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Rule of fasting in the Eparchy of Newton

The minimum rule that Melkites in the Eparchy of Newton must observe: Fasting from all food and drink from midnight until noon must be observed on the first day of Great Lent and on the last three days of Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). Abstinence, at least from meat, must be observed on every Friday of Great Lent. These requirements are the minimum. The faithful are encouraged to do more, such as also abstaining from meat every Wednesday or throughout the whole of Great Lent.

Today's Intentions

- For Fr. Peter & Kh. Simone by Muna Haddad
- For the Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- For the Repose of the Soul of Munther Hattar by Mary Ishak
- For the Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- For the Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- For the Repose of the Soul of Saba Khouzam by Arlette Khouzam

BECOMING A SERVANT OF OTHERS

In both the Gospel and Epistle today we learn about one of the hallmarks of Christianity – servant leadership. “Cleanse your conscience from dead works,” Saint Paul teaches us, “to serve the living God.” And again, in the Gospel, Jesus explains that he did “not come to be served but to serve.” In this way of service, Jesus shows us that we are called to “give” our life to God through the gift of service to each other. During the Lenten season the Church invites us to intensify our calling as servant leaders and to live out this calling in real tangible ways.

What are some practical examples of servant leadership? What are some ways that we can serve others? Why is service to one another a way in which we serve God? If service is a good work, what are some examples of “dead works” which are not unto salvation?

We cannot be followers of Christ in isolation. We must be connected to THE community of Faith; The Church (the Ecclesia), the Body of Christ.

“For just as the body is one has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink on one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.” 1Cor 12:12-14

“To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them.”

St. Thomas Aquinas

Do not forget the hungry!

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

MARCH 18, 2018
SUNDAY OF MARY OF EGYPT

MARK 10:32-45

HEBREWS 9:11-14

TONE 8

Wednesday, March 21 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 22 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 24 9:00 am
Sunday, March 25 9:00 am
10:20 am
10:30 am

Tuesday, March 27 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 28 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 29 7:00 pm
Friday, March 30 12:00 pm
7:00 pm
Saturday, March 31 11:00 am
8:00 pm
Sunday, April 1 10:30 am

(+) Munther Hattar (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury

Presanctified Liturgy
Children Internet Education
Saturday of Lazarus
Children Religious Education
Doxology
Palm Sunday and the Annunciation
Followed by the Social Hour
Bridegroom Service
Repentance & Holy Oil Anointing
Crucifixion of Our Lord
Vespers/Descent of the Cross and Parish Soup
Office of the Burial of Christ
Blessing of the New Light and Triumph over death
Hajmeh/Resurrection Divine Liturgy
Resurrection Divine Liturgy
Flowers ' Intentions

This week's Ascetical practices

Abstinence: Monday through Sunday - Ask forgiveness from somebody you offended.
Fast: Monday through Friday - Reduce unnecessary talks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jacques Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Fr. Frank Milienewicz, Fr. Philaret Littlefield, Fr. Basil Samra, Simon Aboud, Elias Awad.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE)

Our Lord did not enter yearly like their high priest. After his coming he entered only once, not into the shrine which ceases, like their priesthood, but “into the Holy” of Holies of eternity, and he made a propitiation through his blood for all nations. FOR ALL NATIONS. EPHREM THE SYRIAN: COMMENTARY ON THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

Ladies Guild Meet during the Social Hour

Please Support our Food Bank - Try to bring to Church, next Sunday, something for the poor and needy who come begging at the door of our Church. Our pantry is almost empty. We need small diapers and food. May our Lord bless you!

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,170.00

3-4-2018

Attendance: 62 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 24
Tithing: 1,459.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 43.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00
Coffee Collection: 81.00 - Stole Offerings: 10.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 131.00 - Marked Fund: 25.00
Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT

PARISH GUIDELINES

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist)

One month advance notice to complete required canonical instructions

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING (Marriage)

Six months advance notice to complete required canonical instructions

HOLY CONFESSION

Before or after all services or anytime upon request.

HOLY ANOINTING

On demand upon the request of the ill person or his/her immediate family only.

FUNERALS

Contact the pastor before making funeral arrangements.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, however, an offering of thanksgiving is customary. The Parish Pastoral Council suggests for **Active Parishioners**, \$250 for Baptism, \$500 for Wedding, \$500 for Funeral, \$75 for Memorial, and \$10 for Remembrance. The use of the Davis Hall after Memorials is \$150 and (a plausible \$100 for Insurance). For **Non-Active Parishioners** check with the Pastor.

Active parishioner means PRAYING with us, INVOLVED with the life of the community and SUPPORTING the Church (Tithing) in Thanksgiving to the Lord (The Financial support is monitored by Family envelope); however, participation in our prayers and social life is evaluated for each parishioner independently of his/her Family. A minimum participation of 30% in our prayers and our activities is required. Members over 18 years of age should be registered separately from their families.)