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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.  
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Sunday, April 7, 2024  
 Sunday of St. Thomas  
 الأحد، 7 نيسان (ابريل)، 2024 - احد توما




المسيح قام! حقًا قام!

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!




## Liturgy Intentions

**Sunday Apr. 7, 2024. Sunday of St. Thomas.**

**9:30 AM:**  
Health of Lorraine Byda by her Family.   
+Jeanne Handy (40 Day) Memorial Service  
by her Family.  
+Salime (Azzi) Homsey by Eloie & Guiwa Lakkis.  
+Dr. Ned & +Elizabeth Saliba by Roberta Williams.  
+Rev. Basil Samra by his Family.  
+Fr. Peter Capucci.

**11:30 AM:**  
+Salime (Azzi) Homsey by Lea Bellan & Sylva Metri.  
+Layla (Khayat) Azzi  
by Dr. Rizkalla & Constance Mouchati.  
+Joseph ElKhoury by Suzanne Nasr & Family.  
+Roula Hanna by Suzanne Nasr & Family.  
+Fr. Lucien Malouf.

**Wed. Apr. 10, 2024.**   
**7:00 PM:** Midweek Divine Liturgy.

**Sat. Apr. 13, 2024.**  
**5:00 PM:** Vespers.

**Sunday Apr. 14, 2024. Sunday of Ointment Bearing Women.** 

**9:30 AM:**  
Health of Lorraine Byda by her Family.  
+Salime (Azzi) Homsey by Eloie & Guiwa Lakkis.  
+Rev. Basil Samra by his Family.  
+Fr. Niholas Borkhoche.  
**11:30 AM:**  
+Salime (Azzi) Homsey by Lea Bellan & Sylva Metri.  
+Joseph ElKhoury by Therese ElKhoury & Family.  
+Layla (Khayat) Azzi  
by Therese El Khoury & Family.  
+Fr. Cyrill Haddad.



**Sunday Readings: Acts. 5:12-20, Jn. 20: 19-31.**

**Please pray for the health and divine protection of**  
Tony Abdi, Lorraine Byda, Michele Domaney, Elizabeth Higgins, Saleem Ghazaleh, Daniel Jabbour, Harry McKannon, Theresa Quinn, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal, John Williams.

**Parish Financial Support March 31, 2024**  
(Weekly donations needed for budget: \$3,000)

<b>Candles:</b>	\$ 505.00
<b>Holy Fri. Mar. 29:</b>	\$ 1,926.00
<b>Sat. Mar. 30 5:00 PM:</b>	\$ 295.00
<b>Sat. Mar. 30 9:00 PM:</b>	\$ 1,344.00
<b>Sun. Mar. 31, 10:00 AM:</b>	2,224.25
<b>Mail. In:</b>	\$ 415.00
<b>Memorial &amp; int.:</b>	\$ 390.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,594.25</b>

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  
**+Jeanne (Naddaff) Handy**  
Please remember her in your prayers.

### Rector's Committee

The April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 PM via Zoom.



**+Jeanne (Naddaff) Handy (40 Day)** Memorial Service is today in the Cathedral on April 7, 2024, @ 9:30 AM. Our condolences to her family, friends and parishioners. She will be missed always at the Church.  
**May her Memory be Eternal.**

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.

### Monthly Vocations Meetings

The April Meetings will be on Wednesday, April 17 at 6 PM and Saturday, April 20 at 4 PM. Those interested can choose to attend either meeting.

**Holy Land 2nd Collection Friday Mar. 29, 2024**  
**\$1,334.00**  
Thanks for your generosity.



Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the family of +Jeanne Handy.

**May her Memory be Eternal**

## Thank you

Many thanks to all who helped, who came and who donated to make the Lenten Supper a great success

Lenten Supper: **\$12,485.-**

Proceeds to the charitable fund of the church.

Kaak : **\$1,255**

Proceeds to the NAMW for Seminarians.

## Easter flowers' net income

**\$ 2,292.45**

Thank you for your Generosity

### 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.

### Many Thanks:

We thank everyone who helped with the Holy Week celebrations: Singers, servers, ushers, decorators, volunteers for special rolls, and those who donated Easter Eggs. Our celebrations are beautiful because everyone joins in and does their part.

**Remember Me In Your Kingdom:** The Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (Apr. 17) at 7 PM.

### Keep in touch with us!

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## 53 Annual Melkite Catholic Convention:

The 53 Annual Melkite Catholic Convention will be sponsored by the Cathedral on July 4-7, 2024 at the Boston Marriott Quincy Hotel in Quincy. Now is the time to sign up for the various Convention Activities. Forms are in the narthex of the church. Now is also the time to place an Ad in the Convention Journal. Forms are in the narthex of the church. The profit from the Ad Journal is for the parish. Please help us make it a success.

## Melkite Convention Committees are:

Registration and Hospitality, Ad Book, Workshops, and Liturgical Services and Chapel. Please volunteer if you are interested, April 21, 10:30 AM it will be a meeting.



Please join us on the occasion of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
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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.