



ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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6th SUNDAY OF LENT – PALM SUNDAY
Saturday, April 8 & Sunday, April 9, 2017

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

- Parish Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be held on **Monday, May 1** at 6:30 PM.
- Please join us **TODAY, SUNDAY APRIL 9** for St Basil’s Palm Sunday Brunch, immediate following liturgy! MaryAnn Astour & Marcia Reesh are co-charing the event, and may have contacted you regarding a food donation. All other guests will pay a minimum fee of \$5 and years & under are no charge. There will be delicious food & desserts, crafts & surprises for tl children, and great company! See you there!

SEASON OF LENT - WEEKLY SERVICES

Holy Liturgy: Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 11:00AM **Vespers:** Every Saturday at 3:00PM
Matins/Orthos: Every Sunday at 9:00AM **Holy Rosary:** Every Sunday at 10:30AM
Great Compline: Wednesday at 6:00PM **Akathistos:** Friday at 6:00PM

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please pray for our convalescing members: **Lorraine Chanatry-Howell, Anne Cragnolin, Edgar Hallak, & Mary Machis.** Notify Fr. Saba in case of illness.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection April 1/2: \$ 365.00 Fuel Collection: \$ 95.00 Memorial Offerings: \$ 70.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This Saturday, April 8, 2017 – NO HOLY LITURGY

This Sunday, April 9, 2017 – PALM SUNDAY - 11:00 AM

- † **Ida Jweid**, By Samuel Jweid
- † **Fred Farwege**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † **Lena Gazzal**, By Julia & Mary Nassimos
- † **Col. Fred Chanatry**, By his wife Teresa Chanatry
- † **Jannah Jbarah**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY – April 13, 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY – April 14, 6:00 PM

Next Saturday, April 15, 2017 – HOLY SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

- † **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad
- † **Ida Jweid**, By Carol Chanatry
- † **Col. Fred Chanatry**, By his wife Teresa Chanatry
- † **Paula Nassimos**, By Julia & Mary Nassimos

Next Sunday, April 16, 2017 – EASTER SUNDAY – 11:00 AM

- † **Ida Jweid**, By Samuel Jweid
- † **Fred Farwege**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † **Lena Gazzal**, By Julia & Mary Nassimos
- † **Col. Fred Chanatry**, By his wife Teresa Chanatry
- † **Jannah Jbarah**, By Shofany Family

OUR KINGDOM 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 I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth*” (Mt 18 is in the Gospel records of Jesus’ teaching – particularly the Parables – that we see what His kingdom was what it was not.

This teaching is summarized in the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10). This text is so familiar to us that we may not see 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.***

It is safe to say that the Lord is not describing the ruling elite of any worldly state. Elsewhere we see that His Kingdom is based on:

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 not 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 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)

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