

TODAY, JANUARY 14, 2018: LEAVE-TAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:



- + LOUIS SLEMON (1st Anniv. Remem.) by the Family.
- + CHARLES ROBAT, SR. by the Family.
- + LINDA (AZAR) NADER by the Family.
- + ELIZABETH A. JOUBERT (2nd Anniv.) by her children and grandchildren.
- + JOHN & FARIZA (KOURY) KOURY by Douglas & Jeanne Allam.
- + ROSE B. KAHLA by her brother Mr. George Kahla.
- + GEORGE & ALICE BANNA by Vincent & Barbara Soucar.
- + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE NASRY & KLELIA BANNA FAMILY by Vincent & Barbara Soucar.
- + IDA HANNA by her loving Family.
- + JAY PAUL by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + BASIL A. DONATO by Charles & Francine Robat & Family.
- + EVA ROBAT by Sandra Longtin.
- + MICHAEL FAYAN, JR. (Brooklyn, NY) by Jane Jabren & Family.
- + LEONA FAYAN & JEANNETTE ROUNDS (Birthday Remem.) by M/M Ron DiGregorio & Fam.
- + ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE by the Family.
- + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HANNA E. HANNA FAMILY by their loved ones.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + DR. GHANEM HANA of Marra, Syria (1st Anniv.) by Najib & Seda Hana & Family.
- + GREGORY NAZARIAN, ESQ. by Theresa A. McMichael.
- + DOROTHY HADDAD by Margaret Sabbagh.
- + JOAN AZAR by Mariam Chajj (CA).
- + LUIGI MARI by Tony & Myrna Brahimsha.
- + AGIB BOUDJOUK (Cumana Venezuela) by Mrs. Nelly Kishfy & Family.
- + MANSOUR KARRAZ (Damascus, Syria) by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.
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- + JULIA & FRED KISHFY by the Family.
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- + JEAN LOZE (Maracaibo, Venezuela) by M/M Tony & Lisa Yani & Family.
- + WAYNE POCCIA by The Almon Family.
- + SAMUEL G. RAHEB by Michael Balon.
- + SAMUEL SABBAGH by M/M Justin Boudjouk.
- + MARY (NAZARIAN) ZOMPA by her brother Dr. John Nazarian.
- + AMANDA ROWEY by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.
- + JAY PAUL by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + MARJORIE & ANTHONY TAGER by the Family.
- + HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY by M/M Joseph Saggal.



NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th, there will be a special collection taken up for the **UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT OF THE CEMETERY.** Please be as generous as you can, and we thank you for your continued support in providing a peaceful resting place for our beloved deceased.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 7th, 2018: *Budgets:* \$3,436.30; *Envelopes:* \$3,361.00; *Loose:* \$75.30; *Candles:* \$54.00; (Includes Liturgies, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, & any other Church related services.) *Stipends:* \$245.00; *Building Fund:* \$25.00; *Addit'l Cemetery:* \$10.00; *Addit'l Melkite:* \$10.00; *Fuel Offerings:* \$483.00; *Addit'l Christmas Offerings:* \$245.00; *Initial Offerings:* \$220.00; *Holy Water:* \$108.00.

Last Year's: *Budgets:* \$1,439.00; *Candles:* \$24.00; *Stipends:* \$40.00; *Addit'l Fuel:* \$169.00; *Addit'l Christmas Offerings:* \$75.00; *Addit'l Initial Offerings:* \$95.00; *Addit'l Religious Ed.:* \$45.00; *Addit'l Melkite:* \$70.00; *Building Fund:* \$175.00; *Holy Water:* \$60.00; *Addit'l Cemetery:* \$179.00.

GIVE FIRST – MANAGE THE REST: *If God comes first in our lives, then giving to God should also come first. The person who says, "After I pay all my bills I can't afford to give," may be telling the truth. But these people have made a grave error. They have put the cart before the horse! None of us could afford to give with what's left. Putting first things first means giving first and then managing the rest of our income in a way by which we will still pay all our bills. And this is easier than we may think.*

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February 12, Monday	Beginning of Lent
March 25, Sunday	Palm Sunday
April 1, Sunday	Easter
May 6, Sunday	First Penance
November 10, Saturday	Christmas Bazaar
November 11, Sunday	Christmas Bazaar

GROUP MEETINGS:

3rd Tuesday of the Month

1st Sunday of the Month

To be announced

Periodically

Periodically

Regularly

Daily

St. Basil's Fellowship

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Parish Council

Social Committee

Neighborhood Friendly Visitors

Prayer Line

(In scheduling other events, please let us know if there will be any conflicting dates before hand)

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: As this year draws to a close, we count all the "good gifts and perfect graces" which our Father in Heaven has bestowed upon us and upon those we love in 2017. And we commemorate today St. Joseph who was the provider and protector of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Be a protector and provider for our Melkite Eparchy in America by giving a generous **end-of-year tax-deductible gift to the Bishop's Appeal**. Your gift to the Appeal is essential for meeting the critical needs of our Melkite Church in America and for assuring its continued and future growth. And 10% of your gift supports our brethren who suffer persecution because of their faith. Know that our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas thanks you for your generous support and asks God's abundant blessings upon you and all your family in the New Year 2018.

REMEMBER THE MELKITE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL: Give a lasting gift for future generations of Melkites in America by remembering the Melkite Catholic Church in your will. Simply add the following statement to your last will and testament: I hereby bequeath to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton the following sum: \$_____. Contact Bishop Nicholas personally to inform him of your generous bequest: 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

A VOCATION VIEW: The message of Christ, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," echoes through the ages to us. The Lord is looking for those who will proclaim this message for Him.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE: From January 18th to the 25th, the whole Church celebrates a Unity Octave in honor of the Chair of St. Peter. Prayers and supplications are addressed to God that He may hasten the day of reunion, according to Christ's prayer "that all may be one, like You, O Father, and I are one." This reunion of all Christians is to constitute the fullness of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018: TENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER. SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ANTHONY KUFFREY (40 Day) by Caroline St. Germain & Family.
- + LOORESE ISSA (1st Anniv.) by her sons and grandchildren.
- + MARGARET MEKETSY (14th Anniv.) by Daniel & Claire Issa & Family.
- + ELIZABETH NOURY (Birthday Remem.) by her daughter & their Families.
- + MICHAEL L. KOUSSA, SR. (18th Anniv.) by the Family.
- + MARY T. KOUSSA (7th Anniv.) by the Family.
- + MARYLYN KOUSSA POMMENVILLE (10th Anniv.) by the Family.
- + MICHAEL FAYAN, JR. (Brooklyn, NY) by M/M Edward Fayan.
- + NANCY AISSIS by M/M Edward Fayan.
- + NICHOLAS P. ASERMELLY by his wife Mrs. Jean Asermelly & Family.
- + ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE by the Family.
- + ROSE B. KAHLA by her brother Mr. George Kahla.
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- + MAUREEN AZAR (4th Anniv.) by her Family.
- + LOUIS AZAR (10th Anniv.) by his Family.
- + CONSTANCE & JOHN LAVALLEE by their niece Joanne Azar Diggle.
- + GREGORY NAZARIAN, ESQ. by M/M Kenneth J. Sabbagh.
- + ROBERT VILLENEUVE by Deacon Edmond & Theresa Raheb.
- + ANTIONETTE FREGA by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + ANTIONE SANKY by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + AGIB BOUDJOUK (Cumana, Venezuela) by M/M Ron & Tina Isbitsky & Family.
- + MANSOUR KARRAZ (Damascus, Syria) by Tony & Andree & Janet Charchafliah.
- + DR. GHANEM HANA (Marra, Syria) by Maryjoan Walsh.
- + JULIA & FRED KISHFY by the Family.
- + ROSE KHOURY by M/M Boutros Malko.
- + EVA ROBAT by Deacon Dr. & Mrs. Edmond Raheb.
- + JEAN LOZE (Maracaibo, Venezuela) by M/M Gregory & Stephanie Richard.
- + WAYNE POCCIA by M/M Faiz Albatal & Family.
- + AMANDA ROWEY by M/M Elias Makdesi Elias.
- + SAMUEL G. RAHEB by George & Grace Bazerji.
- + SAMUEL SABBAGH by M/M Sotir Papalilo.
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PLEASE NOTE: Before making any **ENGAGEMENT / BAPTISM / MARRIAGE / RECEPTION PLANS**, please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

ATTENTION PARENTS: Unless there is a real physical situation, excessive extended trips by your children to the rest rooms during Liturgy is unnecessary and distracting.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who voluntarily welcome visitors to our church by inviting them to the Cultural Center and/or sitting with them during Coffee Hour or inviting them to visit again. You are good apostles of & for our church! If, God-willing, our Parish grows, it will be because of these actions.

May we all remember to be thankful for everything that we have and be always ready to display that gratitude honestly & fairly!

2018 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available – free for the taking – at both entrances of the church. By following the liturgical cycle of the church year and remembering the Saints each day is an excellent way to attach yourself more closely to the worshipping community that is the church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, please remember to inform the church office at (401)722-1345. Please also be sure to update new telephone numbers.

LITURGY ARRANGEMENTS: Please be advised that the list of Liturgy Intentions is prepared in advance of the Sundays the intentions are remembered. If you have an intention for a particular date, please call the rectory well in advance of the date you would like it celebrated, or send it to the rectory in writing, in the envelopes provided in the narthex of the church, or put it in the collection basket. Otherwise, we may not be able to accommodate your wishes. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. **DO NOT USE THE LITURGY INTENTION CARDS THAT COME WITH ENVELOPES!!!** They are spiritual bouquets and should only be sent to the bereaved family with your return address or placed at the wake which could take place in the church or funeral home.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Are you formally registered with this Parish Church? How about your relatives and friends? Although this may not be the custom in some of the countries of our origin, it is the accepted procedure here. We cannot be of service to you if we do not know you as a member of our Parish Family. Some benefits that flow from this are receiving the parish mailings highlighting the ongoing activities and life of the church, having the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and also Funerals celebrated for your family here in our church, receiving Letters of Recommendation, Introduction, Freedom to Marry Certificates, having the privilege and duty to support the church, etc. Merely attending here on any level does not really constitute being a member. Membership too has its ongoing responsibilities. Please contact Father Joe, or the Deacons, to formally register.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS: In case of a storm beginning on Saturday and going into Sunday, please refer to the television and radio announcements for cancellations. Please call the rectory if in doubt.

NAVIGANT CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE: In accordance with Article XIII; Section 3 of the bylaws of Navigant Credit Union, notice is hereby given that the Credit Union's Annual Meeting for the Membership of the organization will be held at St. Basil the Great Melkite Catholic Church, 15 Skyview Drive, Lincoln, RI 02865 on Monday, January 22nd, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. The agenda will include the election of directors and supervisory committee members, reviewing of reports and any other business that can legally come before the meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Let God Use YOU "For many are called but few are chosen ..." (Mt 22:14)

Are you called to the ministry and/or the marketplace? How do you know?

Many people in the Bible literally ran from God's call on their life simply because the tasks required great sacrifice. However, embracing your call draws you closer to the Lord and opens up a new life of service, blessing and miracles. Here are 5 points of consideration to know if you are called:

1. You've heard from God clearly (read John 10:27). God Himself spoke to your heart to complete a specific task. These words may go against natural rationalization, but will cause you to do things outside your comfort zone. God is preparing to use everything that you have been through to help someone else.

2. Your heart is heavy to help a specific group of people (read 2 Sam 15 :33). You now have an uncommon passion to remove a burden for a specific group. For example, it could be pregnant teenagers, impoverished women, lonely singles, wayward husbands, etc. These people come up in your prayers consistently.

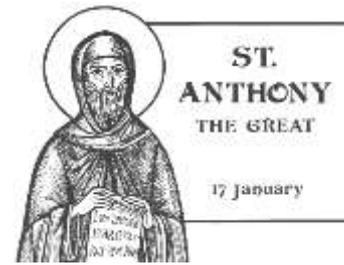
3. Others see and confirm your calling (read Matt 7:20). God has sent mature, seasoned Christians to confirm you are on the right path.

4. You are enduring great persecution for no apparent reason (read Matt 26:42). Some do not understand your calling, especially religious-minded people and some religious institutions. Your attitude is to obey God regardless of what it costs you.

5. You desire to make Jesus famous more than yourself (read Phil 2: 10). Representing God and spreading the Good News about Jesus Christ is now the focus on your entire life, not your career, money or possessions. God loves to use ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Yes, God wants to use you and everything you have been through to help someone else today. Why not you? Prepare yourself to experience something extraordinary from God.



USING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Did you know that the money you contribute to the Church is tax-deductible? The envelope system that we use allows a statement to be generated at the end of the year, which you can submit when you are filing your taxes. It is provided as a service to you, for which we pay. Please take advantage of it; it is to your benefit to do so. Thank you kindly!



Saint Anthony was born in 251 at Koman, in Lower Egypt, the son of noble Christian Egyptian parents. Anthony's parents fell asleep in the Lord during his late teens whereupon he inherited their large estate and the care of a younger sister. Upon hearing the Gospel at Liturgy one day, Anthony decided to follow the words of our Lord delivered to the rich young man to sell all that he had and give the proceeds to the poor. He sold his inheritance, placed his sister in the care of others and distributed his riches to the needy. Anthony then retired to the mountains of the desert

where he began a life of prayer and fasting, waging spiritual warfare against the evil one who constantly sought to tempt him. Anthony's holy life attracted many who wished to follow his example. In 305 he established a monastery at Fayum. He lived among his followers carefully instructing them that the love of God, others and oneself, not abusive mortification of the body, was the means of attaining perfection. Anthony made several visits to the great city of Alexandria where he preached against the Arian heresy, winning many back to the orthodox Christian faith and converting numerous pagans as well. Anthony's holy life won him great respect throughout the Empire, even Emperor Constantine the Great wrote to Anthony requesting remembrance in his prayers before God. Anthony devoted the final years of his life to the care of his followers and quietly fell asleep in the Lord on 17 January 356 at the age of one hundred and five. A collection of his teachings and instructions was circulated soon after his death, which have become the basis for many monastic rules.

BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Church Bulletin Boards are not to be used for business or political advertisements. Only church related events are to be posted on the Bulletin Boards that have been **approved** by the Clergy. All organizations should clear dates with the Pastor for any events to ensure there is no conflict.

A THOUGHT WORTH ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION: When you or those around you feel that, at certain times, there are too many requests for money, please consider these points: Are we the only parish in the entire United States that has these requests? Have we ever researched life in other parishes? Does the real solution lie with the church lifestyle itself or with some of our parishioners? Do we want to return to a much simpler and minimal parish life that may have been in existence before? Are there other options that you can offer for meeting our expenses? How badly do we want to maintain this presence here? A review of our (your) weekly finances may be beneficial.

OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD, please remember to remove any chewing gum before entering the church building. Also, please place your pagers & phones on silent.

IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE... Please continue to remember in your prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart.

Parents must be involved in child's education, Pope Francis says



On Friday Pope Francis said education is a family matter, and rather than contradicting one another, parents and teachers must collaborate openly and constructively to form children in core values which enable them to face modern challenges.

Speaking of the relationship between education and the family, the Pope said “everyone knows that this relationship has been in crisis for some time, and in certain cases is completely broken.”

At one point there was a mutual reinforcement between the instructions given by teachers and

those given by the parents, however, “today the situation has changed.”

“But we cannot be nostalgic for the past,” Pope Francis said. Rather, we must make careful note of the changes that have affected both the family and schools, and renew our commitment “for a constructive collaboration for the good of children and young people.”

If this synergy no longer occurs in a “natural way,” he said it must be promoted with a planning approach, and if necessary with the contribution of experts in the educational field.

To do this, he stressed the need for “a new 'complicity' between teachers and parents. Above all to renounce thinking like opposing fronts, blaming each other.”

On the contrary, parents and teachers must put themselves in the shoes of the other, “understanding the objective difficulties that one and the other encounter today in education, thus creating greater solidarity.”

Pope Francis spoke to members of the Italian Association of Catholic Teachers at the conclusion of their national congress, which took place Jan. 3-5 in Rome.

He has stressed the importance of the relationship between parents and their children's teachers before, using examples from his own past experience to drive the point home.

In his speech Friday, Francis also touched on the importance of building a culture of encounter from a young age and spoke of the need for a more solid education in ecology.

He encouraged those present to strive to build a culture of encounter in “an even more extensive and incisive way” than has been done in the past.

This “cultural challenge” is the basis for primary education, when children are still young, he said, explaining that Christian teachers, whether they are in Catholic or state-run schools, “are called to stimulate in the students an openness to the other as a face, as a person, as a brother and sister to know and respect with their story, with their merits and defects, their richness and limits.”

Francis said this also means forming youth who are open to an interested in the reality around them, who are capable of tenderness and free from the “widespread prejudice” which insists that to be worth something, “you must be competitive, aggressive, harsh toward others, especially toward those who are different, a stranger or whoever in any way is seen as an obstacle to their own affirmation.”

Unfortunately, this is “the air” that children often breathe, he said, adding that the remedy is to make it so that they can breathe “a different air which is healthier, more human.”

To accomplish this, the relationship between teachers and parents “is very important,” he said.

Pope Francis also pointed to what he sees as the need for a greater ecological education, which he said doesn't consist of just a few notions that are taught in the classroom, but instead means educating students in a lifestyle based on care for creation and the common home.

He stressed the need for “a lifestyle that is not schizophrenic,” such as that lived by those who care about animals going extinct but ignore the problems faced by the elderly, or those who defend the Amazon forest but neglect workers' right to a just salary.

“The ecology in which to educate must be integral,” he said, adding that all education “must point to the sense of responsibility: not to transmit slogans that others should implement, but to rouse the taste of experiencing an ecological ethic starting from everyday choices and actions.”

Francis also touched on the importance of making and being part of associations, saying they are a value that shouldn't be underestimated, but must rather be continually cultivated.

“I urge you to renew your will to be and make associations in the memory of the inspiring principles, in reading the signs of the times and with a gaze open to the social and cultural horizon,” he said, and told participants not to be afraid of the challenges and even conflicts that can often arise in lay associations. Rather than being hidden, these differences must be confronted “with an evangelic style in search of the true good of the association,” he said, explaining that to be an association “is a value and a responsibility, which right now is entrusted to you.” Pope Francis closed his speech thanking the participants for their presence and their work, and asked for their prayers.