



## INSTALLATION AND ENTHRONEMENT

of the **MOST REV. FRANCOIS BEYROUTI**  
6th EPARCHIAL BISHOP OF NEWTON

## GRAND BANQUET

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

following the 2 PM Divine Liturgy

Annunciation Melkite Greek Catholic Cathedral

7 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132

**Tickets - \$75.00 per person**

Make checks payable to "Diocese of Newton"

Kindly remit reservations and payment  
before October 10th to:

Grand Banquet

Diocese of Newton

3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**





**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Melkite Catholic Church**  
256 Hamilton St.  
Worcester, MA 01604  
Rectory: (508) 752-4174 Hall: (508) 755-2199  
Email: olphmelkite@gmail.com  
Rev. Bryan McNeil, Pastor  
Email: Brymc56@comcast.net Cell: (978) 314-1962  
Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

### **Antiphon (Feast)**

1. The Lord swore to David's firm promise from which He will not withdraw.  
*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*
2. Your own Offspring I will set up on Your throne.  
*Be shafa'ati Walidatil Eelah, ya Mukhallisu, khallisna.*
3. The Lord has chosen Zion: He prefers her for His dwelling.  
*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

### **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!

### **Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5) pg. 40**

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation, for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

### **Troparion of the Feast (Tone 4)**

Your Nativity, O Mother of God, heralded joy to the whole universe, for from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, taking away the curse, He imparted the blessings, and by abolishing Death, He gave us everlasting Life.

### **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 of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)**

Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, celebrate your birth crying out to you: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!"

## **Hymns of Mary's Nativity**

*Today, God who dominates the Spiritual Thrones of Heaven, welcomes on earth the holy throne which He had prepared from Himself. In His love for mankind, He who established the heavens in wisdom had fashioned a living heaven. From a barren stem He has brought forth for us His Mother as a branch full of life. O God of miracles, and hope of those who have no hope, Lord, glory to You!*

*Today glad tidings go forth to the whole world. Today sweet fragrance is wafted forth by the proclamation of salvation. Today is the end of the barrenness of our nature, for the barren one becomes a mother, the mother of the one who by nature will not cease to be a virgin, even after giving birth to the One who by nature is Creator and God. He it is who took from her His flesh by which He wrought salvation for the lost: He, the Christ, the Lover of Mankind and Savior of our souls! (Stichera at Vespers)*

### **From the Canon (St Andrew of Crete): Ode Three**

*O Lord, who took away our sins on the Cross, strengthen our hearts in Your love and implant a reverence for Your Name in the hearts of those who praise You.*

*~Having lived without reproach before God, the parents of the one who would give birth to our divine Creator have brought forth the salvation of all.*

*~The Lord, who makes life pour forth for all, has brought forth the Virgin from a barren woman. In her He takes up His dwelling, preserving her virginity inviolate after childbirth.*

*~Today holy Ann offers a fruit, who is Mary, the woman who brought forth the life-giving Cluster; let us sing to her as the Mother of God, the help and protection of all.*

*~O only ever-virgin Mother, unwedded, you became the golden censer for Christ, the living Coal. Pour out your fragrance over my soiled heart.*

### **From the Canon: Ode Seven**

*Adam is freed and Eve dances with joy. They say to you in spirit, O Mother of God, "In you we are delivered from the original curse by the coming of your Son!"*

### **From the Praises at Orthros**

*O marvelous wonder! The source of Life is born from a barren woman; grace begins to grant its radiant fruit! Rejoice, O Joachim, who begot the Mother of God: there is no earthly father like you, O divinely inspired, for through you we have been given the Virgin who bore God, His divine tabernacle, His holy mountain.*

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**Today**      **Our Families and Friends.**  
**All those who have donated to or are working at the Picnic**  
**+Our Family Members and Friends**  
**+Phillip John Munbach.** Requested by Tom Syseskey

**Sep 18**      **+William & Bertha Rahall, Habib & Marriam Rahall,**  
**+Richard J. Melchione (40 day.)** Requested by Nick Rahall & Family

**Sep 25**      **+Genevieve Bashour (40 Day).** Requested by Mark Bashour

**There is no Coffee Hr. this morning due to the picnic**  
**Next week's Coffee Hr. will be hosted by Nick Rahall & Family**

Please Remember in your prayers: Susan Arraje, George Arraj, Jr., Ron Abraham, Peter Abraham, Robert Ghiz, Archie Opatka, Katherine Thomas, Charlotte Stockhaus, Ruth Welsh, James Rahall, Richard Abraham, Sr., Daneil Sarrouf, Bob Lynch, Michael Mooradian, the people of Ukraine, and those who suffered a loss as a result of the mass shootings in various cities in the country.

If there are people for whom you would like me to pray, please reach out and give me their names. Part of our vocation as Christians is to pray for each other, especially when someone is sick or suffering in any way.

**Last Week's Collection**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>\$1,203</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 49</b>
<b>Coffee Hr.</b>	<b>\$ 39</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,291</b>

**God bless you for your generosity!**



**Welcome to any visitors we may have with us this morning! We are happy to have you worship with us.**

**Please join us downstairs in the church hall for the coffee hour so that we can get to know each other better and answer any questions you may have about the parish or the Melkite Church.**



**2022 Family Picnic**

**TODAY IS OUR ANNUAL PICNIC from Noon to 6:00PM.**

**It is not too late to volunteer to help! We need volunteers for many tasks:** food runners, setup/breakdown, cashiers, children's activities, etc. If you can share a couple of hours this afternoon, please reach out to **Marilyn Tencza at (774) 239-2081**

**FINANCIALS**

<u>8.2022</u>		<u>YTD (10.2021-8.2022)</u>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$5,544</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>\$72,325</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,161</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$73,660</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$1,617)</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$1,335)</b>



## Circumcision and Baptism: Covenant Signs (Gal 6:11-18)

MANY PARISHES ARE PLAGUED by a mechanical celebration of the Liturgy and an equally mechanical reception of the Eucharist. Such abuses are nothing new. St Paul found that Christians in Corinth seemed unaware of the connection of the Eucharist to the saving passion and resurrection of Christ. He described how the Lord instituted the Eucharist (1 Cor 15: 23ff.), then warned against an unworthy reception of it.

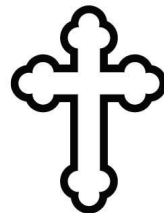
St Paul prescribed that the Corinthians should prepare themselves for the Eucharist: “*Let a man examine himself and so let him eat...*” (v.28). Otherwise he would be guilty of “*not discerning the Lord’s body*” (v. 29). The Corinthians’ “rite of preparation” was to share the agape meal in a spirit of mutual love as a sign that the community was one in fact as well as in name. This was in the spirit of Christ’s admonition, “*If you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift*” (Mt 5:23-24). The Corinthians misunderstood what this practice was supposed to mean. Instead of sharing the fruits of the earth to prepare for sharing the Heavenly Bread, the meal became a sign of exclusion – “This is *my* steak – you eat your jerky” – rather than of mutual love.

In our Byzantine Liturgy mutual love is also a precondition for the celebration of the Eucharist. In the rite of peace before the anaphora the deacon proclaims “Let us love one another so that with one mind we may confess...” Also like the Corinthians we often miss the point of this rite. We say the words but do not act on them.

Over the centuries other practices have come to be associated with a worthy reception of the Eucharist in the apostolic Churches:

- Repentance and Confession: dealing with our sinfulness prepares us to experience the saving presence of Christ in the Divine Liturgy.
- Fasting: affirming that we are called to live “not by bread alone” (Mt 4:4) heightens our awareness that Christ is our true spiritual food. Traditionally we fast from midnight before a morning Liturgy and several hours before an evening celebration.
- The Service of Preparation: a canon of preparation is often read the night before receiving Communion. The service of preparation in the morning helps us focus on what will be the highpoint of our day.

All these practices aim at reminding us of what the Eucharist really means: union with Christ in His Body, the Church.



## Prokimenon

**Reader:** O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

**People:** O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

**Reader:** To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

**People:** O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

**Reader:** O Lord, save Your people

**People:** And bless Your inheritance!

**Epistle:** Gal. 6:11-18

## Alleluia Verses

I have exalted one chosen out of My people. I have found David My servant and anointed him with holy chrism.

**Verse:** For My hand shall support him, and My arm shall make him strong.

**Gospel:** Jn. 3:13-17, Sunday Before the Holy Cross

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Tue Sep 13, 6PM Great Vespers-Exultation of the Holy Cross**

**Wed Sep 14, 6PM Divine Liturgy-Exultation of the Holy Cross**

