

*From the Fathers*

*The perfect person does not only try to avoid evil. Nor does he do good for fear of punishment, still less in order to qualify for the hope of a promised reward.*

*The perfect person does good through love.*

*His actions are not motivated by desire for personal benefit, so he does not have personal advantage as his aim. But as soon as he has realized the beauty of doing good, he does it with all his energies and in all that he does.*

*He is not interested in fame, or a good reputation, or a human or divine reward.*

*The rule of life for a perfect person is to be in the image and likeness of God.*

+ Clement of Alexandria



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 27, 2021**



**JESUS HEALING THE GERASENE DEMONIAIC**

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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

### Antiphon (3rd)

1: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior.

**O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.**

2: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

**Khallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka.**

**Haleloueya.**

3: For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

**O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.**

### Entrance Hymn

**Priest:** Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

**People:** **O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.**

### Resurrection Troparion (Tone 4) pg. 40

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy.”

### Patronal Troparion (Tone 1) pg. 15

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

### Kondakion (Tone 2) pg. 16

O never-failing Protectress of Christians, and their ever-present Intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you

### Last Week's Collection

Regular	\$ 1,040
Candles	\$ 24
Flowers	\$ 25
Coffee Hr	\$ 17
Total	\$ 1,106

**God bless you for your generosity!**

### SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection this morning for the Holy Father. This is one of several extra collections we are required to take during the year.

**Please be as generous as possible.**

### PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to form a Parish Council this fall. It is an important part of parish life. For a parish of our size, I think nine people will be enough, at least to begin. We will elect six members and I will appoint three. Currently, we have both a Finance & Building committee. Each of these committees will have a representative on the Council.

We will have an election this Fall. If you are interested in serving on the Council or want to nominate someone, please let me know. The election will take place in late September.

Please remember that the Parish Council, like all of the councils, is an advisory body. It's purpose is to advise the pastor on elements of church life, not to set policy for the parish. It is not a governing body. Problems often arise when that distinction is not understood by all, including the pastor.



### DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Today** +**Nicholas & Theodora Barouk.** Requested by Michael & Virginia Mischitelli and Antonio & Karen Solitro  
+**Honorary Consul Ibrahim Hanna**
- July 4** +**Annie & Salim Abraham.** Requested by Ron Abraham
- July 11** +**Habib & Mariam Rahall, William & Bertha Rahall, Reeks & Rahall Families.**  
Requested by Nick Rahall and Family
- July 18** +**Saadallah al Kateb.** Requested by Laurence & Saimon Aulo and Family

Today's flowers were donated by Antonio & Karen Solitro in memory of Nicholas & Theodora Barouk and Joe and Bonnie Najemy in memory of Robert & Alice Najemy, Carol Liddy, and Patricia Cronican.

### **Summer Liturgical Schedule**

- Mon June 28, 6PM** - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul
- Mon July 19, 6PM** - Vespers for the Feast of St. Elias followed by blessing of cars
- Wed Aug 4, 6PM** - Paraclisis
- Fri Aug 6, 6PM** - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration followed by blessing of grapes
- Wed Aug 11, 6PM**- Paraclisis
- Sun Aug 15, 10AM** - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

As you know, we were not able to have our Picnic last year due to the pandemic. I would like to try to have something this Fall. It doesn't have to be on the same scale. I was thinking of several things: We could have a simpler version of the Picnic or a Take-Out Food Fair. Someone also mentioned a Memorial Service for all the loved ones we lost during the pandemic followed by a luncheon. We would charge a minimal amount for the luncheon, which would be catered. That gives everyone a chance to enjoy the event. If we make a little profit, that's great, but the primary purpose is to welcome everyone back to the parish. As I have said several times, you are missed!

If you have some other ideas or would like to help with one of the above possible events, please call, text, or email me. My contact information is on the first page of the bulletin. **We will have a planning meeting in July.**

I have cut back on mailing out the Bulletin. Currently, I am mailing out approximately 20 to parishioners I know who do not have email or can't get to church. If you know someone who would like the Bulletin and is not receiving it either in the mail or via email, please let me know and I'll send them a copy.

### **Collection Envelopes**

If you are not currently receiving collection envelopes and would like to, please let me know. I now have online access to the list our envelope company has and can easily add you.

### **Memory Eternal**

**Honorary Consul Ibrahim Hanna fell asleep on June 18. As you may know, he was also the founder of Cedar's Foods. His funeral was yesterday at St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church in Lawrence. You can read his obituary at [Ibrahim Hanna Obituary \(1934 - 2021\) - Salem, NH - Union Leader \(legacy.com\)](#).**

## COFFEE HOUR

The Coffee Hour is back. We are keeping it simple. I would like a different family to host the coffee hour each week. This includes setting up, buying some sort of food (bagels, pastries, fruit, etc.), making the coffee and cleaning up after. Going forward, the parish will provide the coffee, milk/cream and drinks from the donations we receive. If there is a mercy meal after a memorial Divine Liturgy, the family of the deceased should host the coffee hour, provide the food, and clean up.

This is an act of love for your brothers and sisters in the parish. The Coffee Hour is a time for us to visit and share with each other what's going on in our lives. There is a sign up sheet on the table with the food, so that you have the opportunity to host the coffee hour. We have volunteers to host through August 1.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and help!

**This morning's coffee hour is hosted by Tony & Karen Solitro**

**Next week's coffee hour is hosted by Maria Filewicz**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I would like to start religious education this fall for adults and children. We will use diocesan resources for the children. For the adults, we will discuss different aspects of our Faith. If there is anything you want to know more about, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I believe that our Byzantine music is also part of religious education, so I plan to have regular music sessions so that those who want to become more familiar with our music have that opportunity. We will begin with the music for the Divine Liturgy and then move on to feast day and other music. I hope you will be able to join us!

There will be more to come during the summer.

## Prokimenon

**Reader:** How great are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You have wrought them all.

**People:** How great are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You have wrought them all.

**Verse:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

**People:** How great are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You have wrought them all.

**Reader:** How great are Your works, O Lord!

**People:** In wisdom You have wrought them all.

## Epistle: Rom 10:1-10

### Alleluia Verses

String Your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and Your right hand shall lead You wonderfully.

**Verse:** You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed You with the oil of joy above your companions.

## Gospel: Mt 8:28-34; 9:1

