



**ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Saturday, April 15 & Sunday, April 16, 2017**

**SEASON OF LENT - WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Holy Liturgy:** Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 11:00AM **Vespers:** Every Saturday at 3:00PM

**SPEEDY RECOVERY**

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

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

**Palm Sunday Collection April 9: \$ 854.00 Fuel Collection: \$ 25.00**  
**Palm Sunday Party: \$ 200.00 St Basil Paypal: \$ 1,026.00 Resturant Fundrasing: \$ 75.00**

**† MEMORIAL MASSES †**

**This Saturday, April 15, 2017 – HOLY SATURDAY – 4:30 PM**

- † **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad
- † **Ida Jweid**, By Carol Chanatry
- † **Col. Fred Chanatry**, By his wife Teresa Chanatry
- † **Paula Nassimos**, By Julia & Mary Nassimos
- † **Basil Stamboly**, By **Anthony & Sandra Showa**

**This Sunday, April 16, 2017 – EASTER SUNDAY – 11:00 AM**

- † **Ida Jweid**, By Samuel Jweid
- † **Fred Farwege**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † **Lena Gazzal**, By Julia & Mary Nassimos
- † **Col. Fred Chanatry**, By his wife Teresa Chanatry
- † **Jannah Jbarah**, By Shofany Family
- † **Basil Stamboly**, By Robert & Laura Zaloom & Family

**Next Saturday, April 22, 2017**

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

**Next Sunday, April 23, 2017 –**

- † **Ida Jweid**, By Samuel Jweid
- † **Albert & Elvira Chanatry**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † **Fred & Gladys Farwege**, By their cousins
- † **Basil Stamboly**, By Joseph Zaloom

**\*\* ANNOUNCEMENT \*\***

➤ Parish Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be held on **Monday, May 1** at 6:30 PM.

**THANK YOU AND MANY BLESSINGS**

Special thanks to **MaryAnn Astour and Marcia Reesh** for co-chairing our **Palm Sunday Luncheon**. Thanks to **Mary Nassimos and Maryangela Fiorentino** for assisting **MaryAnn and Marcia** with decorating and set up. We are grateful to those who attended and to those who prepared food, desserts, and special treats from the **Easter Bunny**. Together, we made **Palm Sunday** a holy and wonderful gift to our children and parishioners.

Many thanks also going out to the **Alter Servers - Ibrahim Barahmeh, Wael and his son Ibrahim Barahmeh** for their devoted service to the alter of the Lord. Our deepest gratitude goes also to the **Alter Committee - Julia & Mary Nassimos and Maryangela Fiorentino** for decorating the church and the **Holy Alter**. God bless all those who care for **St Basil, our House of God**. Amen.

**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: **Mr & Mrs William Chanatry**, in honor of their deceased family members; **Anne Nassar**, in honor of her father **Eugene Nassar**. Thank you, and God bless you.

**Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

May the Risen Christ enlighten the shadows of our hearts, renewing our faith, love, and hope in the Blessed Holy Trinity. May this miracle of Easter bring you God's endless blessing.

**Christ is risen! He is truly risen!**

**St. Basil Parish Advisory Council**  
**St. Basil Community**  
**Fr. Saba and Family**



**The Kingdom of God is based on:**

**Putting God First** – “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Mt 6:31-33);

**Child-like Simplicity** - “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 18:3-4); “Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven’” (Mt 19:13, 14);

**Imitating the Way He Empties Himself** – “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. (Phil 2:5-8)