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Sunday, April 13, 2025
Holy & Blessed Palm Sunday
أحد الشعانين المبارك



The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9)

Sunday Apr. 13, 2025, Palm Sunday.



Liturgy Intentions

Sun. Apr. 13, 2025. Palm Sunday أحد الشعانين
9:30 AM: English Procession.

- +Theresa Torbay Mattar by Gracia Skaf & Family.
- +Sarah Jouki by Gracia Skaf & Family.
- +Nabil Saad by Fred & Nicole Hamway & Family.
- +Youssef, +Jeannette, +Maria & +Elias Skaf by their family.



+Fr. Peter Capucci.

11:30 AM: Arabic Procession

- +Elissar Sarkis by Sami Jbeil & Family
- +Stephanie Fren by her Family.
- +Salwa (Samaha) Zarzour by Checrallah Abi Chaker.
- +Sarah Jouki by Fred & Nicole Hamway & Family.
- +Nabil Saad by Claude & Joseph Ataya.
- +Jean Saroufim by Kenneth & Nayla Raffol.
- +Btlim Astlianids & +Costy Khoukaz by Mona Bekandi.
- +Stephanie Fren by her Family.
- +Joseph & +Thérèse ElKhoury by Their Family.
- +Marie Rose Aghia by Gracia Skaf & Family.
- +Fr. Ephrem Haddad.



Mon. Apr. 14, 2025.

7:00 PM: Bridgroom Service in English.

Tue. Apr. 15, 2025.

7:00 PM: Bridgroom Service in Arabic.

Wed. Apr. 16, 2025.

7:00 PM: Blessing of the Oil & Sacrament of Holy Anointing. Vespers Basil Liturgy for the institution of the Eucharist.

Thurs. Apr. 17, 2025 - Eve of Good Friday.

7:00 PM: Reading of the Passions, Gospels & Ceremony of Crucifixion.

Fri. Apr. 18, 2025.

3:00 PM: Vespers for the Descent from the Cross.

7:00 PM: Funeral Service of Our Lord and Matins of Holy Saturday.

Sat. Apr. 19, 2025.

5:00 PM: Vespers - St. Basil Liturgy (English)

9:00 PM: Hajmat, Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha (Arabic & some English)

- +Stephanie Fren by her Family.
- +Salwa (Samaha) Zarzour by Walid Samaha.

Sun. Apr. 20, 2025. Holy Pascha (Easter)- أحد الفصح

Hajmat and Divine Liturgy of Pascha (English) -

(No Orthros)

10:00 AM:

- +Nabil Saad by Fred & Nicole Hamay & Family.
- +Stephanie Fren by her Family.
- +Salwa (Samaha) Tony & Dr. Aida Hanna.
- +Sarah Jouki by Fred & Nicole Hamway & Family.
- +Nabil Saad by John & Astrid Hajjar.
- +Jean Saroufim by Camile Darling Rodriguez.
- +Btlim Astlianids & +Costy Khoukaz by Mona Bekandi.
- +Stephanie Fren by her Family.
- +Joseph & +Thérèse ElKhoury by Their Family.
- +Fr. Cyril Haddad
- +Fr. Michael Jolly.
- +Fr. Robert Kerby.
- +Fr. Theophan Leonarczyk.



Sunday Readings: Phil. 4:4-9, Jn. 12:1-18

Please pray for the health and divine protection of

Tony Abdi, Michele Domaney, Elizabeth Higgins, Saleem Ghazaleh, Daniel Jabbour, Harry McKannon, Teresa Mattar, Theresa Quinn, Jim Reardon, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal.

Parish Financial Support Apr. 6, 2025

(Weekly donations needed for budget: \$3,000)

Candles:	\$	118.00
9:30 Liturgy:	\$	1,871.00
11:30 Liturgy:	\$	675.00
Mail in:	\$	190.00
Memorials & Lit. Int. :	\$	850.00
Total:	\$	3,586.00

Many thanks to all of you for your weekly contributions. We depend greatly on your steady stewardship. God bless you for your generous support.



The Sanctuary Lamp
Keeps vigil this week for
Peace in the World

Please remember this in your prayers.

Fasting

Fasting for Holy Week

Strict Fast: No eating from midnight until noon Monday-Saturday and abstaining from all meat and dairy products and wine. Modified Fast: No eating from midnight until noon Thursday-Saturday and abstain from meat. Also, abstain from meat on Wednesday.

Kneeler Cushions

It was pointed out recently that some of the pads on the kneelers are ripped or otherwise worn out. 37 kneeling pads have now been replaced with new ones. If you see anything around our complex that needs attention, please let us know.

The Syrian Lebanese Women's Club of Greater Boston, are granting a college scholarship of \$1,000.00 to a high school female graduate of Syrian or Lebanese origin and residing in Massachusetts (50 mile radius of Boston). Applications are in the Narthex. The winner of the scholarship will be notified by May 13, 2025. Good Luck.

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday:

Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:

Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Feast Days:

Great Vespers: 7:00 p.m. Evening before Feast
Divine Liturgy: 7:00 p.m. Day of the Feast.

Holy Week Volunteers

We need volunteers in order to celebrate our beautiful and meaningful Holy Week Services.

-Decorators on Holy Friday morning to decorate the Tomb of Christ.

-Decorators on Holy Saturday morning to adorn the church for the resurrection.

-12 men for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday evening.

-6 families to hold candles during the reading of the Passion Gospels on Holy Thursday evening.

-16 men to carry the Epitaphios on Holy Friday Evening.
If you can help, please let Dr. Robert Moses know.

2025 MAYA Retreat

The national Melkite Association of Young Adults invites all youth ages 18-30 to join us for the annual summer retreat from **June 13th to June 15th**, held at Our Lady of Redemption Melkite Catholic Church in Warren, MI. The retreat is \$200 including meals and MAYA dues.

Retreat Registration link: [MAYA Retreat Registration](#)

Accommodations: There are a group of rooms blocked at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Warren for the retreat at a nightly group rate of \$129 (not including taxes/fees). You can call the hotel directly at 586-573-7600 and make the reservation with one of their front desk associates. Please make sure to mention your affiliation with Melkite Association of Young Adults Church Retreat June 2025. Or, you can book online using this link: [MAYA Retreat Hotel](#)

For information, please contact our board members:

Peter Sabak- petersabak1@gmail.com- 248-504-7859

Samia Shaheen - samiashaheen97@gmail.com- 216-317-5150

Retreat information website: [MAYA Retreat Website](#)

Eternal Memory: +Sally Sabino passed away last Thursday. Her wake will be on Holy Monday at Kfoury Funeral Home and the Funeral on Holy Tuesday at 10 AM in the cathedral. We give condolences to her family and friends.



Father Marwan : Bishop Francois has asked Father Marwan Koury to temporarily take care of the Melkite Community in Jacksonville, Florida. Abouna was there last Sunday and will be there for Palm Sunday and Pascha. After that, he will go there every two weeks. We wish him and the people of Jacksonville the best.

Remember Me In Your Kingdom: The Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (Apr. 23) at 7 PM.

God With Us +ONLINE+ is a collaborative outreach of the Eastern Catholic Bishops and eparchies of the United States to provide educational resources for the faithful in our Eastern Christian traditions. Go to [EASTERN CATHOLIC.ORG](#) to find many excellent talks, the opportunity to sign up for live educational webinars and other resources! *All resources are offered free of charge.*

HAPPY & BLESSED



On Bright Sunday, April 27, 2025, "Remember Me in Your Kingdom" Friends are having a delicious Lavish Breakfast, after both liturgies @ 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM. Donation Ticket \$25 for Adult & \$15 under 12 years child. For reservation:

Karen Tannous Njeim: (857) 222-9777,

Zeina Freiha (781) 789-0432.

Holy Land Collection : There will be a collection on Holy Friday evening, at the Funeral of Christ, to benefit the Christians of the Holy Land. Please be generous and donate that evening.

9:30 Coffee Hour: We are now in need of a coordinator and volunteers for the 9:30 AM Sunday Coffee Hour. The coffee needs to be made and the cheese and zatar breads cut. It would be best if there were 3-4 volunteers so as to rotate the responsibilities. Please let Father Philip know if you can help.

The **Building Committee** is working on a master plan for the maintenance of the parish plant. If you notice anything to repair, or think one project should take precedence over another, please let them know. The members are: Jeffrey Bashara, Alan Crede, Neil Foley and Ron Kfoury, email rk4e@aol.com.

The Building Committee is seeking two additional members, Must Possess basic understanding of building Maintenance & repair. Please contact Fr. Philip

Keep in touch with us!

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bostonmelkite.flocknote.com

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH: A successful parish is the parish that prays, not just at formal church services, but at home as well. Prayer keeps us connected to God and each other. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for people to pray for the parish. You sign up for the same date each month. If you sign-up for the 10th, then on Jan 10, Feb. 10 & March 10 etc... you would pray for the parish. You pray at home and remember the clergy, parishioners, parish activities, and groups. We all need each other's spiritual support. Please sign up so that not a day goes by when our parish is without prayer.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rector: Rt. Rev. Philip Raczka, PhD.
Weekend Ministry: Rev. Thomas Moses
Deacons: Rev. Deacon John Moses
 Rev. Deacon Ibrahim Zeinieh
 Rev. Subdeacon George Saikali
Administrative Assistant: Gracia Skaf

✠ **Sacramental Guidelines** ✠

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Before or after any service, or by appointment.
HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Please contact the clergy in advance to arrange for the required baptismal instructions.
HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING (Marriage): Please contact the clergy to arrange for the required interview and instructions.
HOLY MYSTERY OF ANOINTING (and Communion) OF THE SICK: Please contact the rectory to arrange a home or hospital visit.



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