

. BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 12th AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Tuesday, December 9 & Sunday, December 10, 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 Dec 2/3: \$ 344.00 Funeral & Memorial Services: \$ 60.00
Cheese Sale: \$ 25.00 Fuel: \$ 180.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This Saturday, December 9, 2017

- † Salwa Atallah-Hamati, By Maggy Atallah
- † Ida McHarris, By Dorothy Kerley & Susan Callan
- † George Jweid, By William & Janet Chanatry
- † Eugene Nassar, By His Daughter Ann and her Family
- † Kareem & Sophia Nassimos, By Julia & Mary Nassimos
- † Frederick Tehan, By John & Anne Rich

This Sunday, December 10, 2017

- † Elias Chanatry, 33rd Memorial Anniversary, By Lorraine Chanatry-Howell
- † Ida McHarris, By Dorothy Kerley & Susan Callan
- † George Jweid, By Alex Murad
- † Eugene Nassar, By His Daughter Ann and her Family
- † Kareem & Sophia Nassimos, By Julia & Mary Nassimos

Next Saturday, December 16, 2017

- † James Steppello Jr, By his wife Eleanor Steppello
- † Bahia Ghariba, 48th Memorial Anniversary, By Doris & Eugene Hutchinson
- † George Jweid, By Alex Murad
- † Ida McHarris, By Leo & Judith Schwenzfeier
- † Frederick Tehan, By Lawrence & Naomi Durante

Next Sunday, December 17, 2017

- † Georgia Reesh-Lindfield, by her Sisters
- † Ida McHarris, By P. A. Baddles
- † George Jweid, By May Anne Vonderson

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.

*** SPECIAL INTENTION ***

Our prayers and special intentions go to Virginia Southworth. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant her many years to come in good health, prosperity, happiness, and holiness. Amen.

**** IMPORTANT ** ANNOUNCEMENTS ** IMPORTANT ****

- **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** This year, the Christmas Offerings to St Basil Church will be dedicated specifically to the purchase of vestments for Altar Servants and Holy Altar cloths. Please participate by making a generous donation to this program. Thank you. God bless you and grant you many years to come in good health, prosperity, happiness, and holiness. Fr. Saba
- **HOLY LITURGIES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON:**
Saturday, December 23rd, 4:30 PM - No Liturgy
Sunday, December 24th, 11:00 AM - No Liturgy
Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve - Celebrated at 4:30 PM
Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day - Celebrated at 11:00 AM

**** ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

* **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. Please sign up on sheets located in the Vestibule. Santa will be attending to distribute gifts to the children. Bring a wrapped gift for your child with a value of \$20 or less, and write their name clearly on the tag.

* The next **Parish Advisory Council Meeting** will be held on Mon Jan 8 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room. Interested members are always welcome to attend.

* 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.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

The annual Bishop's Appeal is an important way in which our parish fulfills its duty to our larger Melkite family throughout the U.S. Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas Samra, asks every Melkite household in the U.S. to give at least \$100-\$200 each year to support our Eparchy in America. By contributing to the Appeal, each of us responds to Christ's call to support our Church and helps fund its vital works, such as: publishing *SOPHIA* magazine; establishing new missions and outreaches; supporting our seminarians for the Priesthood and Diaconate; providing for our elderly priests; educating our children and young adults, and 10% is tithed to our unfortunate and persecuted brother and sisters. It is the holy obligation of every member of our parish respond to his call. Please send your gift today. Extra Appeal donation slips are available in the narthex. Thank you.