

ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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6TH SUNDAY OF LENT - PALM SUNDAY  
Sunday, March 25, 2018

HOLY LENT LITURGICAL/PRAYER SERVICES

**Daily Liturgy:** Monday-Friday at 8:30AM      **Holy Confession:** Every Monday at 4-6PM  
**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 continue to pray for all of our convalescing friends, including Nancy Gazzal, Edgar Hallak, Lorraine Chanatry-Howell, Daniel Klockowski, and Rose Pawlinga. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection March 17/18: \$ 612.00      Syrian Braided Cheese Sale: \$00.00  
Memorial Services: \$ 130.00      Easter Flowers: \$ 90.00

\* SPECIAL INTENTION \*

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

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 25, PALM SUNDAY

† Mary Machis, By Mr. & Mrs. Henry George Murad and Family  
† Lena Rowe, 4th Memorial Anniversary, By Robert Lalli  
† Ida McHarris, By Robert & Ann St. Jermain  
† Elias & James Casper, By Evelyn Casper and Family  
† Norman & Sadie Stamboly, By Lorraine Tedesco

NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 31, EASTER EVE

† Elia & James Casper, By Evelyn Casper and Family  
† Sally Showa, By Anthony & Sandra Showa  
† Basil Stamboly & Family, By Lorraine Tedesco  
† Carmella Rice & Family, By Lorraine Tedesco

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 1, EASTER DAY

† Mary Machis, By Mr. & Mrs. Henry George Murad and Family  
† Elias Casper, By Evelyn Casper and Family

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*

1. Please join us for the St Basil Palm Sunday Luncheon, immediately following 11:00 AM Holy Liturgy today, Sunday, March 25. St Basil's original founders will be recognized during the festivities. Marcia Reesh is chairing the event, and may have reached out to you regarding set up, or food/beverage donations.
2. St Basil Parish Advisory Council will meet on Monday, April 9 @ 6:30 PM in the Rectory.

2018 EASTER FLOWERS

Sincere thanks to the following parishioners for their monetary donations toward the purchase of St Basil's 2018 Easter Flowers: Thomas Juan; Fred & Cheryl Kopyt in memory of the deceased member of the Kopyt Family & the Reesh Family; Lorraine Chanatry-Howell in memory of her parents Elias & Catharine Chanatry. The entire St Basil Community appreciates and recognizes your generosity. Thank you, and God bless you.

GOD'S COVENANT

*The Covenant with Adam* (Gen 1:27-2:3) – The Jews understood creation itself to be a covenant with mankind. God's part was to create our first ancestors in His image and likeness and give them "dominion over ... every living thing that moves on the earth" (v.28) with "every herb ... and every tree ...for food" (v.29), except for "the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden" (Gen 3:3). Man's part was to "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Gen 1:28): to replenish and cultivate, or put in order, the creation God had given. The Genesis story concludes as follows: "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made" (Gen 2:3). The Jews considered keeping the Sabbath as the sign which would remind them of God's covenant with Adam.

*The Covenant with Noah* (Gen 9:9-15) –After the flood waters receded, God made another covenant with mankind through Noah, promising to keep creation from being destroyed: "Behold, I establish My covenant with you ... never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." In addition to the herbs and fruit of the trees, God now provided that "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you" (Gen 9:3). But man was not to eat "flesh with its blood" (blood was the stuff of sacrifice – it was an offering for God, not for man to consume). Man's part in the covenant was, again, to "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth" (Gen 9:2). Here, too, the covenant had a sign: God says, "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ... and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth" (Gen 9:13-16). Unlike the covenant in Eden, this sign of the covenant was to remind God, rather than man, of what he had promised.

*The Covenant with Abram* – Gen 12 – The next covenant was with Noah's descendant Abram, whose name God changed to Abraham. "Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.... And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, Also, I give to you and your descendants ... all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession" (Gen 17:4-9).

While the earlier covenants were between God and all mankind through Adam and Noah, the covenant with Abram/Abraham was with him and his descendants. Their part was to observe the sign of the covenant, circumcision, which would identify them as being of Abram's tribe, heirs of God's promise. (Gen 17:10, 11, 13).

*The Covenant with Moses* (Ex 19:3-9) – The promise that Abraham's descendants would inherit the land of Canaan was fulfilled through Moses. God promised, "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Ex 19:5)

The people's part of the covenant was to keep the Ten Commandments and the other precepts God had given them. These precepts were written for posterity and animals were sacrificed to seal the covenant. Moses (Ex 24:7, 8).  
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