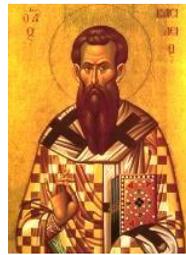


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**\*\*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\***

**PALM SUNDAY OFFERING:** The Parish Pastoral Council decided not to hold the traditional Palm Sunday Luncheon after the Holy Liturgy; instead, St Basil Church will be having a **Second Collection** aimed at feeding the homeless. All donations will go to CNY Veterans' Outreach Center. Please make a big generous donation to this Act of Charity. Thank you. God bless you and grant you many years to come in good health, prosperity, happiness, and holiness. Fr. Saba

**PALM SUNDAY RECEPTION:** As a thank you appreciation for your love, devotion and dedication to St. Basil, the **Parish Pastoral Council** with the initiative of **Michelle Roth**, will host a reception in the Auditorium following the Holy Liturgy, consisting of coffee and tea and doughnut holes. Please come and share a moment with your beloved brothers and sisters, and fellow parishioners in this Holy Feast. Fr. Saba

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

**A Kingdom "Not of This World":** When Pilate asked Jesus "are you a King?" the Lord answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this reason, I was born, and for this reason I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth" (Mt 18:37). It is in the Gospel records of Jesus' teaching – particularly the Parables – that we see what His kingdom was, and what it was not. This teaching is summarized in the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10). This text is so familiar to us that we may not see it as describing the lifestyle of God's Kingdom:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*  
*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*  
*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*  
*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*  
*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*  
*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*  
*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

It is safe to say that the Lord is not describing the ruling elite of any worldly state. Elsewhere we see that His Kingdom is based on:  
**Putting God First:** "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Mt 6:31-33);  
**Child-like Simplicity:** "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3, 4); "Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven'" (Mt 19:13, 14);  
**Imitating the Way He Empties Himself:** "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Phil 2:5-8); (AprilLeaflets2019)

SEASON OF LENT - WEEKLY 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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Holy Thursday, April 18:** Service of the Crucifixion Twelve Gospel @ 6:00PM  
**Holy Friday, April 19:** The Lord's Burial @ 6:00PM  
**Holy Saturday, April 20:** Saturday of Light (Hajmeh) @ 4:30PM  
**Holy Easter, April 21,** Sunday Liturgy @ 11:00AM

SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection April 6/7: \$ 454.00      Fuel Collection: \$ 50.00  
Memorial Offering: \$ 00.00      PayPal- Donation: \$299.40  
S. Pauly Textile: \$ 29.25.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY**

† **William Chanatry**, By Mr. & Mrs. Eddie & Carmela Nassimos  
† **Louis Fanoun**, By Sonia Bolos  
† **Bahia Margaret Chanatry**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

**NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 20, EASTER EVE**

† **William Chanatry**, By Fr. Saba & Family

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21 EASTER DAY**

† **William Chanatry**, By Mr. & Mrs. Eddie & Carmela Nassimos  
† **Louis Fanoun**, By Sonia Bolos

\* ANNOUNCEMENT \*

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Mon May 6, 6:30 PM, Rectory Meeting Rm