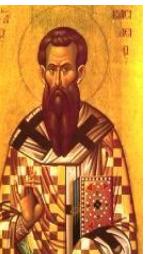


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SUNDAY 15TH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS
Saturday, January 25 & Sunday, January 26, 2020



WEEKLY SERVICES

Daily Liturgy: Monday-Friday at 8:30AM

Holy Liturgy: Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 11:00AM

Matins/Orthos: Every Sunday at 9:00AM

Holy Confession: Every Monday at 4-6PM

Vespers: Every Saturday at 3:00PM

Holy Rosary: Every Sunday at 10:30AM

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for our convalescing friends, including Archdeacon George Yany, Nadia Casab, Wael and his son Jordan Barahmeh, Eugene Hutchinson, Maggy Atallah, Nancy Gazzal, Rose Pawlinga and Jean Benoit. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection Jan. 18/ 19: \$ 221.00

St. Pauly Textile: \$ 00.00

Fuel Donation: \$ 00.00

Memorial Offering: \$ 20.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

† **Joseph Nassimos**, By the Astour Family

† **Michael Klockowski**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

† **Salwa Atallah- Hamati**, By Gloria Shaheen

† **Joseph Nassimos**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

† **Pierre Kawam**, 17th memorial Anniversary, By his Family

NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

† **Joseph Nassimos**, By the Astour Family

† **Michael Klockowski**, By the Zaloom Family

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

† **Joseph Reesh**, By Virginia Lynch & her Family

*** ANNOUNCEMENT ***

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Mon February 3, 6:30 PM, Rectory Meeting Rm

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

The annual Bishop's Appeal is an essential way in which our parish fulfills its duty to our larger Melkite family throughout the U.S. Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas asks every Melkite household in the U.S. to give **at least \$100-\$200 each year** to support our Eparchy in America. By contributing to the Appeal, each of us responds to Christ's call to support our Church and helps to fund its vital works, such as: publishing **SOPHIA** magazine; supporting our seminarians for the Priesthood and Diaconate; providing for our elderly priests; teaching the Faith to our children and young adults; establishing/supporting new missions and outreaches.

Those who give a gift of \$1000 or more will be automatically enrolled in the Order of Saint Nicholas, the charitable society of our Eparchy.

It is the holy obligation of every member of our parish to support our Church as you are able. Please send your gift today. May God bless your generosity.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Today we consider **Reading** to be a private activity for individuals. This has not always been so. Before the mass production of texts became possible in the fifteenth century, public reading of important documents and religious texts was the only way most people had access to them. The reading of the Scriptures in the Liturgy is perhaps the last survival of what was much more common practice.

In current Byzantine practice, the entire New Testament (except for the Book of Revelation) is read publicly at the daily Divine Liturgy each year. During the Great Fast, the Old Testament books of Isaiah, Genesis and Proverbs are read at the daily offices.

The term **Exhortation** in our English translation of the Scripture is a rendering of the Greek word *paraklesei*. We find the same word in the term for the Holy Spirit, *Paraclete* (the Consoler or Comforter), and in the Service of *Paraklisis* (Consolation), with which we may be familiar. Here it refers to the bishop's duty to support believers in their struggles to live the Christian life, including those who have fallen.

The third-century Syrian text, the *Teaching of the Apostles*, holds up Christ's way of exhorting His hearers as the model for the bishop to follow: "For as a wise and compassionate physician He was healing all, and especially those who were gone astray in their sins; for *"those who are whole have no need of a physician, but those who are sick"* (Mt 9:12). You, O bishop, have become the physician of the Church as well; do not, therefore, withhold the cure whereby you may heal those who are sick with sins, but by all means cure and heal, and restore them sound to the Church" (2:20).

The third activity St Paul mentions here is **Teaching** (in Greek, *didaskaleia*), meaning specifically instruction in the true doctrine of the Gospel in an age of competing teachers and sects. In 2 Tm 4:15, St Paul describes this activity as "*rightly handling the word of truth*," a phrase which has been incorporated into our Divine Liturgy.

One early witness to the importance of Bible Teaching is the early third-century *Apostolic Tradition* of Hippolytus, describing the Roman practice of the day. "The faithful, as soon as they have wakened and gotten up, before they undertake any tasks, shall wash their hands and then pray to God, and then hasten to their work. If there is any instruction in the word of God that day, everyone ought to attend willingly, recollecting that he will hear God speaking through the teacher...any godly man ought to count it a great loss if he does not attend the place of instruction, especially if he can read." (*JanLeaflets2020*)