



ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY OF HOLY RELICS
Saturday, March 11 & Sunday, March 12, 2017

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
Great Compline: Wednesday at 6:00PM **Akathistos:** Friday at 6:00PM

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please pray for our convalescing members: **Lorraine Chanatry-Howell, Edgar Hallak, & Mary Machis.**
Notify Fr. Saba in case of illness.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection March 4/5: \$ 236.00 Memorial Offerings: \$00.00 Fuel Collection: \$ 45.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This Saturday, March 11, 2017

† **Salwa Atallah-Hamati**, By Susan P. Downey
† **Ida Jweid**, By Edward & Carmella Nassimos
† **Sally Showa**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

This Sunday, March 12, 2017

† **Salwa Atallah- Hamati**, By Mr. & Mrs. John Attallah
† **LyleThomas**, 29th Memorial Anniversary, By Donald & Carol Thomas

Next Saturday, March 18, 2017

† **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad
† **Salwa Atallah- Hamati**, By Mr. & Mrs. John Attallah
† **Antoinette Bottini**, By Mary Ann Astour

Next Sunday, March 19, 2017

† **Salwa Atallah-Hamati**, By Mr. & Mrs. John Attallah
† **Lyle Thomas**, 29th Memorial Anniversary, By Donald & Carol Thomas
† **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 PM.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

FUND RAISER- PLEASE JOIN US! Casa Too Mucha is hosting St Basil Day ALL DAY on **Thurs, April 6** at 13 Genesee Street, New Hartford, Ph. 315.733.2183. Please mention **ST BASIL CHURCH** to your server!!! Half of all proceeds from lunch, take-outs, and dinners will benefit our church. Fresh haddock daily, as well as Mexican and American food are available. Please tell your families, friends, neighbors to support this effort.

ICONS REVEALS CHRIST IMAGE

In the eighth and ninth centuries, some Byzantine emperors and churchmen waged a struggle against the use of icons. This conflict was ultimately ended in 843 with the restoration of icons, called in the Church the “Triumph of Orthodoxy.” Today’s observance celebrates this act. Iconoclasm formally began in the 720s when certain bishops began questioning the excessive way some people were revering icons. In 730 Emperor Leo III took up their cause and issued a decree forbidding the veneration of religious images, “the evil art of painters,” as a later iconoclastic council called it. It was St John of Damascus (676-749) who gave the Church the insight that the use of icons was the logical consequence of the incarnation of Christ. As he wrote in his Treatise on the Divine Images, “In former times, God, who is without form or body, could never be depicted. But now when God is seen in the flesh conversing with men, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake.”

(March2017Leaflets)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Glory to Jesus, Our Lord and Savior!

During this holy season of Lent, the community of St. Basil Greek Melkite Catholic Church cordially invites you to participate in a five-week Holy Bible reflection on the Holy Spirit. The sessions will be presented by Fr. Shofany on each of the following consecutive Monday evenings, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, at St Basil Church, 901 Sherman Drive, Utica. There is no cost to attend. Each hour will open with prayer and conclude with meditation in front of the Holy Cross Relic. The course of reflection will focus on five important experiences:

- Monday, March 6 **The Work of the Holy Spirit in Us**
- Monday, March 13 **Our Christian Response to the Holy Spirit**
- Monday, March 20 **The Fulfilled Prayer in the Holy Bible (Nature & Character)**
- Monday, March 27 **The Role of Suffering in our Christian Journey with God**
- Monday, April 3 **Life of the Righteous Ones in Our Time**

We have extended this invitation to other local churches and their parishioners to share this time with us in prayer, as we journey through Lent together as God’s children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Shofany at 315-732-4662.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord and Our Lady