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Rev. Deacon Elias Bailev

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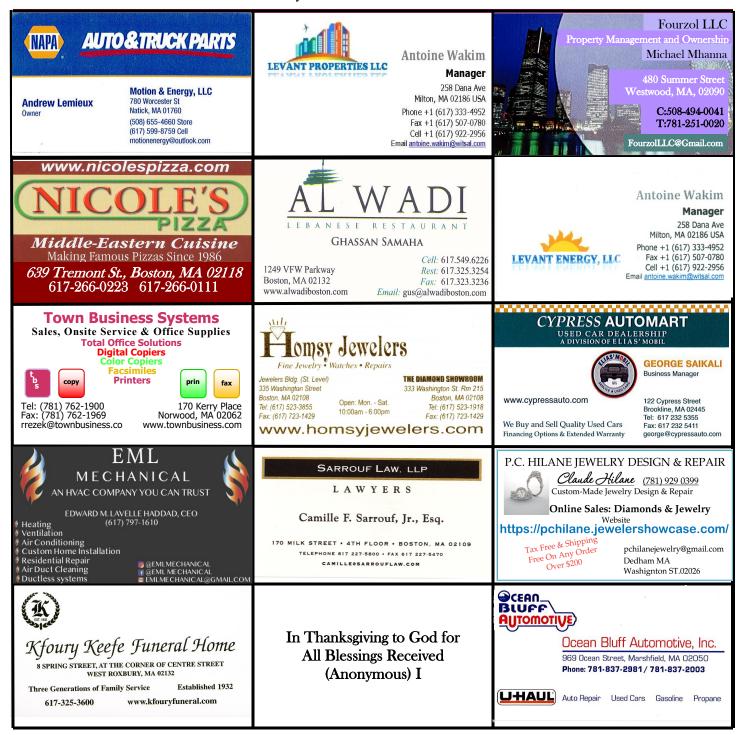
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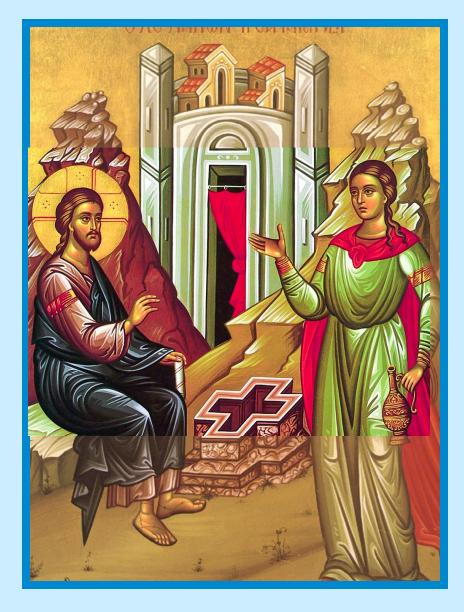
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Sunday, May 2, 2021 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, 2021 (مايو) آيار (مايو)





Christ is Risen!!! He is truly Risen!!! المسيح قام!!! حقًا قام!!!

### May 2, 2021 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.



## Liturgy Intentions

#### Sunday, May. 2, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.

#### 9:30 AM (English)

- +Constantina Vamvokus by Carolyn Caveny.
- +Helene Hamoui by Henriette Kassis.
- +Najlah Skuncik by Elizabeth Tamer/
- +Halim George Habib
- +Yvonne Kassar Habib
- +George and Zhia Habib
- +Jamily & Emily Kassar
- +Josephine Sion
- +Mary Scoff
- +Josephine Kasbar
- +Carole Bulman by Judy Habib.
- +Rev. Clement Youssef by Fr. Philip Raczka
- ++Rev. Antoine Sharkey.

#### 11:30 AM (Arabic)

- +George Samaha by Assaad Sayah.
- +Joseph El-Khoury by his Family.
- +Rev. Clement Youssef by Fr. Philip Raczka.
- +Rev. Cyril Totongy.

12:30 PM +Fay Snow Kurker & +Jimmy Kurker Funeral Service by their Family.

Wednesday, May 5, 7:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, May 8, 5:00 AM Vespers.

#### Sunday, May. 9, Sunday of the Man Born Blind. 9:30 AM (English)

- +Helene Hamoui by Sami Kassis.
- +Rev. Clement Youssef by Fr. Philip Raczka
- +Rev. Joseph Simon.
- +Rev. Basil Marsha

#### 11:30 AM (Arabic)

- +May Haddad (1 Yr.) by her Family
- +George Samaha by Estephan Metta.
- +Joseph El-Khoury by his Family.
- +Rev. Clement Youssef by Fr. Philip Raczka.
- +Exarch John Haddad.
- +Rev. Lawrence Sawaya.



#### +Najlah Skuncik +

Passed away on April 21, 2021. her funeral was in the Cathedral on April 26, 2021.

Our condolences to her Family.

May her Memory be Eternal.



#### May A. (Kazaka) Haddad

One Year Memorial Service will be on May 9, 2021, at the second Liturgy @ 11:30 AM, by her Family. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

**Sunday Readings:** Heb. 13:7-16 - Jn. 4:5-42.

#### Please pray for the health and divine protection of

Tony Abdi, Elaine Bitar, Michele Domaney, Elizabeth Higgins, Robert Gamel, Saleem Ghazaleh, Daniel Jabbour, Vincent Kenneally, Harry McKannon, Nina Mary Maginnis, Theresa Quinn, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal, John Williams.

## Parish Financial Support April 25, 2021

(Weekly donations needed for budget: \$2,600)

Candles:	\$ 127.00	April 25, 2021,
Sunday:	\$ 1,505.00	2nd Collection
Baptism:	\$ 300.00	American Home
Offerings:	\$ 425.00	Missions = $$30$
Mail-In:	\$ 1,875.00	
Lit. int. & Fun.	\$ 335.00	
Total:	\$ 4.440.00	

Many thanks to all of you for your weekly contributions. We depend greatly on your steady stewardship. God bless you for your generous support.



## The Sanctuary Lamp

Keeps vigil this week for

+Nailah Skuncik Please remember her in your prayers.

#### Time to return to Church:

If you have both of your vaccine shots and 14 days have passed, it is completely safe to return to church.



Remember Me In Your Kingdom: The Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (May 19) at 7 PM.

Holy Land Collection: To help the Christians of the Holy Land, kindly use your envelope made for that purpose. All Holy Land donations will be sent to the Eparchy. The Eparchy will forward the money to the Melkite Bishops of the Holy Land.

### Weekly Liturgy Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

Vespers 5:00 p.m.

#### Feast Days:

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



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It is an exciting time for the 3rd graders, because they are preparing themselves for their first confessions! In addition to our regular curriculum, we have started reading a new book called "Making Things Right". This book is preparing the 3rd graders to the Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession. The children will have their first confessions on Saturday, May 22nd. 2021. On the next day, Sunday May 23rd. 2021, we will celebrate these children who have had their first Confessions during litur gy when they will renew their baptismal promises and have Communion before everybody else.

Meanwhile, here are few important quotes from our book about the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- "The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a new beginning for us."
- "God's immense love and forgiveness, give us new strength to live as his children."
- "Even though we try hard to do the right thing, sometimes we may sin. We may need to say sorry and try to make things right over and over again."
- "No matter how many times we wander away from his love, God is always ready to forgive us and bring us back home. Nothing can stop God from loving us!"

**Sick Calls:** If you wish to receive the Eucharist, Anointing or Confession, please contact the priests. Be careful that you do not have Covid-19, the Flu or are under quarantine, also, make sure it will not endanger you to have a visitor.

#### Covid -19 Church behavior:

- 1. Wear a mask in Church, except when you receive Holy Com-
- 2. Practice social distancing, people who live together may sit to-
- 3. Do not kiss the icons, cross or Gospel Book, just bow and make the sign of the cross.
- 4. There is no Antidoron for now.
- 5. There is no Coffee Hour for now.
- 6. Leave your donations in the wooden box at the beginning of the

Remember, you may be healthy, but other people may have health problems and need to be protected.



Christ is Risen!!! He is Truly Risen!!!



#### **Easter Customs:**

- 1. There is no Fasting for 40 days.
- 2. All prayers begin and end with the Pascal Troparion "Christ is
- 3. We always greet each other: Christ is Risen; He is truly Risen.
- 4. We Stand for prayers to show Christ raises us with Himself to new life.

#### Easter Gift to your Church:

Currently our church checking account is low. We had to withdraw \$34,000 from savings, to pay our annual Property and Liability Insurance.

We need everyone to make a generous Easter donation to the parish to restore our finances. Thank you.

**Daily Prayers at Home:** There is in your bulletin, and in the email, a pamphlet with the changeable parts of the daily office and list of the daily scripture readings. We encourage you to use it for your family and personal prayers. Feel free to share it with you friends and family.

**Prayer Line:** We have a parish prayer-line. There are no formal meetings, just a commitment to pray for others in your daily prayers. You can join it or submit names for prayers by contacting Roberta Williams. robertaw@comcast.net.

Adult Religious Education: We have Adult Religious Education online on Thursdays at 7 PM, (Thursday, May 6, this week).

#### God With Us +ONLINE+

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Go to **EASTERNCATHOLIC.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.

God with Us +ONLINE+ Presents "I Believe A Study of the Creed of the Church. Live Webinar: Weds., April 14 -June 16/ 8:00-9:30 PM. ET. REGISTER@EASTERNCATHOLIC.ORG All programs are offered free of charge.

#### 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.