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SUNDAY 9th AFTER THE HOLY CROSS EXALTATION
Saturday, November 17 & Sunday, November 18, 2018

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**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

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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 10/11: \$ 00.00**      **Syrian Braided Cheese Sale: \$ 00.00**  
**Memorial services: \$00.00**                      **Fuel Collection: \$ 00.00**

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† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS 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

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

† William Chanatry, By David & Janet George
† Jannah Jbarah, By her Family
† Jackie Giangi-Albright, 40th Day Memorial Service, By her Family
† Victims of USA mass shootings, By Robert Lalli

NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

† William Chanatry, 40th Day Memorial Service, His wife Janet & his Family
† Joseph Ghariba, 52nd Memorial Anniversary, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
† Joseph & Sally Showa, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

† Rose Marchio-Reesh, 4th Memorial Anniversary, By her Family
† Guy Cimbalo, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

*** SPECIAL THANKSGIVING***

Prayers, praises and Thanksgiving go to our Almighty God from Eugene & Doris Hutchinson & their family members. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant them many years to come in good health, prosperity, happiness, and holiness. Amen

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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.
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 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: At this time of year, when our nation offers thanksgiving for all God's blessings, Our Lord speaks to us in the Gospel about being rich in the things of God and about storing up treasure in Heaven instead of clinging to our worldly goods. Let us give back to the Lord in return for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us and our families. Offer thanks to God by giving a generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal. Extra Appeal envelopes are available in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

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**GOD SPEAKS TO US WITH PARABLES**

**Why Parables at All?** Christ makes a distinction between those whose curiosity might be roused by a parable and his committed followers who might be expected to understand His teachings. It takes a commitment of faith to make a hearer able to understand the mysteries of the kingdom. People who have already come to see Jesus as Lord and Messiah are already well disposed to incorporate His teachings in their lives. Hearers who have yet to do so are not ready to grasp the heart of His teachings. In the age when the Church developed the catechumenate for instructing new believers, a similar process was employed. People's attention was captured during the time of "pre-catechesis." Once the hearer displayed a measure of faith, they were instructed in the history of God's saving works. Not until the new believer had professed the Church's faith and had been baptized, was the doctrine of the holy mysteries presented. We see traces of this process in our liturgical cycle surrounding Pascha. During the Great Fast our Scripture readings focus on the ethical teaching of the Wisdom books and on the basis of salvation history recorded in the Torah. Only after baptism at Pascha does the new Christian hear about the holy mysteries, the heart of Christian experience.

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