



ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 11th AFTER PENTECOST
Saturday, August 19 & Sunday, August 20, 2017

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

1. St Basil's **First Fall Flea Market and Raffle** will be held on Fri Sep 29 and Sat Sep 30 at the Rectory Garage. **Nearly new** or **slightly used** items will be accepted **beginning September 1st** at the rectory's back door. Cheryl Reesh Kopyt and Virginia Reesh Lynch will co-chair the event.
2. Parish Advisory Council (PAC) will meet next on Mon Sep 11 @ 6:30 PM in the meeting rm.

PROPHET SAMUEL

THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES on its calendar holy men and women throughout the ages: from the first days of the Old Testament, from the New Testament and from the era of the Church. We honor the saints of today, rejoicing that God is still bestowing His Spirit in our own time. Among these saints is: Prophet Samuel who is revered as the last of the Judges, the tribal chiefs who ruled the Hebrew people between the time of Moses and Joshua (c. 1250 BC) and the naming of Saul as the first king of Israel in c. 1050 BC. His story is told in the Old Testament's first book of Samuel. Four books in our Bibles, called 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings (called 1 - 4 Kingdoms in the LXX) tell the story of the rise of the unified Jewish kingdom in the tenth and ninth centuries BC.

The Birth of Samuel: Samuel's family was of the tribe of Ephraim and lived in a town called Ramathaim-Zophim (or Rama) some 4 or 5 miles northwest of the later city of Jerusalem. His father, Elkanah, had two wives Peninnah, who had several sons and daughters, and Hannah, who was reproached by Peninnah for being childless. One time, on the family's annual pilgrimage to Shiloh, Hannah vowed that, were God to give her a son, she would dedicate him to God's service. Many of the Fathers, pointing to Hannah's silent prayer, saw it as a model of heartfelt, if unspoken prayer. Although her prayer could not be heard by those nearby, it was heard by God.

Samuel Is Called by God: The infant Samuel remained at Shiloh and grew to assist Eli the priest of the shrine. This is why he is often depicted in icons holding a censer. There is a touching story describing Samuel's first experience of God, when, according to Josephus (*Antiquities of the Jews*, Bk 5), he was twelve years old. It happened "... while Samuel was lying down, that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

" And the LORD called Samuel again the third time, so he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears"... And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD" (1 Sm 3:4-10, 20). In Jewish tradition Samuel is described as being equal to Moses, since God spoke directly to him.

Samuel Becomes Judge: Eli the priest had become the most righteous judge among the Hebrews, but his sons did not take after their father and were known as corrupt. With Eli's death the unity of the Hebrew tribes began fragmenting until Samuel took Eli's place as principal judge of the nation, traveling on a circuit from Ramah to the shrines of Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah to administer justice.

Priest, Prophet, Ruler: The prophet Samuel has been seen as a type of Christ, because his ministry included a priestly and a prophetic dimension as well as being a judge and ruler in Israel. Thus he foreshadowed Christ, who offers Himself in sacrifice as priest, teaches prophetically what He hears from the Father (see Jn 15:15), and is glorified on the cross as King of the Jew.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Daily Liturgy: Monday-Friday at 8:30AM **Holy Confession:** Every Monday at 4-6PM
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

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for our convalescing members, including **Carol Chanatry, Lorraine Chanatry-Howell, Anne Cragnolin, Edgar Hallak, Mary Machis, Rose Pawlinga, and Donald Thomas.** Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection Aug 12/13: \$ 342.00 Cheese Sales: \$ 75.00 Memorial Services: \$ 30.00
Total Syrian Cheese Sales: \$ 2,834.00 - Cheese Making Expenses: \$598.34 =
Net profit from Syrian Cheese Sales: \$ 2,235.66

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This Saturday, August 19, 2017

† **Norma Chanatry**, By Luke Hutchinson

This Sunday, August 20, 2017

† **Jannah Jbarah**, By Her Family

† **Adel Jangi & Bahyja Jangi**, By Their Children

Next Saturday, August 26, 2017

† **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad

† **Norma Chanatry**, By Douglas Hutchinson

† **Deceased Members of the Nassimos Family**, By Pat Nassimos & Son Robert

Next Sunday, August 27, 2017

† **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad

† **Jannah Jbarah**, By her Family

† **Rose Cimbalo**, 30th Memorial Anniversary, By Grandson Robert Lalli

† **Joseph Reesh**, 35th Memorial Anniversary, By His Daughters

† **Catherine & Elias Chanatry**, 85th Wedding Anniversary, by Lorraine Chanatry-Howell