



**ST. BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY 7th AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
**Saturday, November 11 & Sunday, November 12, 2017**

**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

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

**Weekly Collection Nov 4/5: \$ 417.00**      **Funeral & Memorial Services: \$ 390.00**  
**Cheese Sale: \$ 10.00**      **Fuel: \$ 270.00**

**† MEMORIAL MASSES †**

**This Saturday, November 11, 2017**

- † Anne Cragolin, By Carol Chanatry
- † Alfred Chanatry, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † George Jweid, By William & Janet Chanatry
- † Fred Tehan, By Edward & Carmella Nassimos

**This Sunday, November 12, 2017**

- † Salwa Atallah-Hamati, By Maggy Atallah
- † Anne Cragolin, By David & Janet George
- † Ida McHarris, By Leo & Judith Schwenzfeier
- † George Jweid, By Alex Murad
- † Fred Tehan, By St Community of St. Basil

**Next Saturday, November 18, 2017**

- † Lois Stamboly, By Louis & Virginia Degironemo
- † Joseph Ghariba, 57th Memorial Anniversary, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † Albert Chanatry, 11th Memorial Anniversary, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † Lina Tebsherany, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

**Next Sunday, November 19, 2017**

- † Ida McHarris, By Dorothy Kerley & Susan Callan
- † Deceased Members of the Stamboly Family, By Eleanor Steppello
- † George Jweid, By Edward & Carmella Nassimos
- † Najeb Ibrahim Barahmeh, By his Children
- † David Ibrahim Barahmeh, By the Barahmeh Family
- † Imad Jacob Rihany, By the Barahmeh Family

**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.

**\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\***

- \* The next **Parish Advisory Council** Meeting will be held on Mon Dec 4 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room.
- \* **St Basil 2017 Christmas Party** will be held on Sat Dec 16, following 4:30 PM Liturgy. Chairpersons for the event, Maryann Astour and Marcia Reesh, will be in contact with parishioners to request food items, beverages, and paperproduct donations. If not contacted by the Committee, a \$5 admission fee per person over 12 years old, will be collected at the door. Questions can be directed to the Rectory at 315.732.4662.
- \* 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.

**KENOSIS: EMPTY OURSELF**

In his Epistle to the Philippians, St Paul focuses on the mind of Christ, which brought Him to the cross and the tomb, as the key to our understanding of the cross.

*“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 bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven and of those on earth and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:5-11).*

St Paul teaches that the willingness to empty oneself – *kenosis* in Greek – is what identifies Christ and marks us as His followers. But the way we are to empty ourselves cannot be identical to Christ’s *kenosis*. The Word emptied Himself of the divine glory, which was His by right, to identify with us. This led to the cross and to the exaltation of Christ as Lord. Of what are we to empty ourselves in imitation of Him? It would be our “glory,” or what we think of as our glory, which we would give up to identify with Him. As Christ became a “bondservant” for our sake, the Christian is called to become a servant of others also. This is what Christ depicted graphically when He washed His disciples’ feet at the Supper then told them,

*“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (Jn 13:14, 15).*

**Practicing “Servanthood”:** Our Church’s traditional disciplines are based on these teachings. By *fasting* we learn to distance ourselves from physical pleasures, dying to the world through abstinence from food, drink, entertainment and the rest. In *almsgiving* we learn to dispose of our resources rather than to hoard them. By joining others in common *prayer* and ascetic exercises we become servants of one another, helping others to grow in the Christian life as well. It has been said that others will believe in Christ when they see His crucifixion displayed in the lives of His followers. By practicing these traditional disciplines, we show that we, like St Paul, attempt to live the cross.

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