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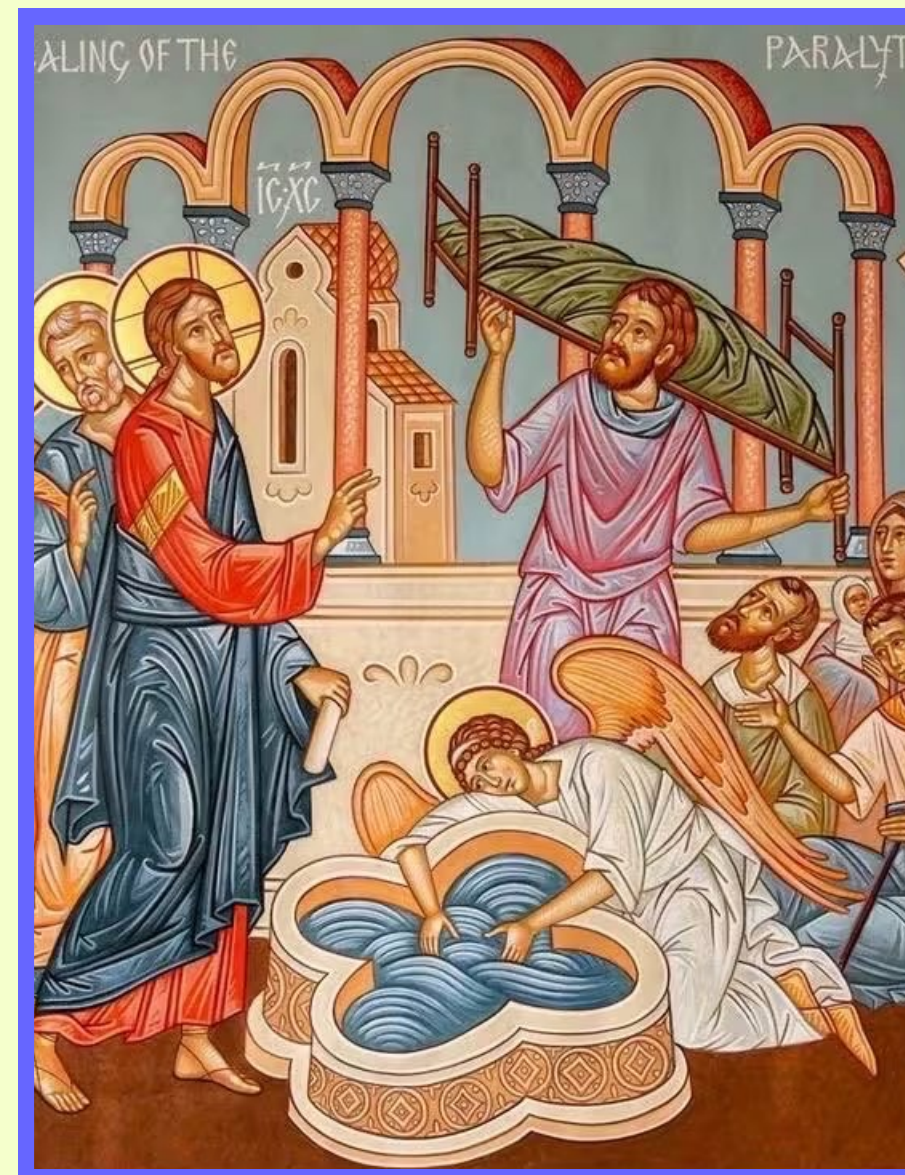
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Sunday, April 21, 2024
 Sunday of the Paralytic
 الأحد، 21 نيسان (ابريل)، 2024



المسيح قام! حقًا قام!

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!



Liturgy Intentions

Sunday Apr. 21, 2024. Sunday of the Paralytic.

9:30 AM:

For all considering a vocation to serve the church, and for all clergy and monastics.
+Jeanne (Naddaff) Handy by Claire DeBlois-Murtaugh
+Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Michael & Najwa Awad & Family.

+Rev. Basil Samra by his Family.
+Archdeacon Elias Sahyouni.

11:30 AM:

For all considering a vocation to serve the church, and for all clergy and monastics.
+Salime (Azzi) Homsy by the Lebanese-Syrian Ladies Aid Society..
+Layla (Khayat) Azzi by Suzanne (ElKhoury) Nasr & Family.

+Fr. Michael Jolly.

Wed. Apr. 24, 2024.

7:00 PM: Midweek Divine Liturgy.

Sat. Apr. 27, 2024.

5:00 PM: Vespers.

Sunday Apr. 28, 2024. Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

9:30 AM:

+Jeanne (Naddaff) Handy by Sandra Eknoian.
+Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Melhem Lutfi & Family.
+Rev. Basil Samra by his Family.
+Fr. John Leonard.

11:30 AM:

+Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Michel Metri Melhem.
+Layla (Khayat) Azzi by Suzanne (ElKhoury) Nasr & Family.

+Fr. Robert Kerby.

+Fr. Theophan Leonarczyk.



Spiritual Evening

Everyone is invited to a spiritual evening on Tuesday, April 23. At 7 PM there will be a supper followed by a talk on the Divine Liturgy by Father Thomas Moses. This event is sponsored by "Remember Me in Your Kingdom."

Sunday Readings: Acts. 9:32-42, Jn. 5: 1-15.

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 14, 2024

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

Candles:	\$ 89.00
9:30 AM:	\$ 1,490.00
11:30 AM:	\$ 716.00
Mail. In:	\$ 400.00
Memorial & int.:	\$ -.00
Total:	\$ 2,606.00

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 Vocations around the world
Please remember that 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.

Patriarch Joseph Absi will be present for the Convention along with other bishops.

Ads for the Convention Journal are due by May 1. 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 April 21, at 10:30 in the Library.

Patriarchal Visit

We are very happy to announce that His Beatitude Patriarch Joseph Absi will be in Boston for the National Melkite Convention. On Sunday, July 7, the Patriarchal Liturgy will be served at the hotel and there will be no Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral. All parishioners should go to the hotel for the liturgy. During his stay the Patriarch will be at the hotel, and participate in all of the Convention activities. He will not be available for other activities.

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!!!**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations:

Sunday, April 21, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On that Sunday people from all over the world will be praying for vocations to the clergy and the monastic life. We will pray in church and ask everyone to pray at home as well. May the Lord send laborers into his Vineyard.

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.