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✠ 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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Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sunday of the Man Born Blind
 الأحد، 5 (أيار) مايو، 2024



المسيح قام! حقًا قام!
Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!



Liturgy Intentions

Sunday May 5, 2024. Sunday of the Man Born Blind

9:30 AM:

- +Jeanne (Naddaff) Handy by Clif & Lisa Johnson.
- +Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Dr. Robert Moses.
- +Rev. Basil Samra by his Family.
- +Fr. Antoine Sharkey.
- +Fr. Cyril Totongy.

11:30 AM:

- +Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Michel Gerges Dagher.
- +Fr. Joseph Simon.
- +Fr. Basil Marsha.

Wed. May 8, 2024– Feast of the Ascension.

7:00 PM: Vespers - Divine Liturgy.

Sat. May 11, 2024.

5:00 PM: Vespers.

Sunday May 12, 2024. Sunday of The Fathers of Nicea

9:30 AM:

- +Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Adel & Samar Mouawad.
- +Rev. Basil Samra by his Family.
- +Fr. John Haddad.
- +Fr. Lawrence Sawaya.

11:30 AM:

- +Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Patricia & Hani Moussallem.
- +OFM Cap Dn. Malachy McHugh.
- +Fr. Dominic Ledbetter.



Feast of the Ascension of Christ into Heaven

This Great Feast of Christ, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated with a Vespers-Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 PM. We look forward to seeing you in church.

May Rector's Committee Meeting

The Rector's Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. If you have any topics to discuss, please notify Father Philip or one of the members.

Annual Deacon Training Program

The Annual Deacon Training Program will be held from May 19-June 1 at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA. Father Philip will be teaching liturgical studies from May 20-24.

Sunday Readings: Acts. 16:16-34, Jn. 9: 1-38

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, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal, John Williams.

Parish Financial Support April 28, 2024

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

Candles:	\$	130.00
9:30 AM:	\$	1,759.00
11:30 AM:	\$	714.00
Mail. In:	\$	440.00
Memorial & int.:	\$	-.00
Total:	\$	2,913.00

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

All mothers & grandmothers

Please remember them in your prayers.

The Syrian Lebanese Women's Club of Greater Boston

(A Society of Arab-American Women).

Instructions for Scholarship Applications are now available in the Narthex.

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.

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday:

Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 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.

53rd National Melkite Catholic Convention

To be held July 4-7, 2024 at the Boston Marriott Quincy Hotel in Quincy.

Ads for the Convention Journal are due by **May 15**. Forms are in the narthex.

Registration deadline is June 1. Forms are in the narthex.

Hotel deadline is June 14.

Volunteers for the various committees are most welcome: Registration and Hospitality, Ad Book, Workshops and Liturgical Services and Chapel.

Next Committee Meeting will be May 12, at 10:30 in the Library.

Vocations Meetings for May

The Vocations Meetings for May will be on Wednesday, May 15 at 6 PM, and on Saturday, May 18 at 4 PM. You may attend the meeting date that is most convenient for you. Thanks to Deacon John Moses for leading these meetings.

Ordination Anniversary

Father Philip will have his 44th Ordination Anniversary on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. He requests your prayers for his continued good health and ministry.

Remember Me In Your Kingdom: The Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (May 15) at 7 PM.

Keep in touch with us!

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Paschal Customs of the Melkite Church, which originated in the Early Church

1. We always greet each other saying: Christ is risen. He is truly risen.
2. All prayers, both public and private, begin and end with the Paschal Troparion: *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.*
3. There is no kneeling, we pray standing or sitting.
4. There is no fasting, even on Friday.

Happy Pascha!

CHRIST IS RISEN!
He is truly Risen!
We adore His Resurrection!
on the 3rd Day!!!

Away for a Lecture Series: Father Philip will be at St. Elias Melkite Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio from May 6-10. He will deliver a series of lectures on the meaning of the Divine Liturgy. During his absence Father Thomas Moses will care for the parish.

Luncheon to honor all mother's on May 5, 2024, @ 1PM

Tickets \$50 Adult & \$20 Children 12 & Under @ our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon, 61 Rockwood St. JP 02130. Pls. Call:

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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.