



**ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**5th SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY OF MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT**  
**Saturday, April 1 & Sunday, April 2, 2017**

**\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued) \*\***

- FUND RAISER - PLEASE JOIN US!** Casa Too Mucha is hosting St Basil Day ALL DAY **Thur, April 6** at 13 Genesee Street, New Hartford, Ph. 315.733.2183. Please mention **ST BASIL CHURCH** to your server!!! Half of all proceeds from lunch, take-outs, and dinners will benefit our church. Fresh haddock daily, as well as Mexican and American food are available. Please tell your families, friends, neighbors to support this effort.
- Parish Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 5** at 6:30 PM.

**2017 EASTER FLOWERS**

Sincere thanks to the following parishioners for their monetary donations toward the purchase of St Basil's 2017 Easter Flowers. The entire St Basil Community appreciates and recognizes your generosity: Robert Lalli, in Honor of Alene Lalli, Rose Cimbalò, Violet Gentile, Joseph Cimbalò, Nestor Lalli. Thank you, and God bless you.

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

**Glory to Jesus, Our Lord and Savior!**

During this holy season of Lent, the community of St. Basil Greek Melkite Catholic Church cordially invites you to participate in a five-week Holy Bible reflection on the Holy Spirit. The sessions will be presented by Fr. Shofany on each of the following consecutive Monday evenings, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, at St Basil Church, 901 Sherman Drive, Utica.

- Monday, March 6 — **The Work of the Holy Spirit in Us**
- Monday, March 13 — **Our Christian Response to the Holy Spirit**
- Monday, March 20 — **The Fulfilled Prayer in the Holy Bible (Nature & Character)**
- Monday, March 27 — **The Role of Suffering in our Christian Journey with God**
- Monday, April 3 — **Life of the Righteous Ones in Our Time**

We have extended this invitation to other local churches and their parishioners to share this time with us in prayer, as we journey through Lent together as God's children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Shofany at 315-732-4662.

**WAYS LEADING TO SALVATION**

As the Great Fast draws to a close, we may feel that we have lived its call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the full. Yet there are in our midst others who, like St Mary of Egypt, call us by their example to examine the possibilities of stretching our spiritual muscles further than we imagine possible.

Los Angeles attorney Tony Tolbert recalls how there was always room in his family home for someone down on their luck. This memory prompted him to move back into his parents' house and offer the use of his own fully furnished home for one year so a homeless family could regroup and move on with their lives. Felicia Dukes was living with three of her children in a single room at a family shelter, but her oldest son was over the age limit and could not stay with them. The family was reunited due to Tolbert's stunning offer and could begin rebuilding their lives. "You don't have to be Bill Gates or Warren Buffet or Oprah," Tolbert said. "We can do it wherever we are, with whatever we have, and for me, I have a home that I can make available."

When Palm Beach physician Richard Lewis died, friends and colleagues gathered at a local mortuary to pay their respects. They were astonished when the doors opened to admit a group of physically and mentally disabled people who came in to join them. Unknown to anyone – including his own twin brother – Dr Lewis had been supporting six group homes in the area caring for the disabled.

*(April2017Leaflets)*

**SEASON OF LENT - WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Holy Liturgy:** Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 11:00AM    **Vespers:** Every Saturday at 3:00PM  
**Matins/Orthos:** Every Sunday at 9:00AM    **Holy Rosary:** Every Sunday at 10:30AM  
**Great Compline:** Wednesday at 6:00PM    **Akathistos:** Friday at 6:00PM

**SPEEDY RECOVERY**

Please pray for our convalescing members: **Lorraine Chanatry-Howell, Anne Cragolin, Edgar Hallak, & Mary Machis.** Notify Fr. Saba in case of illness.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

**Sunday Collection March 25/26: \$ 265.00    Fuel Collection: \$ 40.00**  
**Oneida Mission Donation \$ 250.00    Easter Flowers \$ 25.00**

**† MEMORIAL MASSES †**

**This Saturday, April 1, 2017**

- † **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad
- † **Ida Jweid**, By Frank & Rosemary Jweid
- † **Col. Fred Chanatry**, By his wife Teresa Chanatry

**This Sunday, April 2, 2017**

- † **Lois Stamboly**, By Alex Murad
- † **Ida Jweid**, By Marcel Rawda

**Next Saturday, April 8, 2017 – NO HOLY LITURGY**

**Next Sunday, April 9, 2017 – PALM SUNDAY LITURGY**

- † **Ida Jweid**, By Samuel Jweid
- † **Fred Farwege**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

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1. Please join us for the St Basil Palm Sunday Brunch, immediately following liturgy on **Sunday, April 9!** MaryAnn Astour & Marcia Reesh are co-charing the event, and may have contacted you regarding a food donation. All other guests will pay a minimum fee of \$5; 12 years & under are no charge. There will be delicious food & desserts, crafts & surprises for the children, and great company! See you there!!!