

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 4th AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 16 & Sunday, June 17, 2018

WEEKLY SERVICES

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

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for all of our convalescing friends, including Nancy Gazzal, Edgar Hallak, Rose Pawlinga, and Carol Young. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection June 9/10: \$ 459.00
Memorial Services: \$ 30.00
Syrian Cheese Sale: \$ 120.00
St. Pauly Textile: \$ 53.92

**** IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING HOLY LITURGIES DURING JULY ****

Fr. Saba will be absent from the parish between July 5 & July 30. Rev Richard Dellos and Rev Anthony LaFache will preside during Holy Liturgies during this time. In case of funeral planning, please contact Tony Showa at 315-732-5411. Tony will contact the Diocese to provide St. Basil with Melkite priests.

- 1. THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY LITURGIES OFFERED BETWEEN JULY 5TH & JULY 30TH.**
- 2. DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, HOLY LITURGIES WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:00AM.**

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 16

- † **Elias Chanatry**, by Lorraine Chanatry- Howell
- † **Nader Fayez**, by Michael & Christine Barahmeh
- † **James Edward Astour**, 5th Memorial Anniversary, by the Astour Family
- † **Andrew Astour**, 16th Memorial Anniversary, by the Astour Family
- † **Agnes Astour**, 8th Memorial Anniversary, by the Astour Family

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 17

- † **Mary Machis**, by Mr. & Mrs. Henry George Murad and Family
- † **Anthony Chanatry**, by Lorraine Chanatry- Howell

NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 23

- † **George Kawam**, by his wife Renee Kawam

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- † **Jannah Jbarah**, by her Family

1. A PayPal link is available on our website offering a safe, secure, and confidential option to donate to St Basil, Utica. Please go to www.stbasilutica.org, click on the Donation Tab and follow the webpage instructions. Weekly Sunday Bulletins can also be found there; click on the Announcement Tab. Thank you for visiting our page!

2. Fr. Shofany & the Parish Advisory Council members have agreed to sell the antique organ located in the church, on the balcony. If you or someone you know has any interest, please call the rectory at 315.732.4662.

3. We are looking to form two Garage Sale Committees; one to organize the event, and one to provide labor to set-up and break down the event. Please see any PAC member to express you interest. Thank you.

THANKS AND TRIBUTE

SYRIAN BRAIDED CHEESE: Let us all express our appreciation to the Cheese Making Committee, Nadia Casab, Virginia Lynch, Sandy Showa, Carol Chanatry, Barbara Ann Dunlevy, Michelle Roth for their help making our Syrian Braided Cheese. Great thanks to to Marcia Reesh for creating labels used to list ingredients on the braids. St Basil and the entire parish community deeply appreciates your sincere dedication. God bless you! Fr. Saba

*** SPECIAL INTENTION ***

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

DEALING WITH PASSIONS

Christians seeking to foster a relationship with Christ dwelling in them will want to overcome the power of the passions. The most important weapons which can help in this spiritual struggle are *vigilance* and *discernment*. The vigilant Christian is one who, regularly examining his world and his own reactions to it, seeks to ascertain whether his responses are determined by one of the passions listed above. Since all the passions are expressions of our ego, we must remain watchful to determine how much our desires (“I want,” “I need,” or “I have the right to”) reflect a hidden egotism. The discerning Christian is one who is able to determine this and frame a response to the enticements of the world in line with Christ’s way for us set forth in the Scriptures.

Dealing with the Culture St Paul counseled new believers in the culture of his day, “*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may test what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*” (Rom 12:2) and also, “*Test all things: hold fast to what is good and abstain from every form of evil*” (1 Thess 5:21, 22). Christians today need to distinguish what is good in our secular world from what is not.

Modern society is built on the idea that the freedom of the individual is the greatest good. The individual should be free to choose his or her own political leaders, values, or religion and publicly promote that choice. Extreme expressions of this concept are the conviction that the individual determines his or her own “truth,” becoming the ultimate judge of his or her actions and identity, determining whether one is male or female, who or how many to marry, when and how to die, etc. irrespective of law or custom.

Are we, first of all, individuals or members of a community (and therefore unable to determine our own truth)? Do obligations to our family, Church, or Country outweigh our individual preferences?

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