

BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 9th AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday, November 18 & Sunday, November 19, 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 11/12: \$ 762.00 Funeral & Memorial Services: \$ 185.00
Cheese Sale: \$ 50.00 Fuel: \$ 145.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This 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
- † **Onofrio Petrella**, By Robert Lalli

This 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
- † **Mary Kakaty, 18th Memorial Anniversary**, By her Children

Next Saturday, November 25, 2017

- † **Lois Stamboly**, By Louis & Virginia Degironemo
- † **David Godkin Jr**, By his Mother, JoAnne Reesh Godkin
- † **George Jweid**, By William & Jeanette Chanatry
- † **Jeannie Janus**, By Her Mother, Josephine Maje

Next Sunday, November 26, 2017

- † **Rose Reesh, 3rd Memorial Anniversary**, By her Family
- † **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad
- † **Ida McHarris**, By Leo & Judith Schwenzfeier
- † **George Jweid**, By Alex Murad
- † **Eugene Nassar**, By His Daughter, Ann and her 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. Interested members are always welcome to attend.
- * **St Basil 2017 Christmas Party** will be held on Sat Dec 16, following 4:30 PM Liturgy. Chairpersons for the event, Maryann Astour, Shirley Casab, and Robin Astour, 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 Syrian Braided Cheese program, join PAC, etc. St Basil will flourish with Team Work.

Patriarch John the Almsgiver

Patriarchs in both East and West regularly take the name of one of their predecessors. As a result, they are generally identified as the second, third or tenth of that name in that see. The Greek Melkite Patriarch of Alexandria, John V, is an exception to that rule. He is known to history as John the Almsgiver and is remembered in Byzantine Churches on November 12.

Born in c. 552, John was the son of the governor of Cyprus, so his upbringing was that of an aristocrat. He married at his father’s behest, although his preference was for a celibate life. His friend and biographer, Bishop Leontios of Neopolis in Cyprus, wrote that John and his wife lived in continence until her father demanded that they live as husband and wife. The couple yielded to his demands and proceeded to have what Leontios called “a bountiful crop” of children. After a time, the children and then their mother died, leaving John free to live as a celibate devoted to the service of others.

John’s reputation as an extraordinary peacemaker and benefactor of the needy became so widely known over the following decades, that, still a layman, he was chosen – under pressure from Emperor Heraclius – to be Patriarch of Alexandria in 609.

The reason for his extreme generosity was only made known after his death by Leontios. One night when John was 15, he was awakened by a woman “whose face outshone the sun” and identified her as “the first of the daughters of the King.” She promised, “I will lead you into the presence of the King, for no one has as free access to Him as I have.” John knew that the King was the sole Compassionate Lover of Mankind and identified this “first daughter” as Compassion. This experience as a teenager set the course of his life.

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