

ST. BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Tuesday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17, 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 9/10: \$ 290.00 Memorial Services: \$ 50.00
Cheese Sale: \$ 10.00 Fuel: \$ 55.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This Saturday, December 16, 2017

- † **Jim Steppello Jr**, By his wife Eleanor Steppello
- † **Bahia Ghariba, 48th Memorial Anniversary**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † **George Jweid**, By Alex Murad
- † **Ida McHarris**, By Leo & Judith Schwenzfeier
- † **Frederick Tehan**, By Lawrence & Naomi Durante
- † **Bahia Margaret-Chanatry, 47th Memorial Anniversary**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

This Sunday, December 17, 2017

- † **Georgia Reesh-Lindfield, 20th Memorial Anniversary**, By her Sisters
- † **Ida McHarris**, By P. A. Baddles
- † **George Jweid**, By MaryAnne Vonderson
- † **Eugene & Karen Nassar**, By Daughter Ann and her Family

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY December 24, 2017

- † **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad
- † **Salwa Atallah-Hamati**, By Maggy Atallah
- † **George Jweid**, By Tony Kawam
- † **Eugene & Karen Nassar**, By Daughter Ann and her Family
- † **Louis Chanatry, 85th Memorial Anniversary**, By William and Janet Chanatry
- † **Michael Chanatry, 79th Memorial Anniversary**, By William and Janet Chanatry
- † **Ameena Chanatry, 53rd Memorial Anniversary**, By William and Janet Chanatry
- † **Joseph Chanatry, 5th Memorial Anniversary**, By William and Janet Chanatry
- † **Frederick Tehan**, By Lawrence & Naomi Durante
- † **Ida McHarris**, By P. A. Baddles
- † **Raymond & Bahia Chanatry and Deceased Children**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY December 25, 2017

- † **Georgia Reesh-Lindfield, 20th Memorial Anniversary**, By her Sisters
- † **Ida McHarris**, By P. A. Baddles
- † **George Jweid**, By MaryAnne Vonderson
- † **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad

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.

**** 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

As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the greatest gift in human history—the "New Child who is God from all eternity"—let us remember our Melkite Church by which Christ Himself comes to our families and loved ones. **Please give a special end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton** to support all the vital works of our Church in America. Evangelization, establishing new missions, spiritual renewal, helping our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Mideast, seminary training...the Bishop's Appeal supports all these and much more. If you enjoy reading *SOPHIA* magazine, please help defray the cost of its production and distribution. In order to accomplish all these vital works, Bishop Nicholas asks for **100% participation by every Melkite family in the Eparchy**. Thank you so much