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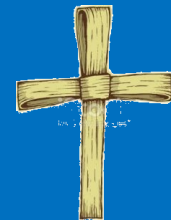
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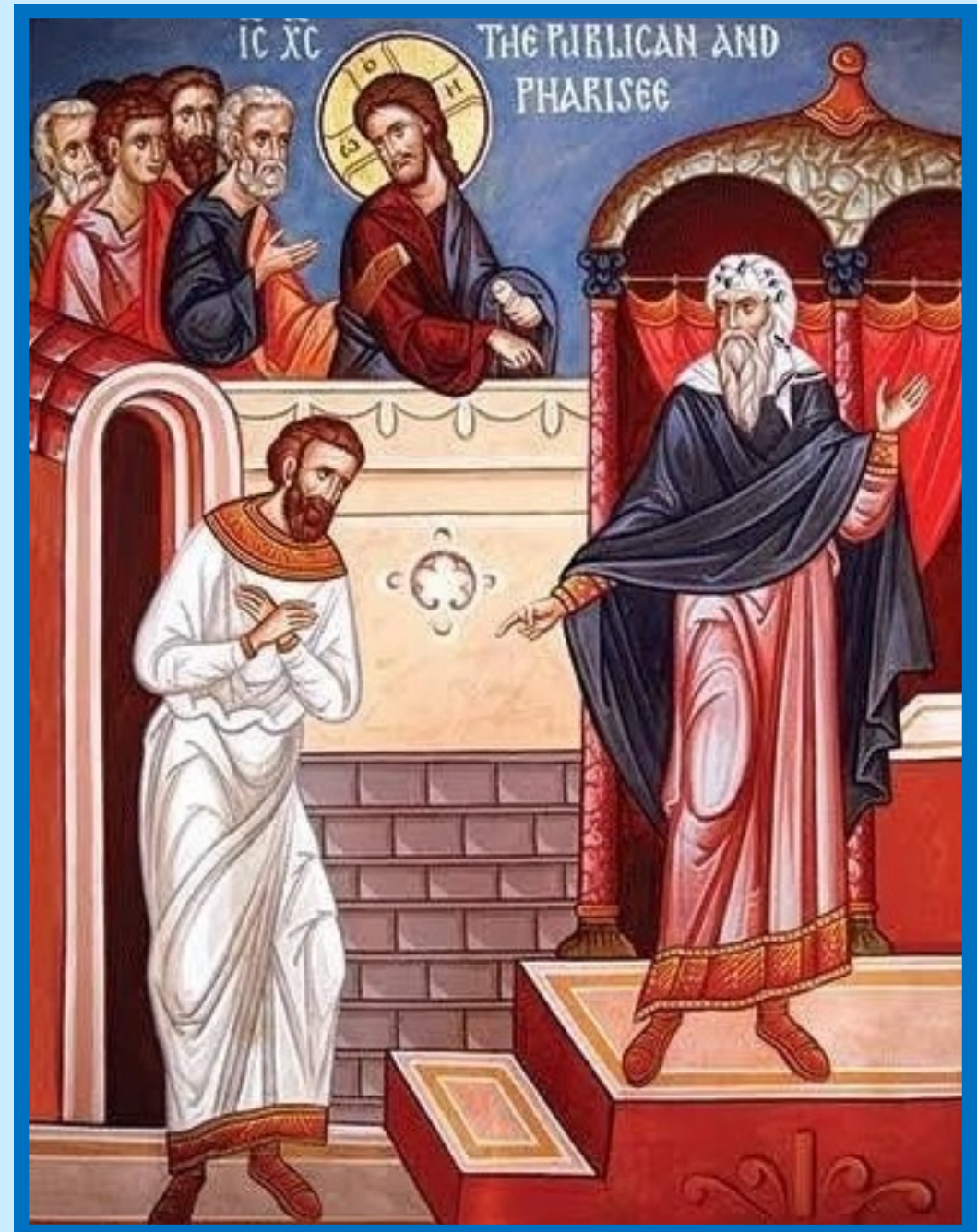
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Sunday January 24, 2021
Sunday of the Parable of the Pharisee
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Jan. 24, 2021 - Sunday of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican.



Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 24, Parable of Pharisee & Publican.
9:30 AM.

- +John Homsey Jr. by Maureen King.
- +John Demerjian (2Yr.) by Alice Louis & Family.
- +May Haddad by her Family.
- +Roberta Hladysz by Linda Hurst & Family.
- +Elizabeth Attaya by Sandra Eknoian.
- +Alfred & +Katherine Naddaff by their Family
- +Bill Haddad by Joanne Jacobs.
- +Angel Dagher (Mother of Rev. Elias Eid)
- +Rev. Clement Youssef by Fr. Philip Raczka.
- +Rev. Michael Kadry.
- 11:30 AM**
- +Phelomina Azzi-Loutfi by John & Astrid Hajjar & Family.
- +George Samaha by Michel & Albertina Hajjar.
- +Joseph ElKhouri by his Family.
- +Alfred & +Katherine Naddaff by their Family
- +Rev. Clement Youssef by Fr. Philip Raczka.
- +Rev. John Ghaby brother of Fr. Jack Ghaby (Pauline order in Lebanon)
- +Rev. Abraham Kattan.

Wednesday, Jan. 27,
7:00 PM: Divine Liturgy.



Saturday, Jan. 30.
5:00 PM Vespers.

Sunday, Jan. 31, Sunday of the Prodigal Son.
9:30 AM.

- +Elizabeth Attaya (40 Day) Memorial service by her Family.
- +May Haddad by her Family.
- +Jean Wagner (3Yrs.) By the Hamway Family.
- +Roberta Hladysz by Roberta Williams.
- +Alfred & +Katherine Naddaff by their Family
- +Rev. Clement Youssef by Fr. Philip Raczka.
- 11:30 AM**
- +George Tony Samaha (1Yr.) Memorial Service.
- by Ghassan & Lena Samaha & Family.
- +Lillian Yabroud (40 day) Memorial Service.
- +Abdallah Moussallem (1Yr.) Memorial Service
- by Michael Awad & Family.

- +George Najib Samaha
- +Wadih & +Antoinette Samaha.
- by Ghassan & Lena Samaha & Family.
- +Mounir Chakieh by Ghassan & Lena Samaha & Family.
- +Joseph ElKhouri by his Family.
- +Alfred & +Katherine Naddaff by their Family.
- +Rev. Clement Youssef by Fr. Philip Raczka.

No Fasting: This week there is no fasting on Friday Jan 29.

Saints Days: Jan. 25 - St. Gregory the Theologian.
Jan. 27 - St. John Chrysostom.
Jan. 30 - Sts. John Chrysostom, Basil &

+Layla Al Dararazi (sister of Tony Homs) of our parish died on Jan. 14, 2021 her funeral was in the Cathedral on Tue. Jan 19. Our condolences to her family. May her memory be eternal.



Sunday Readings: Tim. 3:10-15; Lk. 18:10-14.
Please pray for the health and divine protection of
Tony Abdi, Elaine Bitar, Michele Domaney, Elizabeth Higgins, Kerry Ann Gamel, Robert Gamel, Saleem Ghazaleh, Daniel Jabbour, Vincent Kenneally, Harry McKannon, Nina Mary Maginnis, Theresa Quinn, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal, John Williams.

Parish Financial Support Jan. 17/2021
(Weekly donations needed for budget: \$2,600)

Candles:	\$ 75.00
Divine Liturgies:	\$ 1,129.00
House Blessing:	\$ -.00
Mail-In:	\$ 40.00
Lit. int. & Mem.:	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$ 1,269.00

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
The End of Covid 19
Please remember this in your prayers.

Remember me in Your Kingdom: The Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (Feb. 17) at 7 PM.

- Registration will be in person and by mail. There are Forms in the Narthex.
- Classes, started online, on September 20, 2020.
- The situation will be re-evaluated after 3 months to see if it is possible to have classes at the Church.
- For registration please contact Mr. George Saikali on his email address: jgs4@hotmail.com .

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 .



House Blessings:

If you are not ill, and wish to have your house blessed, please call the rectory for an appointment.
617-323-5242 or 617323-5248.

National Prayer Vigil for Life
Jan. 28-29, please pray at home for an end of abortion, infanticide and all other anti-life actions.

Sunday School Reports

In 6th grade, we have spent the first half of the year discussing and reading about salvation history. We have learned about key figures like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, David and many other extremely important ancestors of Jesus. These people and their actions helped us to understand how the events of the Old Testament led to Jesus and the New Testament. My students are asking very great and thought-provoking questions, and I am very excited for the rest of the year with them!

In the 7/8th grade: We are learning that God created everything and we are the high point of his creation. We are called to fulfill God's plan. We inherited Adam and Eve's sin. Jesus came to us as the new Adam so we are free of the old sin and we are responsible for our choices and actions in life. By following Jesus's way and teaching we can be sharers in Jesus's glory. Jesus is the only way to the finish line of his kingdom. Through prayer, faith, and loving each other we will be able to accomplish eternal life with the Lord.

Sick Calls: If you wish to receive the Eucharist, be anointed or confess you may call 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 Communion.
 2. Practice social distancing, people who live together may sit together.
 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 main aisle.
- Remember, you may be healthy, but other people may have health problems and need to be protected.



THE BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020



Building A Better Life On A Solid Foundation Through Faith & Family

The Bishop's Appeal: Thank God for all the blessings you received in 2020 by making a generous thanksgiving gift to your Melkite Catholic Church in America. The annual Bishop's Appeal officially ends in all the parishes of the Eparchy on 31 December 2020. **However, gifts to the Appeal will continue to be received and credited to your parish until 31 January 2021 for anyone who makes an end-of-year, tax-deductible donation.** Your gift means so much to so many! Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you and all your family in the New Year.

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.

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 your 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. There will be no class on Thursday January 28. Classes will resume on February 4.

God With Us +ONLINE+

is a collaborative outreach of the Eastern Catholic Bishops and eparchies of the United States to provide educational resources for the faithful in our Eastern Christian traditions. Go to **EAST-ERNCATHOLIC.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.*

Pray for United States Military Personnel:

This week we honor and pray for Pvt. Jacob Bast, **US Army** for an eternal life, and the safety of his family. Thank you Pvt. Jacob Bast, for your service! Please provide us with the names of any U.S. Military Personnel you may know, including yourself. Be sure to provide their branch, rank, active or retired. To submit a name (s) simply call or email the parish office, or drop their information in the collection basket.

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.

