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SUNDAY 15th AFTER PENTECOST
Saturday, September 1 & Sunday, September 2, 2018

WEEKLY SERVICES

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

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for all of our convalescing friends, including Fred Ajaeb, Maggy Attalah, Nadia Casab, Nancy Gazzal, Edgar Hallak, Rose Pawlinga, and Lorraine Tedesco. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection August 25/26: \$ 000.00 **Syrian Cheese Sale: \$ 00.00**
Memorial Services: \$ 00.00 **St. Pauly Textile: \$ 00.00**

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

† **Carol Gianotti**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

† **Jannah Jbarah**, By her Family

NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

† **Alfred Chanatry**, 3rd Memorial Anniversary, By his family
† **Louis Chanatry**, 45th Memorial Anniversary, By Doris & Eugene Hutchinson

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

† **Dr. Anthony Zogby**, 7th Memorial Anniversary, By Lorraine Chanatry-Howell
† **Ameena Chanatry-Zogby**, By Lorraine Chanatry-Howell
† **Alfred Chanatry**, 3rd Memorial Anniversary, By his family

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

1. On **Wednesday, September 19**, St Basil will host a fund raising event at **Casa Too Mucha**, 13 Genesee Street, New Hartford. Please stop by for lunch or dinner and mention to your server that you're there in support of St Basil. A percentage of your sale will be donated to our beloved church. Thank you in advance for participating, and spread the word!!!

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2. The St Basil **Second Fall Flea Market and Raffle** will be held on **Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29** at the Rectory Garage. Beginning on **Saturday, September 1**, **nearly new** or **slightly used** items will be accepted at the rectory using the back door. Virginia Reesh Lynch and Marcia Reesh will co-chair the event. Questions can be directed to the Rectory at 315.732.4662. Thank you.

3. 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!

4. **St. George's Mediterranean Festival** will be held on **Saturday, September 8 from 12 to 8 pm, and on Sunday, September 9 from 12 to 5 pm**. We are all invited to join the festivities, which includes music, dancing, delicious food, and much more.

St. Basil will have a booth during these hours to sell Syrian Braided Cheese. **We are looking for booth coverage on Saturday from 4 to 6 pm**. Please contact Marcia at 315.269.6430 to help with selling cheese.

THE WEDDING BANQUET

Even more sacramental allusions are found in the image of the wedding banquet of the king's son. This portrayal of a future when God is all in all is at the heart of Christ's parable of the wedding banquet (Mt 22:1-14). A similar parable is found in Lk 14:15-24. In Luke Christ tells this parable in response to this praise of the kingdom to come by one of His hearers, "*Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God*" (Lk 14:15).

In Matthew, this feast is described as celebrating the union of the king's son with his bride, which represents the Messiah becoming one with his people. It is the long-awaited union of the Lord and His beloved. St John Chrysostom explains the wedding imagery in this parable and connects it with similar expressions in other Scriptures: "You may ask, 'Why is it called a marriage?' – That you may learn God's tender care, His yearning toward us, the cheerfulness of it. There is no sorrow there: all things are filled with spiritual joy. Therefore, John also calls Him a bridegroom and Paul says, 'I have espoused you to one husband' and 'This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the Church.'"

Those who are invited, however, do not see the eternal significance of this event. They are busy with the things of this age – their view of reality was limited to their business interests. Their short-sightedness cost them everything and others were invited in their place. In Luke, even family life is considered a poor excuse for ignoring the invitation to the king's banquet.

The setting of this parable in Matthew gives us a key to its meaning. The Lord has just entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. He teaches using three parables against the Jewish leaders: the parables of the two sons, the vineyard tenants and the wedding banquet. Each of them features an ungrateful and unresponsive reply to the master's call.

The parable of the two sons (Mt 21:28-32) concludes with this admonition: "*Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him*" (v. 32). This reference to John the Forerunner points to the coming of the Messiah as the event which people were called to acknowledge and to which they refused to respond. Official religious leaders will be replaced by prostitutes and the Jewish people by Gentiles in the Messianic age which has already begun.

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