



# OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS CHURCH

A MELKITE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

140 MITCHELL STREET, MANCHESTER, NH 03103

TEL # (603) 623-8944 FAX # (603) 645-6017

Email: [oloc.church@comcast.net](mailto:oloc.church@comcast.net)

Website: [www.olocnh.org](http://www.olocnh.org)

REV. THOMAS P. STEINMETZ, Pastor

RT. REV. ANDRE ST. GERMAIN (retired)

REV. ROGER BOUCHER - Weekend Ministry

REV. THEOPHAN LEONARCZYK, Eparchial Chancellor

*"Enter the Church and repent ... for here is the physician, not the judge. Here one is not investigated, one receives remission of sins." (St. John Chrysostom)*

July 17, 2016

## THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Parish Advisory & Finance Council:

KEN MONTY (PRESIDENT), RICHARD ASHOOH, ROBERT ANDERSON, ROBIN ANDERSON, MARY CULLEN, MARTHA DAGHER, MARYLOU LAZOS, TERRI LEONARCZYK, MATTHEW LOMANNO, PAUL MANSUR, NAJWA MOUSSOBA, PAUL ST. GERMAIN, AND CHRISTELLE SLAYBE

Parish Secretary: ROBIN ANDERSON

Cedars Society President: MARYLOU LAZOS

Sunday School Coordinator: MARTHA DAGHER

N.A.M.Y. Advisor: ROBIN ANDERSON

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Before or after any service, or by appointment;

HOLY MYSTERY OF CHRISTIAN ILLUMINATION: Please contact the clergy in advance to arrange for the required baptismal instructions;

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING: At least six months prior to the proposed wedding, please contact the clergy to arrange for the required interview and instructions;

HOLY MYSTERY OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the pastor at any time when this sacrament is needed;

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Anyone too infirm to attend our services may receive Communion in the home. Please advise the clergy whenever this sacrament is needed.

*Please remember to contact the church if a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from the priest. The hospitals do not always notify the church!*

# THE ORDER OF TODAY'S LITURGY

## The Troparion of the Resurrection (8<sup>th</sup> Tone) Page 54

### The Troparion of the Fathers of the First Six Councils (8<sup>th</sup> Tone)

O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our Fathers as radiant stars on earth. Through them You led us to the True Faith. O Merciful One, glory to You!

### The Troparion of the Dormition of the Theotokos (1<sup>st</sup> Tone): Page 16

### Kondakion : "O Never Failing Protectress of Christians": Page 17

#### THE PROKIMENON:

**BE GLAD IN THE LORD AND REJOICE YOU JUST!**

**EXULT ALL YOU UPRIGHT OF HEART!**

*Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered!*

*Today's Readings: Titus 3: 8-15 and Matthew 5:14-19*

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Saturday 4:30 PM:

For the repose of Rasheedy Ashooh (56<sup>th</sup>), Mark Abu-Haidar (31<sup>st</sup>),  
Edward Coriaty (31<sup>st</sup>), Julie Flamant (35<sup>th</sup>) and George Baroody

### Sunday, 10:00 AM:

For the repose of Russell Pond,  
by Stefan and Jeannine Notter and Family

For the repose of Police Officers Michael Smith, Lorne Ahrens,  
Patrick Zamarripa, Brent Thompson, and Michael Krol,  
killed on July 7 in the Dallas shootings

### Next Saturday (July 23), 4:30 PM:

For the repose of Jack Laliberte (14<sup>th</sup>), Hassibe Elias (10<sup>th</sup>), Geroge Saffy (45<sup>th</sup>),  
John Steinmetz (31<sup>st</sup>), Charles Baroody (27<sup>th</sup>), and Lucille Holt (31<sup>st</sup>)

### Next Sunday (July 24), 10:00 AM:

For the repose of Russell Pond (40 day Memorial),  
by his wife Mary Jo and their children



In the readings today, both Paul and Christ are urging people to live in a faith relationship with God so that they might experience dynamic freedom and salvation . That faith must be expressed in the attitudes and actions of one's life. Faith opens the door to a transforming relationship with God. We need priests top help us keep moving in that direction in our Christian lives. Have you ever considered that ministry for yourself? Have you encouraged others to it? Have you prayed for more vocations? That in itself is an act of faith.



# THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

An Ecumenical Council is comprised of all bishops of the Church, from every land of the "oikumene" (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world) and is the Church's supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. We venerate the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as "lights upon the earth," guiding us to the true Faith. "Adorned with the robe of truth," the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Church's conciliar definitions of dogma have the highest authority, and such definitions always begin with the Apostolic formula: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..." (Acts 15: 28). Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit and accepted by the Church, are infallible.

---

## The Blessing of Cars

On the feast day of the Holy Prophet Elijah, remembering that Elijah was taken up into heaven in a fiery chariot, we have the tradition of blessing all vehicles of travel. At the conclusion of Great Vespers on Tuesday evening, we will have the prayer of blessing of automobiles outside in the parking lot.

---

## **MAHRAJAN 2016 - *How you can you help***

### Add your message to our book!

Please consider placing your message or memorial in the Mahrajan 2016 souvenir book – only \$100 per page!

### Make a donations for food!

Help us with our costs is by donating a food or ingredient. There are signup sheets in the hall, along with the cost. Envelopes are also available there, if you would like to use them. We are counting on your generosity. All donors will be recognized in our annual souvenir book.

### Find Ads-Win a Gift Certificate!

Help us to get ads for the Mahrajan 2016 souvenir book, and you will get chances to with a \$200 gift certificate from Barmakian Jewelers.

---

**Attendance - Last Saturday 4:30 PM: 21 Sunday 11:00 AM: 99**

**Last Weekend's Collection: \$1,264.<sup>00</sup>**

*The average Sunday envelope donation: \$31.<sup>39</sup>*

*The balance remaining on our mortgage is: \$ 84,254.<sup>26</sup>*

### SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

|                 |          |   |
|-----------------|----------|---|
| Tues., July 19  | 7:00 PM  | <b>Feast of Elijah: Great Vespers with Artoclasia, followed by the blessing of cars</b> |
| Thurs., July 21 | 7:00 PM  | <b>Divine Liturgy: Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</b>                                      |
| Sat., July 23   | 4:30 PM  | <b>Divine Liturgy: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                 |
| Sun., July 24   | 9:15 AM  | <b>Sunday Orthros</b>   |
| Sun., July 24   | 10:00 AM | <b>Divine Liturgy: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                 |



# The Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

The fact that the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council (Nicea II in the year 787) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration. We venerate these Fathers because Christ has established them as "lights upon the earth," guiding us to the true Faith. "Adorned with the robe of truth," the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible. The Church's conciliar definitions of dogma have the highest authority, and such definitions always begin with the

Apostolic formula: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..." (Acts 15: 28).

The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Church's teaching. The Church, in expounding its dogmas, is dealing with the concerns of a given historical moment, "not revealing everything in haste and thoughtlessly, nor indeed, ultimately hiding something" (St Gregory the Theologian).

**The Council of Nicaea in 325:** The 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council are spoken of in Canon I of Trullo as having: "with unanimity of faith revealed and declared to us the consubstantiality of the three Persons of the Divine nature and, ... instructing the faithful to adore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with one worship, they cast down and dispelled the false teaching about different degrees of Divinity."

**The Council of Constantinople in 381:** The 150 Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council left their mark on the theology of the Church concerning the Holy Spirit, "repudiating the teaching of Macedonius, as one who wished to divide the inseparable Unity, so that there might be no perfect mystery of our hope."

**The Council of Ephesus in 431:** The 200 God-bearing Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council expounded the teaching that "Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is One." They also confessed that "she who bore Him without seed was the spotless Ever-Virgin, glorifying her as truly the Mother of God.

**The Council of Chalcedon in 451:** The 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council decreed that "the One Christ, the Son of God... must be glorified in two natures."

**II Council of Constantinople in 533:** The 165 God-bearing Holy Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council "in synod anathematized and repudiated Theodore of Mopsuestia (the teacher of Nestorius), and Origen, and Didymus, and Evagrius, renovators of the Hellenic teaching about the transmigration of souls and the transmutation of bodies and the impieties they raised against the resurrection of the dead."

**III Council of Constantinople in 680:** The 170 Holy Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council "taught that we ought to confess two natural volitions, or two wills [trans. note: one divine, and the other human], and two natural operations (energies) in Him Who was incarnate for our salvation, Jesus Christ, our true God."



## July 20: THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe c. 900 BC. During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith in the One God and worshipped pagan idols, under the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God.

Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the

ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told the pagan priests to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, after a 40 day journey arrived at Mount Horeb, and settled in a cave. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot.

***The Feast of the Prophet Elijah will be commemorated with a celebration of Great Vespers on Tuesday at 7:00 PM, followed by the Blessing of Cars.***



## **The Holy Myrrh-Bearer and Equal to the Apostles, Mary Magdalene**

On the banks of Lake Genesaret (Galilee), between the cities of Caparnum and Tiberius, was the small city of Magdala, the remains of which have survived to our day. Now only the small village of Mejhdel stands on the site. From her came the women known to us in the Gospels as Mary Magdalene.

The Gospel tells us nothing of Mary's younger years, but Tradition informs us that Mary of Magdala was young and pretty, and led a sinful life. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from Mary (Luke. 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary led a new life, and became a true disciple of the Savior.

The Gospels tell us that Mary followed after the Lord when He went with the Apostles preaching in the cities and villages of Judea and Galilee. Together with the pious women Joanna, wife of Choza (steward of Herod), Susanna and others, she served Him from her own possessions (Luke 8:1-3) and shared with the Apostles the evangelic tasks in common with the other women. At the time of the Lord's crucifixion she remained fearlessly at the Cross together with the Mother of God and the Apostle John, was a witness to his burial and according to the Gospel of St. John was the first to witness the Risen Christ, and the first to be sent to tell the Good News.

When the Apostles departed from Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, then Mary Magdalene also went with them. A daring woman, whose heart was full of reminiscence of the Resurrection, she went beyond her native borders and went to preach in pagan Rome. Everywhere she proclaimed to people about Christ and His teaching. When many did not believe that Christ is risen, she repeated to them what she had said to the Apostles on the radiant morning of the Resurrection: "I have seen the Lord!" With this message she went all over Italy.

It is said that in Italy, Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. She brought him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" beginning the custom of giving paschal eggs on the day of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ.

Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate. Mary repeated the words of the Apostles, that we are redeemed from the vanity of life not with perishable silver or gold, but rather by the precious Blood of Christ.

According to Church Tradition, she remained in Rome until in Rome for a number of years, then, bent with age, moved to Ephesus where she finished her earthly life and was buried. Her holy relics were transferred in the ninth century to Constantinople, and placed in the monastery Church of St Lazarus. In the era of the Crusader campaigns they were transferred to Italy and placed at Rome under the altar of the Lateran Cathedral. Part of the relics of Mary Magdalene are said to be in Provage, France near Marseilles, where over them at the foot of a steep mountain a splendid church is built in her honor.

# The Fathers Speak – On Today’s Gospel reading:

## Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lampstand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

### الانجيل (متى 5: 14 - 1) انجيل احد آباء المجامع المسكونية الستة الاولى

قال الرب، أنتم نور العالم، لا يمكن أن تخفي مدينة قائمة على جبل، ولا يوقد سراج ويوضع تحت المكيال، بل على المنارة فيضيء لكل من في البيت. وهكذا فليضيء نوركم قدام الناس، ليروا أعمالكم الصالحة ويمجدوا أباكم الذي في السموات. لا تظنوا اني أتيت لأنقض الناموس والأنبياء. اني لم آت لأنقض بل لأتمم. الحق أقول لكم: إنه إلى أن تزول السماء والأرض لا تزول ياء واحدة أو نقطة واحدة من الناموس حتى يتم الكل. فكل من يحل واحدة من تلك الوصايا الصغرى ويعلم الناس هكذا، فإنه يدعى صغيراً في ملكوت السموات. وأما من يعمل بها ويعلم، فهذا يدعى عظيماً في ملكوت السموات.

---

It is as a matter of absolute necessity that he commands all this. Why must you be salt? Jesus says in effect: “You are accountable not only for your own life but also for that of the entire world. I am sending you not to one or two cities, nor to ten or twenty, nor even to one nation, as I sent the prophets. Rather, I am sending you to the entire earth, across the seas, to the whole world, to a world fallen into an evil state.” For by saying, “You are the salt of the earth,” Jesus signifies that all human nature itself has “lost its taste,” having become rotten through sin. For this reason, you see, he requires from his disciples those character traits that are most necessary and useful for the benefit of all. ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, HOMILY 15.6.

---

The Lord has already called his disciples the “salt of the earth” because they seasoned with divine wisdom the hearts of the human race which had been made tasteless by the devil. Now he also calls them the “light of the world.” For, illumined by his very own self who is the true and eternal light, they too become light within the darkness. For since he himself is the sun of righteousness, he rightly also calls his disciples “light of the world.” Through them, as if through shining rays, he poured the light of his knowledge on the entire world. For by showing the light of truth, the Lord’s disciples made the darkness of error flee from people’s hearts. CHROMATIUS, TRACTATE ON MATTHEW 19.1.1–2.

**Please remember** to pray for the health and protection of Genevieve Allen, Olivia Aragon, Elizabeth Ashooh, Elsie Ashooh, Al Auclair, Alice Auclair, Erin Baroody, Michael Baroody, Anthony Blando, Helena Burkush, Fr. Michael Carl, Danielle Caron, Michael Cavanaugh, Meghan Connors, Sarah Cullen, Theresa Cullen, Jamileh Dagher, Sher Farrow, Declan Finn, Janet Drake, Julie Fregeau, Mary Fregeau, Peter Fregeau, Christine Freitas, John Gallagher, Loretto Gauvin, Bonnie Gomez, Gail Fisher, Nick Haddad, Jean Hannoush, Lucille Harper, Laura Jorba, Virginia Kearney, Shirley Lanoue, Susan Latvis, Roger Lawrence, Diana Lebel, Peggy Leclar, Sadie Grace McCallum, Miriam McCallum, Susan Merrill, Margaret Mitchell, Alfred Nasr, Afef Nasr, Blaise Notter, Steven O'Leary, Denis O'Keefe, Ellen Osgood, Josephine Paquette, Sheila Quinn, Deborah Roberts, Adam Rubin, Fr. Andre St. Germain, Deniese Sherburne, Salwa Sleiman, Tarrant Smith, Mary Stephen, Catherine Waldron, Laura Weingast, and Iris Angelina Velasquez.

**If you are visiting our church,** our parish family is delighted to welcome you here! Please give us the chance to get to know you by joining us for some coffee, pastry, and conversation in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to know more about the Melkite Catholic Church, check out the brochure entitled *“Welcome to this Holy House,”* located on the table in the back of the church.



**State Farm**

---

**Joe Ashooh, Agent**  
 297 S Willow Street  
 Manchester, NH 03103  
 Bus: 603-624-1000  
 joe@joesthere.com



State Farm, Bloomington, IL  
 1211999

**NORTH HILLS  
 REALTY GROUP, LLC**  
*Residential Real Estate Brokers*  
**Abraham Dagher, Realtor**  
*814 Elm St., Suite # 302*  
*Manchester, NH 03101*  
**(603) 629-9988**



Personal Injury  
 Medical Malpractice  
 Call today for a  
 FREE consultation.  
*“We Fight For You”*

Robert Stephen, Esq.

**STEPHEN LAW GROUP**  
**www.StephenLaw.com • Call 663.1007**  
**848 Elm Street, Suite 303, Manchester, NH 03101**



**Your Ad Here  
 \$300 per Year**




**MAHRAJAN**  
 Check out the  
 Mahrajan Website:  
**www.bestfestnh.com**



**Chuck Stephen**  
 814 Elm Street, Suite 503  
 Manchester, NH 03101  
 Tel # 603.606.3391  
 Toll Free 866.491.9675  
[chuck@glenwoodinvestment.com](mailto:chuck@glenwoodinvestment.com)  
[www.glenwoodinvestment.com](http://www.glenwoodinvestment.com)

**Glenwood Investment Group**  
*“Grow and protect your hard-earned wealth”*

**Your Ad  
 Here:  
 \$300/year!!**

Check out  
[www.melkite.org](http://www.melkite.org)  
 -new educational  
 material is posted  
 regularly!