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### THANKS AND TRIBUTE

SYRIAN BRAIDED CHEESE: Let us all express our appreciation to the Cheese Making Committee, Nadia Casab, Mary Ann Astour, Virginia Lynch, Sandy Showa, Carol Chanatry, Karen Jweid, Michelle Roth for their help making our Syrian Braided Cheese. Great thanks to Marcia Reesh for advertising our Syrian Cheese sale on the Internet. St Basil and the entire parish community deeply appreciate your sincere dedication. God bless you! Fr. Saba

SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AFTER PENTECOST  
Saturday July 20, Sunday July 21, 2019

### 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

### SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for our convalescing friends, including Rt. Rev. Edward Kakaty, Archdeacon George Yanni, Jordan Barahmeh, Michael Klockowski, Eugene Hutchinson, Lawrence Bleiberg, Maggy Attalah, Nancy Gazzal, Rose Pawlinga, and Jean Benoit. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

**Weekly Collection July 13/14: \$ 368.00**      **Fuel Offering: \$ 00.00**  
**Cheese Sale: \$ 230.00**      **Bishop Fund: \$ 115.00**

### † MEMORIAL MASSES †

#### THIS SATURDAY, JULY 20

† **Joseph & Sally Showa**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa  
† **Norma Chanatry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Anniversary**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

#### THIS SUNDAY, JULY 21

† **Frederick Kopyt**, By John & Dana Ata

#### NEXT SATURDAY, JULY 27

† **Elvira Chanatry, 17<sup>th</sup> Memorial Anniversary**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

#### NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28

† **Frederick Kopyt**, By John & Dana Ata

### \* ANNOUNCEMENT \*

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Mon September 9, 6:30 PM, Rectory Meeting Rm

### THE MESSIAH THE JEWS ARE WAITING FOR

THE NINTH CHAPTER of St Matthew's Gospel records several miracles in succession: the healing of a paralytic, of the ruler's daughter, of a woman with a flow of blood, two blind men and a mute man. Only in the case of the two blind men do we find that the Lord Jesus "...*sternly warned them, saying, 'See that no one knows it'*" (Mt 9:30). Why did the Lord want these two to keep quiet while not demanding that the paralytic and the others do the same?

The key seems to be in the way the blind men approached Jesus. Unlike the others healed in this chapter, the blind men called out to Him, "*Son of David, have mercy on us!*" (v. 27) They accorded Him the messianic title "Son of David." But was Jesus ready to be acclaimed as Messiah at this stage of His life?

**What Kind of 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 dissension 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 Himself to be proclaimed "Messiah" while not fulfilling His hearers' this-worldly 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 God's Kingdom. (*JulyLeaflets*2019)