

ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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SUNDAY 7th AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, July 8, 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 30/July 1: \$ 00.00
Memorial Services: \$ 00.00
Syrian Cheese Sale: \$ 00.00
St. Pauly Textile: \$ 00.00

**** 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 SUNDAY, JULY 8 (Fr. Richard Dellos, Celebrant)

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 15 (Fr. Richard Dellos, Celebrant)

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

SUNDAY, JULY 22 (Fr. Richard Dellos, Celebrant)

† **Jannah Jbarah**, by her Family

SUNDAY, JULY 29 (Fr. Richard Dellos, Celebrant)

† **Jannah Jbarah**, by her Family

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

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 your interest. Thank you.

4. St Louis Taste of Lebanon: St Basil will sell Syrian Braided Cheese at the Taste of Lebanon again this year. We are looking for folks to cover the booth during the event; Fri Aug 3 from 5-9 pm, Sat Aug 4 from 1-9 pm, and Sun Aug 5 from 11 am to 4 pm. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet to assist at this event.

THE MESSIAH

Many Jewish people at the time of Christ were looking for the Messiah, God's "Anointed One". Most looked for a royal warrior – another David – who would drive out the Romans from the Holy Land and restore the power of Israel in the region. This political Messiah would usher in a period of prosperity and power for the people of Israel. Others in that period thought that the Messiah would restore the old priestly line and the temple rites used before the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. He would be a priestly Messiah, renewing the temple and restoring the original spirit of its liturgy.

The Lord Jesus had a very different view of His role. He was not to be an earthly king; He never urged political dissent or encouraged revolt against Roman rule. As He was to tell Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here" (Jn 18:36).

Neither did the Lord Jesus attempt to restore the usages of Solomon's temple. He would fulfill the entire Old Covenant in Himself, becoming the new temple, the house of God on earth. It was with this in mind that the Lord told the Jews on driving away the money-changers, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said" (Jn 2:19-22).

The "Messianic Secret": Beginning in the late nineteenth century, biblical commentators began using the term "Messianic secret" to describe Jesus' reluctance to be described as Messiah. Had Jesus allowed this to happen while not fulfilling His hearers' expectations, He would have made it impossible for anyone to come to believe in Him. He would have given them the right word, but the wrong idea. He might also have come to the attention of the religious and political authorities before He had developed followers nurtured to any degree with His vision of the Kingdom of God.

Rather we see Jesus beginning a long process of choosing disciples and allowing them to discover for themselves that He was God's Anointed. Jesus never claimed the title of Messiah for Himself and only hinted at it among those most committed to the Kingdom of God. Thus we are told: "...when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me'" (Mt 11:2-6) Jesus leaves John and his followers to draw their own conclusions.

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