

ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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SUNDAY 8th AFTER THE HOLY CROSS EXALTATION
Saturday, November 10 & Sunday, November 11, 2018

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**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

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SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

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**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

Weekly Collection November 3/4: \$ 00.00 Syrian Braided Cheese Sale: \$ 00.00

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† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

† William Chanatry, By Alex Murad
† Edgar Hallak, By Douglas Hutchinson
† Frederick Tehan, 1st Memorial anniversary, By Richard & JoAnn Tehan

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

† Jannah Jbarah, By her Family
† William Chanatry, By Madeline Zaloom Forsythe

NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

† William Chanatry, By Alex Murad
† Edgar Hallak, By Luke Hutchinson
† Albert Chanatry, 12th Memorial Anniversary, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
† Mary Kakaty, 19th Memorial Anniversary, By her Children
† Lena Tebsherany, 4th Memorial Anniversary, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

† William Chanatry, By David & Janet George
† Jannah Jbarah, By her Family
† Jacqueline Giangli-Albright, 40th Memorial Day, By her Family

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**\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \***

1. Our next **PAC Meeting** is scheduled for Mon Dec 3, 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room. Please join us, share your ideas, and become a St Basil Parish Advisory Council Member.

**\* ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED \***

2. **2018 St Basil Christmas Party:** Please join us on **Sat Dec 15, following 4:30 PM Liturgy**. Chairpersons for the event are Janet George & Michelle Roth, and will be in contact with parishioners to request food items, beverages, and paper products donations. If not contacted by the Committee, a \$10 admission fee per person over 12 years old will be collected at the door. Questions can be directed to the rectory at 315.732.4662. Sign up on sheets will be located in the vestibule. Santa will be attending to distribute gifts to the children; please bring a wrapped gift for your child with a value of \$20 or less, with their name clearly written on a tag.

3. **IMPORTANT: This year, 50% of the Christmas Party collection** will be offered to His Beatitude Patriarch Joseph to serve his charity program, which assists to feed and clothe children who've lost their U.S. Military parent(s) at war. Please participate by making a generous donation to this program. Thank you. God bless you and grant you many years to come in good health, prosperity, happiness, and holiness. Fr. Saba

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BISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: The annual Bishop's Appeal is an important way in which our parish fulfills its duty to our Melkite family throughout the U.S. and to our needy brothers and sisters. Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas asks every Melkite household in the U.S. to give **at least \$100-\$200 each year** to support our Eparchy of America. By contributing to the Appeal, we can respond to the Lord's call in today's Gospel to be a Good Samaritan to our Melkite neighbors around the Country. It is a holy obligation that every member of our parish respond to his call. If you have not done so already, please send your gift today. Extra appeal envelopes are available in the narthex.

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**GOD MAKES UP FOR OUR FAILURES**

IN HIS PREACHING OF CHRIST to the Gentiles St Paul was challenging the heart of Jewish practice in his day: the necessity of observing the Law. What was required, he taught, was faith in Christ.

In writing to the Galatians, St Paul mentioned an objection which he probably heard from critics: *"if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin?"* (Gal 2:17) In other words, if a Christian sins, is that the fault of his faith or even of Christ in whom he believes? St Paul would go on to say that it is a sinner's heart, rather than his faith which is at fault. He believes in Christ, but does not act consistently with his belief. As one popular expression has it, "He talks the talk, but does not walk the walk."

**The Dark Side of the Church:** There are many believers who sincerely wish to follow Christ, but are not able to control their passions in line with their faith. There are others who dismiss the Church's traditional teachings as outdated, if these teachings contradict their own preferred way of life. Still others simply ignore Christ's way of life because they have the power to do so. They have been called the dark side of the Church.

Church because of the moral derelictions we see in it is religiously foolish and reflects our inability to think things through. Anything wrong, distorted, and impure that we see within the gates of the Church is not the Church."

**What Should We Do?** Believers who are troubled by the presence of the dark double in the Church should keep in mind: The Apostolic Tradition of holiness is always present in the Church. When the words or actions of individual churchmen contradict the Tradition, keep your eyes on the Tradition. Remember that any of us may be distracted in prayer and "wander" to other places, good or bad when we try to pray. Ask the Lord's help in deepening your ability to focus on the words of your prayer.

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