



ST. BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 7th AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Saturday, November 4 & Sunday, November 5, 2017

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**WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Daily Liturgy:** Monday-Friday at 8:00AM      **Holy Confession:** Every Monday at 4-6PM  
**Holy Liturgy:** Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 11:00AM      **Vespers:** Every Saturday at 3:00PM  
**Matins/Orthros:** Every Sunday at 9:00AM      **Holy Rosary:** Every Sunday at 10:30AM

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SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

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**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

**Weekly Collection Oct 28/29: \$ 378.00      Funeral & Memorial Services: \$ 170.00**

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† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This Saturday, November 4, 2017

† **Ida McHarris**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
† **Anne Cragnolin**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa
† **George Jweid**, By Bill & Janet Chanatry

This Sunday, November 5, 2017

† **Eddie Astour**, By Alex Murad
† **Salwa Atallah-Hamati**, By Maggy Atallah
† **Jeannie Janus**, By Donald & Carol Thomas
† **George Jweid**, By Alex Murad

Next Saturday, November 11, 2017

† **Anne Cragnolin**, By Carol Chanatry
† **Alfred Chantry**, By Eugene Hutchinson
† **George Jweid**, By Bill & Janet Chanatry

Next Sunday, November 12, 2017

† **Salwa Atallah-Hamati**, By Maggy Atallah
† **Anne Cragnolin**, By David & Janet George
† **Ida McHarris**, By Leo & Judith Schwenzfeier
† **George Jweid**, By Alex Murad

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

* The next Parish Advisory Council Meeting will be held on Mon Nov 6 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room.

* Looking ahead to 2018, the St Basil Community is looking forward to celebrating Our Founders on Palm Sunday, and to offering other events and activities. Together, we can accomplish great things! Become active, share your ideas, participate in our cheese program, join PAC, etc. St Basil will flourish with Team Work.

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**EPARCHY OF NEWTON**

On September 18, 2017, Pope Francis has signed a Rescript of Dispensation from all obligations of the sacred order of Deacon to Daniel Klockowski, returning him to state of a layman. He can no longer serve as deacon in the parish or diocese nor be included on the clergy roster. Daniel's request to be laicized was presented last year to Bishop Nicholas following a meeting at the Boston Melkite Convention in July 2016.

*Office of the Bishop*  
*His Excellency Bishop Nicholas Samra*

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THE OLD LAW & THE NEW LAW

ONE OF THE FIRST CONTROVERSIES in which the Apostolic Church engaged concerned the continuing importance of the Old Law, and in particular the need to be circumcised. Many Jewish believers or converts to Judaism wrestled with this question: did one need to be circumcised, as well as to be baptized to be a member of God's new community, the Church.

St Paul's position, set forth in his Epistle to the Galatians, was clear. If a believer required physical marks as evidence of his faith, it was to be "*the marks of the Lord Jesus*" (v. 17): the imprint of the cross.

Some Christians had experienced physical torture for their faith; St Paul was one of them. But as St Paul grew in his union with Christ, he came to believe that the "marks of the Lord" applied to more than any scars of physical torture, because the Christian understanding of God and His relationship to His creation was bound up with the cross. Paul did not proclaim Christ's submission to death simply as a historical event; nor did he see it simply as a dogma to be accepted intellectually. Acceptance of the cross as a way of life was to be the mark of the authentic Christian.

To Be Crucified to the World: In the Epistle to the Galatians, St Paul uses the image of *dying to the world* as the mark of the cross in a believer's life: "... *the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world*" (Gal 6:14). By this he means that the values of the world – what people prize and strive to obtain – were dead for him. We value possessions and focus on acquiring bigger and better ones. We thrive on the status and respect such possessions gain for us in the eyes of others and may be devastated when we lose them. St Paul's witness is that attachment to these values cannot co-exist with imitation of Christ, who described them as "*the deceitfulness of riches*" (Mk 4:19).

In their teaching and practice, the first Christians often returned to this theme that "the world" is opposed to the way of Christ. We find the same imagery used in the First Epistle of John, for example: "*For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life – is not of the Father but is of the world*" (1 Jn 2:16).
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