Ps. 11:8,2 (Tone 5)

You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation. Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days it came to pass that as we the disciples were going to pray; we were met by a girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her masters much profit by her soothsaying. Now, she was following Paul and us, and kept crying out loudly, "These men are servants of the most high God, and they announce to you a way of salvation!" This she did for many days. But Paul could not stand it, so he turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ: get out of her!" And it went out of her that very moment. But seeing that their hope of profit was gone, her masters seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the marketplace before the authorities; and bringing them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city. They are Jews, and they advocate practices it is not permitted for us to adopt or observe, since we are Romans." And the crowd opposed them too, and the magistrates tore off their cloaks and ordered them to be beaten with rods. And after inflicting many blows on them, they threw them in jail, ordering the jailer to keep them under safe guard. And he, receiving this command, consigned them to the inner jail and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight, while Paul and Silas were singing hymns to God, the prisoners listened to them. And suddenly, there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and at once all the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. But when the jailer woke up and saw all the doors of the jail open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Do not hurt yourself, for we are all here!" Then calling for a light, he ran in, and trembling with fear, fell at the feet of Paul and Silas. And he let them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved together with your household." And he spoke to him the word of the Lord, and also to all his household. And he took them at that same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he himself was baptized, and all those of his household immediately after. And taking them into his house, he set a table before them, and rejoiced with all his household over his faith in God.

ALLELUIA: Ps.88: 2, 3 (Tone 5)

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. Stichon: For You have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven You have confirmed your faithfulness

GOSPEL: Jn. 9:1-38, Sunday of the Man Born Blind

At that time as Jesus was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who has sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither has this man sinned nor have his parents, but the works of God were to be made manifest in him. I must do the works of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle, and spread the clay over the man's eyes, and said to Him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted 'sent')." So, he went away, and washed, and returned seeing. The neighbors therefore and those who had seen earlier that he was blind began saying, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is." But others said, "He only looks like him." Yet, the man declared, "I am the one." They therefore asked him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "The man who is called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' And I went and washed, and I see." And they asked him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now, it was a Sabbath on which Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Again, therefore, the Pharisees asked him: how he received his sight. But he said to them, "He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner work these signs?" And there was a division among them. Again, therefore they said to the blind man, "What do you say of the one who opened your eyes?" But he said, "He is a prophet." The Jews therefore did not believe of him that he had been blind and had got his sight, until they called the parents of the one who had gained his sight, and questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, of whom you say he was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we ourselves do not know. Ask him; he is of age, let him speak for himself." These things his parents said because they feared the Jews. For already the Jews had agreed that if anyone were to confess Him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. This is why his parents said, "He is of age; question him." They therefore called a second time the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God! We ourselves know this man is a sinner." He therefore said, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." They therefore asked him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, but you did not listen. Why would you hear a second time? Would you also become His disciples?" They heaped abuse on him therefore and said, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know God spoke to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where He is from." In answer the man said to them, "Why herein is the marvel, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. Now we know God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God, and does His will, him He hears. Not from the beginning of the world has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" And they turned him out. Jesus heard they had turned him out, and when He had found him, said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He it is who speaks with you." And He said, "I believe, Lord." And falling down, he worshipped Him.

مقدمة الرسالة
أنت يا رب تحفظنا وتحمينا من هذا الجيل والى الدهر
خلصني يا رب فإن البأ قد فني لأن الحقيقة قد صغفت عند
بي البشر

أعمال الرسل (16: 16 - 34)
في تلك الأيام، فيما نحن الرسل ذاهبون إلى الصلاة، استقبلتنا جارية بها روح عرافة، وكانت تكسب موابها كسباً جزيلًا بعزافتها. فظفقت تمشي في إثر بولس وأثرنا وتصبح قائلة: هؤلاء الرجال هم عبيد الله العليّ، وهم يبشرونكم بطريق الخلاص. وفعلت ذلك أياماً كثيرة. وإذا صجر بولس، انفتحت وقال للروح: إني أمرك باسم يسوع المسيح أن تخرج منها. فخرج في تلك الساعة. فلما رأى موابها أنه قد ذهب رجاء مكسبهم، فقبضوا على بولس وسيلبا، وجرّوهما إلى السوق عند الحكام، وقدموهما للولاة قائلين: إن هذين الرجلين يبلبلان مدينتنا. وهما يهوديان، وتناديان بعبادات لا يجوز لنا قبولها ولا العقل بها إذ نحن رومانيون. فقام عليهما الجمع. ومثّق الولاة ثيابهما وأمرُوا أن يضربا بالعصي. ولمّا أخطوهما بالجراح، ألّفوهما في السجن، وأوضوا السجنان بأن يحرسهما بضبط. وإذا أوصى السجنان بمثل تلك الوصية، القاهما في السجن الداخلي، وضبط أرجلهما في المقطرة، وعند نصف الليل، كان بولس وسيلبا يصليان ويسبحان الله، والمخوسون يستمعونهما. فحدّثت بغتة زلزلة شديدة حتى ترعزعت أسس السجن، فانفتحت في الحال الأبواب كلها، وانفكت قيود الجميع. فلما استيقظ السجنان ورأى أبواب السجن مفتوحة، استل السيف وهم أن يقتل نفسه، نظّته أنّ المحبوسين قد هربوا. فتاداه بولس بصوت عال قائلًا: لا تفعل بنفسك سوءًا، فإننا جميعًا ههنا. فاستدعى بمصباح ووثب إلى داخل، ونحّر لبولس وسيلبا وهو مرتعد. ثم خرج بهما وقال: يا سيدي، ماذا ينبغي لي أن أصنع لأخلص؟ فقالا: آمن بالرب يسوع المسيح، فخلص أنت وأهل بيتك. ولبّاهما وجمعه من في بيته بكلمة الرب. فأخذهما في تلك الساعة من الليل، وغسل جراحهما، واغتمد من وقته، هو ودوّوه أجمعون. ثم أضعدهما إلى بيته، وقدم لهما مائدة، وابتهج مع جميع أهل بيته، إذ كان قد آمن بالله.

هللوا
ببِرّاحمك يا رب أرثم إلى الأبد، إلى جيل فيجيل أعلن حَقَّك بعمي
الأبّك قلت: إن الرحمة تُبني إلى الأبد، وفي السماوات يُنبت
حَقَّك.

الانجيل أحد الأعمى (الأحد السادس بعد الفصح)
في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مجتاز رأى إنساناً، أعمى منذ مولده. فسأله تلاميذه قائلين: يا معلم من أخطأ. أم أبواه حتى يولد أعمى؟ أجاب يسوع: لا هذا أخطأ ولا أبواه، لكن لتظهر أعمال الله فيه. ينبغي لي أن اعمل أعمال من أرسلني ما دام النهار. سيأتي الليل الذي لا يستطيع أحد فيه عملاً. ما دمتم في العالم فأن نور العالم، قال هذا وتقل على الأرض وضع من تملته طيناً وطلّى بالطين عيني الأعمى. وقال له: اذهب واغتسل في بركة سلوام - ومعنى الكلمة: المرسل - فمضي واغتسل وعاد بصيراً. فالجيران والذين كانوا يرونه قبل أعمى قالوا: ليس هذا هو الذي كان يجلس ويتوسل؟ فقال بعضهم: أنه هو. وقال آخرون: "I'm his brother." أما هو فكان يقول: أنا هو. فقالوا له: كيف انفتحت عينك؟ أجاب ذلك وقال: هذا الرجل الذي يقال له يسوع، صنع طيناً وطلّى عيني. وقال لي اذهب إلى بركة سلوام واغتسل. فمضيت واغتسلت فبصرت. فقالوا له: أين ذلك؟ فقال: لا أعلم. فأتوا بالذي كان قبل أعمى إلى الفريسيين. وكان حين صنع يسوع الطين وفتح عيني يوم سبت. فسأله الفريسيون أيضاً كيف أبصر. فقال لهم: جعل عليّ عيني طيناً واغتسلت فبصرت. فقال قوم من الفريسيين: هذا الرجل ليس من الله. لأنه لا يحفظ السبت. وآخرون قالوا: كيف يقدر رجل خاطئ أن يعمل مثل هذه الآيات؟ فوقع بينهم شقاق. فقالوا أيضاً للأعمى: أنت ماذا تقول عنه بما أنه فتح عينك؟ فقال إنه نبيّ ولم يصدق اليهود عنه أنه كان أعمى فأصر. حتى دعوا أبوي الذي أبصر، وسألوهما قائلين: هذا هو ابنكما الذي تقولان إنه ولد أعمى؟ فكيف أبصر الآن؟ فأجابهم أبواه وقالوا: نحن نعلم أن هذا ولدنا، وأنه ولد أعمى. وأما كيف أبصر الآن فلا نعلم. أو من فتح عينه فلا نعرف، وهو كامل السن فأسألوه، فهو يتكلم عن نفسه. قال أبواه هذا لأنهما كانا يخافان من اليهود. لأن اليهود كانوا قد تعاهدوا على أنه إذا اعترف أحد بأنه المسيح يخرج من المجمع. فلذلك قال أبواه إنه كامل السن فأسألوه. فدعوا الرجل الذي كان أعمى مرة ثانية وقالوا له: أعط مجداً لله، فإننا نعلم أن هذا الرجل خاطئ. فأجاب ذلك وقال: إن كان خاطئاً فلا أعلم إنما أعلم شيئاً واحداً هو أني كنت أعمى والآن أبصر. فقالوا له من جديد: ماذا صنع بك، كيف فتح عينك؟ أجابه قد أخبرتمكم قبلاً فلم تسمعوا فماذا تريدون أن تسمعوا أيضاً، العلكم تريدون أنتم أيضاً أن تصيروا له تلاميذ؟ فشمّوه وقالوا: أنت تلميذ ذلك. فأما نحن فإننا تلاميذ موسى. ونحن نعلم أن الله كلم موسى. فأما هذا فلم نعلم من أين هو. أجاب الرجل وقال لهم: إن في هذا لعجباً، أنكم لا تعرفون من أين هو وقد فتح عينيّ. ونحن نعلم أن الله لا يسمع للخطاة، ولكن إذا أحد أتى الله وعمل مشيئته فله يستجيب. ولم يسمع منذ الدهر أن أحداً فتح عيني من ولد أعمى. فلو لم يكن هذا من الله لما استطاع أن يفعل شيئاً. أجابوا وقالوا له: إنك بجملكم قد ولدت في الخطايا وأنت تعلمنا؟ فطردوه خارجاً. وسمع يسوع أنهم طردوه خارجاً، فوجده وقال له: أتؤمن أنت بأبن الله؟ فأجاب ذلك وقال: ومن هو سيد لأومنين به؟ قال يسوع: قد رأيت وهو الذي يكلمك فقال له أنا أومن يا رب، وسجد له.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND.

10:00 a.m.: ONE DIVINE LITURGY offered for the intentions of the **FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS.**

Prayer for the dead

O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: April 28, 2024: Budgets: \$2,321.00 (Envelopes: \$2,260.00; Loose: \$61.00); Candles: \$67.00; Stole offerings: \$650.00; Building Fund: \$80.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$237.00; Single Cemetery Lot: \$1,250.00; Cox Cable Reimbursement: \$1,374.58.

Father Ephrem has now been here almost four years come June 15, 2024, and has been fully available for parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES! A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact this New Year.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who is planning an ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy BEFORE reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE of any change of address or telephone number information. This will cut down on returned mail and time waste. Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing request but to no avail. Kindly give this your undivided attention and as Our Lord says in His parables: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION took place last Sunday, APRIL 28, **PRE-K** through **7th GRADE** FOLLOWING THE 9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY.

8th GRADE GRADUATION took place last Sunday today, April 28 at 9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY, REPLACING THE CUSTOMARY HOMILY WITH **NAJAT AL-KHOURY** PRESIDING.

END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Well, another successful year marks the closing of the 2023-2024 Religious Education Program. It is only fitting at this time to convey our deepest appreciation and thanks to Barbara Deeb, Thomas Soucar, Joseph Massud co-coordinators, and to Deacon Gilbert ex-officio member who shared his expertise with us when needed; all the teachers and their aides; the various committees and subcommittees, who play an important role in preparing for activities and various events; George Ghazal, whose charge was the Breakfast Club, and to all his co-workers in the kitchen for their weekly dedication and commitment; to the parents and their children; and to all those in some way or another have contributed and cooperated in making this past year an overwhelming success. Thank you to one and all!!! May Almighty God reward you a hundred-fold in return for your zeal, time, and dedication which you give to your community!
Gratefully yours: Fr. Ephrem, Fr. Joe, Deacon Edmond, Deacon Gilbert, and the Sunday School Staff

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
Holy Mother, I knock, I
seek, I ask that my prayer
be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most Holy
Mother, I humbly and
urgently ask your Father
in your name that my
prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the *Theotokos* Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.





SPECIAL SCHEDULE CHANGE: There will be **ONLY ONE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY, MAY 5, 10:00 A.M.** celebrated for the intentions of the **FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS.**

Congratulations and best wishes to these children on the reception of this Sacrament. Following Divine Liturgy, a reception will take place in the Cultural Center in their honor. We encourage and urge the entire Parish to attend.

GIRLS: Gabriella Baalbaki, Angelina Boutros.

BOYS: Rami Alchikh, London Latif, Gregory Richard, Chris Ziud

A VOCATION VIEW: Those who do not believe in the Son of God are blind. You have the power to give them sight by preaching the Gospel.

There will be a special collection today for the **UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE, & IMPROVEMENT OF THE CEMETERY.** Please be as generous as you can, and we thank you for your continued support in providing a peaceful resting place for our beloved deceased.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Saturday, May 4, 2024, Father Daniel Nassaney, a native son of our Parish, celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. We offer our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Father Dan, to his immediate family and to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. We thank God for the generous and selfless ministry to Mother Church, and the services he has rendered to our community. Many more blessed years filled with peace, health, and joy!

HOLY DAY: This Thursday, May 9th is the **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN.** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. in the Church on this day. We encourage and urge all parishioners to join us in this community liturgical service.

REFLECTION: "A crown's no cure for a headache." - English (On basic truths)

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
Holy Mother, I knock, I
seek, I ask that my prayer
be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most Holy
Mother, I humbly and
urgently ask your Father
in your name that my
prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the *Theotokos* Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.



SPECIAL SCHEDULE CHANGE



There will be **ONLY ONE DIVINE LITURGY** THIS

Sunday, MAY 5, 10:00 A.M.

celebrated for the intentions of the

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS

**Congratulations and best wishes to these children on the
reception of this Sacrament.**

Following Divine Liturgy, a reception will take place in the
Cultural Center in their honor.

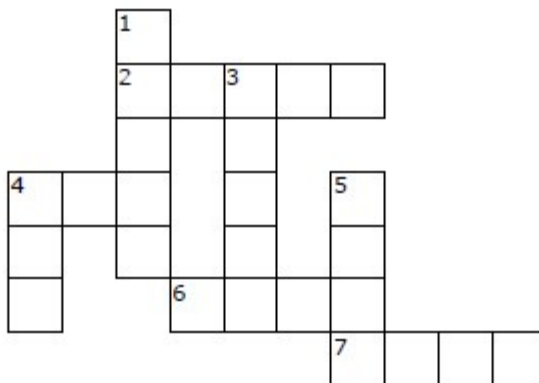
We encourage and urge the entire Parish to attend.



Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
4. An adult male human being
6. The two organs in your face which are used to see
7. To make someone well from a sickness or injury

DOWN

1. Unable to see
3. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
4. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
5. To clean something using water

LIGHT	BLIND	GLORY	MUD
WASH	EYES	MAN	HEAL

The miracle of sight



If we are sincere about asking God to “open our eyes,” to see as God sees, then we must also be willing to change the way we live our lives so that our lives reflect God’s point of view, and not ours.

Here’s an example of how life changes once you’re given a new perspective. How many of you wear glasses or contact lenses? Then you might know what I am talking about. When I was in the 6th grade, I got my first pair of glasses. When I stepped out of the doctor’s office into the parking lot, the first thing I saw was this tree. Now, I had never in my life seen a tree like that. Before I got the glasses, I thought trees were just blobs of green and brown and red and orange. Theoretically, I knew what a tree looked like. I could see leaves and bark and such. But after I saw them through my new glasses, I realized that a tree was more than just leaves and bark. The leaves had lines, and edges, and curves. There were birds in the trees that I could see. There were cracks and grooves in the bark that I had missed before.

Finally being able to see the detail, the intricacies of nature, and its true beauty is like how God sees each of us. In the first reading, God told Samuel that God doesn’t see as humans see. We can only see part of the picture, what’s on the outside of a person. But God sees deeper, into the heart of that person. God sees the fullness of that person’s potential. God sees that person’s intricate and detailed beauty.

How differently we would act if each time we encountered our co-workers or neighbors or people on the street, we saw Christ. How differently we would treat our parents, our children, our spouse, and our classmates, our friends, our enemies. How differently we would treat the people who sit around us in church, the people we see here every week but to whom we never talk, the people who don’t speak our language, the people who don’t look, act, or think the way we do. How differently we would treat the beggar, the homeless, the people we label as failure, as sinner, the people we label as conservative, liberal, gay, straight, too old, too young, too dark, too light, too smart, too dumb, too much of something that doesn’t fit our point of view. Imagine if each time we encounter each other, each time we speak with one another, we “see” Christ, we “hear” Jesus. How different our world would be.

Our Lord chooses to heal through the medium of mud. Ordinary mud, the stuff that we scrape off of our shoes, the stuff that we try to step over. Jesus took common dirt, mixed it with His own saliva and smeared it upon the blind man’s eyes. It all sounds very mysterious, and so it must have appeared to bystanders.

Then the impossible happens, and people don’t know what to think. Those who were Jesus’ enemies were prepared to condemn Him, the healed man, everything about the healing. It wasn’t the right time, right place, or right person. Our Lord’s friends were prepared to give thanks to God and to rejoice. We do not need to ask ourselves about which camp we are in. We are His friends, and need to become more

so. And the way to that deeper friendship is to consider how God acts in our lives, as He did in the life of the blind man.

This mud, this healing, tells us a lot about how God acts through the most ordinary and common things of life—even through things that we try our best to stay away from. Those are oftentimes God’s chosen instruments. This includes people, unpleasant situations, and so many other things over which we have no control. For us, too, it is not always the “right” time, place, or even the “right” person who might mediate God’s grace to us.

We have to remember that our lives are all about friendship with a God who became an ordinary man and lived most of his life in a most ordinary village, applying himself to the most humble occupations. He worked long hours and was paid for His labor. If we are always on the lookout for the extraordinary in religion we will only find what our imagination produces.

Sometimes people drive themselves crazy imagining all sorts of extraordinary things about themselves and others which simply have no basis in reality. Strong mental images and strong feelings do not change reality, and they do not prepare us to receive God’s intervention in our lives in the thousand and one humble ways that He chooses to make use of. This is why the advice of true mystics. The arena of Christian struggle and perfection, the venue of our spiritual growth, is the same earth upon which our Savior worked, prayed, preached, and suffered. As He enlightens us to see this, then our outlook becomes truly Christian, and we begin to look out for the divine in daily life. This blind man who found healing at the hands of Christ was not looking for it; that would have been most extraordinary and unusual. He was simply begging because he was, simply, blind. He was doing his best under the circumstances. And the Lord knew that and everything else about him and so chose him to receive this miracle that would lead to his confession of faith: “I do believe, Lord.”

And in the midst of the bustling Temple area, where people were going about their ordinary business, he fell down and worshipped his God. Jesus also wills to fill our eyes with this light, so that they open to this startling discovery of faith: In the Lord’s hands, the ordinary “clay” of daily life becomes a reason to believe.

Christ our God, Sun of Righteousness, by Your divine touch, You gave light to the eyes of the blind man, who had been deprived of light since his birth. Enlighten also the eyes of our souls, and make us sons and daughters of light, so that we may cry out to You in faith: great and beyond words is Your Compassion towards us, loving Lord, glory to you!

طريق الخلاص



يروى الإنجيل (را. يو 9، 1-14) حادثة الرجل الأعمى منذ ولادته، والذي أعاد إليه يسوع البصر. هذه المعجزة هي علامة تؤكد ما قاله يسوع عن نفسه: "أنا نور العالم" (الآية 5)، النور الذي ينير ظلماتنا. يعمل يسوع على مستويين: على مستوى الجسد والروح. إنه يمنح الأعمى أولاً أن يرى بعيني الجسد، ثم يقوده إلى الإيمان "بابن الإنسان" (الآية 35)، أي بيسوع. والآيات التي يصنعها ليست معجزات لإذهال الناس، بل تهدف إلى توصيلهم إلى الإيمان من خلال مسيرة تحوّل وتوبة في داخل النفس.

أصرّ الفريسيون وعلماء الشريعة على رفض الاعتراف بالمعجزة، وطرحوا أسئلة ماكرة على الرجل الذي شُفي. واجههم الأعمى بقوة الواقع: "أعرف أمراً واحداً: كنت أعمى والآن أنا أبصر" (آية 25). بين عدم الثقة والعداء في قلوب الذين يحيطون به ويسألونه وهم غير مؤمنين، بدأ الرجل الأعمى مسيرة حملته تدريجاً إلى اكتشاف هويته الشخص الذي فتح عينيه، وإلى الاعتراف والإيمان به. في البداية اعتبره نبيّ (الآية 17)، ثم اعترف به أنه رجل من عند الله (را. آية 33)؛ وأخيراً قبله على أنه المسيح وسجد له (را. الآيات 36-38). وفهم أن يسوع، إذ منحه البصر، "أظهر فيه أعمال الله" (را. الآية 3).

لينا نقوم نحن أيضاً بهذه الخبرة! بنور الإيمان، اكتشف الأعمى هويته الجديدة. إنه الآن "خليقة جديدة"، قادر على رؤية حياته والعالم من حوله في ضوء جديد، لأنه دخل في شركة مع المسيح. لم يعد متسولاً مهمشاً من قبل المجتمع؛ لم يعد عبداً للعمى وللأفكار المسبقة. مسيرة النور التي بدأها هي صورة ومجاز لمسيرة التحرر من الخطيئة التي نحن مدعوون إليها. تشبه الخطيئة حجاً مغطياً يغطي وجهنا ويمنعنا من رؤية أنفسنا والعالم بوضوح. المغفرة التي يمنحنا إياها الله تزيل ستار الظل والظلام وتمنحنا نوراً جديداً. ليكن الصوم الذي نعيشه الزمن المناسب والتمين للاقتراب من الرب يسوع، طالبين رحمته، من خلال طرق مختلفة تقترحها علينا الكنيسة الأم.

الرجل الأعمى الذي شُفي، والذي يرى الآن بعيني الجسد والروح، هو صورة لكل شخص معمد، غمرته النعمة، فبددت الظلمات فيه، ووضعت في نور الإيمان. لكن لا يكفي قبول النور. يجب أن نصير نوراً. كل واحد منا مدعو لقبول النور الإلهي وإظهاره في حياتنا كلها. قال المسيحيون الأوائل، ولاهوتيون القرون الأولى، أن جماعة المسيحيين، أي الكنيسة، هي "سر القمر"، لأنها تعطي النور، الذي ليس نورها، بل النور الذي تستقبله من المسيح. نحن أيضاً يجب أن نكون "سر القمر": لإعطاء النور الذي نقبله من الشمس، أي المسيح، الرب. يذكرنا بذلك القديس بولس اليوم بقوله: "سيروا سيرة أبناء النور. فإن ثمر النور يكون في كل صلاح وبر وحيق" (أف 5، 8-9). إن بذار الحياة الجديدة التي وضعت فينا في المعمودية هي مثل شرارة النار، التي تظهرنا أولاً، وتحرق الشر الذي في قلوبنا، ثم تسمح لنا بأن نشع ونضيء لغيرنا.

لنساعدنا مريم العذراء الكليّة القداسة لنقتدي بالرجل الأعمى الذي ذكره الإنجيل، حتى يغمرنا نور المسيح ونسير معه على طريق الخلاص.

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الأحد 22 مارس / آذار 2020

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

**This Sunday There is One Divine Liturgy at
10:00 am**

The Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$307,000



Contribution Ranges: \$20 to \$50,100

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 56%

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-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project initially completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, estimated cost of \$1,665.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



Parking Lot Sealing: Project completed at both Rectory & Church, final cost \$14,000.



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Power Washing/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



Security Cameras/Door Upgrades: Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Electrification of doorway proposal received, pending completion.



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,845. Additional upgrades are necessary.

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts, we do not expect everyone to support with the same amount...*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign, if you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

Jeff Boudjouk: 401-441-2737

Ann Sabbagh: 508-243-1190

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Join the Fellowship at St. Basil the Great for
PRAYER BOX
DECORATING

Join the spiritual experience on May 8 to surrender your thoughts, prayers, and cares to God. All are welcome for PRAYER BOX decorating on May 8, 6:30 pm. \$5 per box. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board! All arts and crafts will be provided. Optional: bring your own personal stencils, appliques, glue gun, glue sticks blow dryer (to dry the paint), or any other personal items.



Anyone interested in the Enders Island retreat day, on June 18th, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. There are only a few spots left. The cost is \$30 pp. Enders will be providing hotdogs, hamburgers, condiments, paper goods, water, and lemonade. Volunteers who wish to bring food or deserts please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Also, kindly see Judy Rawan or Christine Durnin with your payment or place it in the collection basket.

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