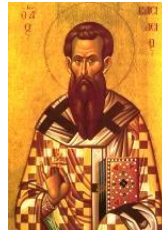


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SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AFTER EASTER  
Saturday, April 24, Sunday, April 25, 2021

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**PARISH SERVICES**

**Holy Liturgy:** Monday-Friday 8:30AM  
**Holy Liturgy:** Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 11:00AM  
**Matins/Orthos:** Sunday 9:00AM

**Holy Confession:** Monday 4-6PM  
**Vespers:** Saturday 3:00PM  
**Holy Rosary:** Sunday 10:30AM

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**HEALING PRAYERS NEEDED**

Prayers needed for our friends MaryAnn Astour, Maggy Atallah, Jean Benoit, Nadia Casab, Jeanette Farewege, Nancy Gazzal, Daniel Klockowski, Jean Murad, Rose Pawlinga, Brian Sagrestano, and Karen Zalatan. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

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† **MEMORIAL MASSES** †

**THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 24**

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By Cheryl Kopyt and Family  
† **Julia Nassimos**, By Bruce & Sally Hodsoll  
† **John Gazzal**, By Edward & Carmela Nassimos  
† **William Chanatry**, By Janet Chanatry & Family

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By Cheryl Kopyt and Family  
† **Julia Nassimos**, By Bruce & Sally Hodsoll  
† **Abdallah Ghryeb**, By the Hesham & Najwa Marji  
† **John Gazzal**, By Dave & Pam Williams  
† **William Chanatry**, By Janet Chanatry & Family

**NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 1**

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By Cheryl Kopyt and Family  
† **Julia Nassimos**, By Bruce & Sally Hodsoll  
† **John Gazzal**, By Edward & Carmela Nassimos  
† **William Chanatry**, By Janet Chanatry & Family

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 2**

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By Cynthia Buck  
† **Julia Nassimos**, By Bruce & Sally Hodsoll  
† **Abdallah Ghryeb**, By the Hesham & Najwa Marji  
† **John Gazzal**, By Dave & Pam Williams  
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**RECENT RECEIPTS**

Weekly Collection April 17/18: \$ 580.00

Memorial Services: \$ 150.00

**THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST NOT OF THIS WORLD**

When Pilate asked Jesus “are you a King?” the Lord answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth” (Mt 18:37). It is in the Gospel records of Jesus’ teaching – particularly the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10). This text is so familiar to us that we may not see it as describing the lifestyle of God’s Kingdom: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**Putting God First:** “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Mt 6:31-33)

**Child-like Simplicity:** “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 18:3, 4)  
“Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven’” (Mt 19:13, 14)

**Imitating the way, He Empties Himself:** “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 servant, 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” (Phil 2:5-8)

**Servant-Leadership:** “Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Lk 22:24-30); “So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet” (Jn 13:12-14).  
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