

Dear Members and Friends of the Outreach:

CHRIST IS AMONG US! AL-MASEEH MA'NA!



(Sunday of the Holy Cross – March 12 – Mid-point of Great Lent)

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Unless otherwise noted, all services and other events will be held at St. Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church, [1118 East Union Bower Road, Irving, TX 75061](#)

Thursday, 9 Mar Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 7:00 PM

- Sunday, 12 Mar Sunday of the Holy Cross – 9:30 AM at **Mount Carmel Center Chapel**
-Second Sunday – Children’s Faith Formation – Theme: Great Lent and the Holy Cross
- Tuesday, 14 Mar Great Compline 7:00 PM followed by Lenten Catechesis
- Thursday, 16 Mar Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 7:00 PM
- Sunday, 19 Mar **Orthros and Divine Liturgy at Saint Basil 12:15 PM!!!!**
- Tuesday, 21 Mar Great Compline 7:00 PM followed by Lenten Catechesis
- Thursday, 23 Mar Thursday of Repentance – Canon of Andrew of Crete 7:00 PM
- Saturday, 25 Mar** Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Annunciation at 9:30 at **Mount Carmel Center**
- Sunday, 26 Mar Sunday Mary of Egypt - 9:30 AM at **Mount Carmel Center Chapel**

Web calendar is up-to-date through Tuesday, April 4: <https://www.melkitecatholicdfw.org/events/>.

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Mark the dates for the holiest days of the entire year:

Great and Holy Week

- a. **April 1 – Holy Week begins with Lazarus Saturday** – Mount Carmel Center at 9:30 AM
- b. **April 2 – Palm Sunday** at Mount Carmel Center – Orthros begins at 9:30 AM

- c. April 4 - Great and Holy Tuesday – Bridegroom Service – At Saint Basil – 7:00 PM
 - d. April 5-7 Great and Holy Wednesday through Great and Holy Friday at Mount Carmel Center – 7:00 PM each evening.
 - e. April 8 - Holy Pascha Liturgy – Hajme, Orthros and Divine Liturgy – 9:00 PM at Saint Basil followed by a Grand Potluck.
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THIS EVENING THURSDAY, MARCH 9 – LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

A Reflection on Great Lent by Father Vassilios Papavassiliou:

“At the heart of the Lenten effort is the struggle against the passions. The passions are spiritual or physical inclinations or instincts which, when uncontrolled, are destructive to both soul and body. Christian life is one of spiritual warfare against the passions, and during Lent, we are called to intensify our efforts in this war. The virtues are the positive counterparts of the passions, which Christians must struggle to attain and increase.

“One of the weapons Christians have in this spiritual warfare is prayer. It is therefore no coincidence that during Lent Christians increase and intensify their prayer. During Lent, as well as during other periods of fasting, the Church increases the number of services. In Lent (ideally), Great Compline is held daily, and the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts is held every Wednesday and Friday (Antiochians celebrate the Akathist traditionally on Fridays). These services are unique to Lent, and through this Lenten worship we are able to participate in its “bright sadness,” in the joyful repentance by which we are liberated from the mad rush, obsessive consumption, and thoughtless routines of daily life.”

(tomorrow a reflection on the prayer of Saint Ephrem, which is unique to the Season of Great and Holy Lent).

In the meantime, as we approach the Mid-Point of Great Lent, may each member *recommit* himself or herself to the spiritual warfare, above all, either by *beginning* to attend as often as possible the Lenten services or to persevere in one's attendance. This is a Season of tremendous grace for those who avail themselves of it.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Income received: \$4,240.23

Expenses: total: \$3,103.76 – the breakout of the expenses:

- The Priest's monthly salary: \$1,900.00
- Liturgical supplies: altar wine, various liturgical booklets, theophany water, candles - \$532.81
- Donation to Saint Basil for use of the Sacred Temple and Hall - \$200.00
- Office supplies – new business checks - \$191.01
- Online giving fee: \$250.00

PRAYERS:

- Carlos's mother, Maria Soliedad, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 glioblastoma. Let us also keep the entire family in prayer.
- Parishioner Watfa – healing
- Parishioner Elena for her continued healing.
- The passing of Robert Tanaka – the Uncle of Michele.
- Doors continue to open regarding a piece of property. Please everyone continue to say each day one "Our Father," that God show us our new home.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Typicon for Sunday, March 12 – Sunday of the Holy Cross

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In Christ our God,
Father Marcus Mallick

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