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Sunday February 22, 2026

Sunday of the Orthodoxy

الأحد 22 شباط، 2026 - أحد الأرثوذكسي



Forgiveness

Repentance

Confession

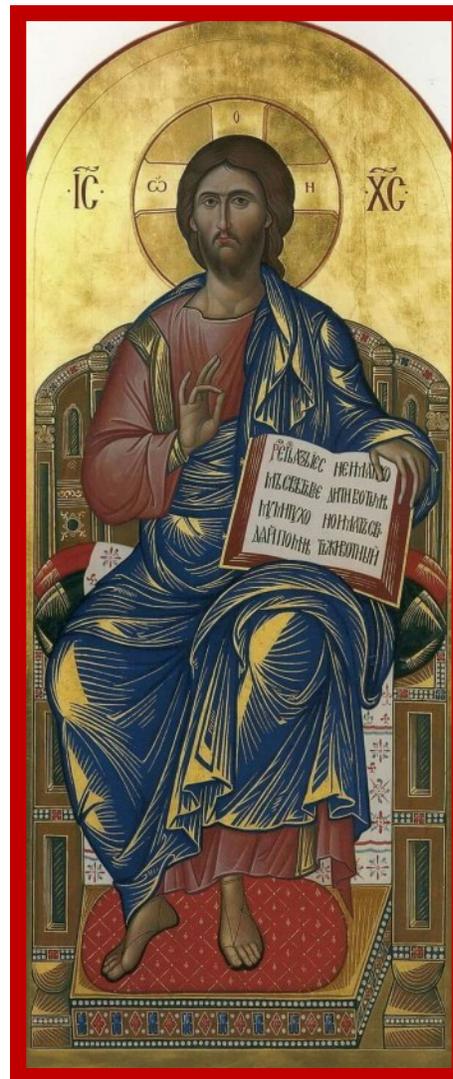
Prayers

Fasting

Kindness

Almsgiving

Self control



And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."
(Jn. 1:51)



Liturgy Intentions

Sun. Feb. 22, 2026. Sunday of The Orthodoxy

8:45 a.m.: Orthros 8:00 a.m.: Confession

9:30 a.m.: Divine Liturgy

+George & +Victoria Hamway by the Hamway Family.

+Eugenia Dolabany by her Family.

+Tony Perfetti by James & Gale Habib.

+Edmond Moussally by Gracia Skaf & Family.

+George N. Chahine by his Family.

+Amal Abu Farah.

+Elias Yousef Skaf (3 Yrs.) by his Family.

+Fr. Athanasius Simon.

11:30 a.m.

+Mary Gerjus Mansour by her Family.

+Btlim Astlianids & +Costy Khoukaz by Bekandi Family.

+Thérèse & +Joseph ElKhoury by their Family.

+Archbishop Joseph E. Tawil.

Wednesday. Feb. 25, 2026.

7:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy.

+Edmond Moussally by Lori Lousararian.

Thursday. Feb. 26, 2026.

7:00 p.m.: Compline Prayers.

Friday. Feb. 27, 2026.

7:00 p.m.: Akathist Prayers.

Sat. Feb. 28, 2026.

5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers. **5:30 p.m.:** Confession.

Sun. Mar. 1, 2026. Sunday of The Holy Relics & Saint Gregory Palamas.

8:45 a.m.: Orthros 8:00 a.m.: Confession

9:30 a.m.: Divine Liturgy

+Tony Perfetti by Linda Eknoian.

+Edmond Moussally by Betty Tamer.

+George N. Chahine by John & Fida Ataya.

+Fr. Elie Antoun.

11:30 a.m.

+Mary Gerjus Mansour by her Family.

+Btlim Astlianids & +Costy Khoukaz by Bekandi Family.

+Thérèse & +Joseph ElKhoury by their Family.

+Fr. Philip Azoon.



+Antoun (Tony) Y. Abdi Passed away peacefully on Feb. 17, 2026 surrounded by his Family. His wake and funeral were here at Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral. We extend our condolences to his wife Gourget and his Family and Friends.

May his Memory be Eternal

AABA Trivia Night!

\$30 a Person or \$100 for a Team of 4.

Registration includes 1 free drink ticket & shared desserts

Friday Feb. 27. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Trivia 7-10 PM
St. George Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Rd. W. Roxbury
Dollar Pizza Slices 7 Cash prizes! Visit AABAUSA.org to register.

Our Lady of the Cedars 61 Rockwood Street, JP, MA 02130
Are having their **annual Lenten Supper on Sat. March 21, 2026.**
Please join after the 5:00 Liturgy. The Lenten Meal is sponsored by The Daughters of Our Lady of the Cedars, an The Sain Maron's Societies. To reserve Camile Darling 617 335 7705, Elizabeth Eblan 617 435 3801 Jeymie Ayoub 857 389 1239 Tina Hajjar 617 501 4120 Samir Farah 617 909 1471 Adult \$40 & Child (4-12) \$20 (At the door Adult \$50 & Child \$25)

Sunday Readings: Heb. 11:24-40, Jn. 1:43-51

Please pray for the health and divine protection of

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

O, Lord safeguard the fullness of your Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of your house,
يا رب أحفظ كمال كنيستك و قدس المحبين بهاء بيتك
Cathedral Restoration Fund, up to date is \$32,770.21. We appreciate and thank all who donated and who are willing to donate, we will keep you posted for all intended restoration to be done in the near future. God Bless all who are helping!

To Donate online: bostonmelkite.org/give



The Sanctuary Lamp

Keeps vigil this week all Parishioners Good Health
Please remember them in your prayers.

Divine Liturgies and all Church's Services Live Stream at bostonmelkite.org/zoom-liturgy

Saturday, March 21, 2026 - Do you long for your loved ones to find their way back to Church?

Are you unsure how to help them? Or are you unsuccessful in inspiring your loved ones to return? In this Lenten Mission, we will discover the path to return to God through the prayers of Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. And we will begin to study and discuss the book, "Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to Church" where Brandon Vogt explores the many reasons young people have left the Church and the most common ways young people return. Together, you will gain the tools you need to be more effective in proclaiming the love and mercy of God to those most important to you. Looking forward to seeing you on March 21, 2026. Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral with Remember Me in Your Kingdom, present the 2026 Lenten Mission: **"Return: Drawing Our Loved Ones Back to Church"** Speakers: Fr. Thomas A. Moses & Fr. Marwan El Khoury. Beginning with Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A light lunch will be served and childcare will be available
Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral Church Hall
7 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132

To RSVP, call Roberta Williams 617-908-4230 or Zeina Freiha 781-789-0432

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

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

Wednesday:
Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
Confession 5:30 p.m.

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

Men's Retreat: My Body Eternal

Join St. Peter Parish Men's Council for a men's retreat that invites you to take the hope of bodily resurrection seriously even now. Through reflection, prayer, and fellowship you'll prepare yourself to experience Pascha like never before. Scholarships are available. March 20-22, 2026
Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, North Andover, MA
Bede Benjamin Bidlack, Retreat Master
Questions: bede.bidlack@proton.me
Registration: jgrace_SPP26@yahoo.com



LENTEN SEASON 2026

During the Great Fast in 2026, we are encouraged to engage in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as part of our spiritual journey. We will post the Holy Week prayers services soon.

Let us encourage each other to Fast and Pray and help the less fortunate.

Sunday, February 15 @ 7:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers
Wednesday, February 18 @ 7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday February 19 @ 7:00 p.m. Great Compline
Friday, February 20 @ 7:00 p.m. Akathist followed by Potluck Dinner & Movie

In the following weeks:

Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18 @ 7:00 p.m.
Presanctified Liturgy, followed by spiritual discussion.
Thursdays, February 26, March 5, 12, 19 @ 7:00 p.m. Great Compline/Presanctified Liturgy
Fridays, February 27, March 6, 13, 20, @ 7:00 Akathist followed by Potluck Dinner & Movie
Wednesday, March 25 @ 7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation

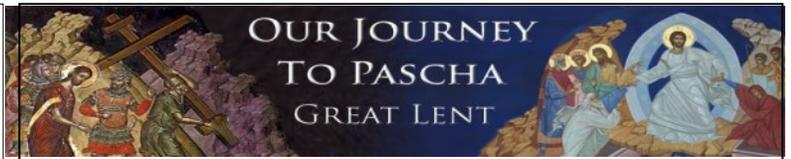
Friday, March 27 @ 5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the Raising of Lazarus followed by the Lenten Supper from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are available you can get them either by calling the office or at the Coffee Hour. Adult = \$50 Kids 95-12) = \$25

Everyone is welcome to the coffee hour at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.



Coffee Hour: Our coffee hour, following the first liturgy and another following the second liturgy, are based on a volunteer system for different families to host the coffee hour each week. This encourages greater participation and increased options parishioners have to enjoy after the liturgy. We thank all the families that have, so far, hosted coffee hour. If you would like to participate, please see Roberta Williams (1st Liturgy) or Claude Ataya (2nd Liturgy) for more information. We encourage anyone to participate and bring their ideas or requests.

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 <https://godwithusononline.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.*



The Great Fast (Lent) is a journey, a time of preparation, and an opportunity to enter a deeper union with Jesus Christ. The Great Fast prepares us to celebrate the Feast of Feasts (Pascha, Easter) through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are not ends in themselves, they are not the goal. The goal is union with God and life lived in Christ. Our aim to achieve our goal is to increase our love for God and neighbor. The way we will accomplish our aim and achieve our goal is through purity of heart.

And lastly, the tools we have to purify our hearts, increase our love for God and neighbor and enter a mystical union with Our Lord, is to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during the Great Fast.

In this way, on Pascha (Easter Sunday), we will joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Then, year after year, fasting and feasting again and again, we will grow closer and closer to Our Lord, and enter more deeply into the Kingdom of Heaven, the Garden of Eden, through the Sacred Mysteries

Cathedral Restoration Fund: A special designated fund, called the Cathedral Restoration Fund, was established and set aside for non-recurring maintenance, repairs, renovations, and upgrades of the church building, rectory, Sunday school classrooms, kitchen, and hall. Your gift will help us plan and budget to preserve and restore the beauty of God's house. Many thanks to all who have started to donate to this fund.



Remember Me In Your Kingdom: The Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (Feb. 18) at 7 p.m.

Spiritual Night on Feb. 24, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT THEOTOKOS TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:
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

✠ Sacramental Guidelines ✠

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 Subdeacon George Saikali

Administrative Assistant: Gracia Skaf

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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