



ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS
Saturday, March 18 & Sunday, March 19, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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

SACRIFICES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

While the epistle makes special reference to the Israelite temple and the role of the High Priest, we kr that a priesthood and sacrifices were part of most religions in pre-Christian times. Ritual sacrifices wa way of expressing a relationship to God in more than mere words. People showed their thanks to God offering gifts which could not be returned to their own use. Incense was burned up, wine was poured animals were immolated, Destroying the object offered meant that it could no longer be for anyone – surrendered completely to God.

The Hebrews offered sacrifices long before the time of Moses. Cain and Abel offered sacrifices (*Gen 4*); Noah and his sons offered sacrifices (*Gen 8:20*). By the time of Moses, however, sacrifices were restricted to the tabernacle (later the temple) under the supervision of priests.

During the era of the temple at Jerusalem sacrifices were offered to express adoration, thanksgiving a atonement for both intentional and unintentional transgressions of the Law. A portion of some sacrifici often those offered in thanksgiving, were shared between the priest and the offeror in a kind of comm with God, the Giver of the gift. (*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 C cordially invites you to participate in a five-week Holy Bible reflection on the Holy Spirit sessions will be presented by Fr. Shofany on each of the following consecutive Monday eve from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, at St Basil Church, 901 Sherman Drive, Utica. There is no cost to a Each hour will open with prayer and conclude with meditation in front of the Holy Cross Rel 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 & Characte**
- 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 thi with us in prayer, as we journey through Lent together as God’s children. If you have any que or concerns, please contact Fr. Shofany at 315-732-4662.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord and Our Lady

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: **Anne Cragnolin, Lorraine Chanatry-Howell, Edgar Hallak, & Mary Machis.** Notify Fr. Saba in case of illness.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection March 11/12: \$ 236.00 Memorial Offerings: \$ 00.00 Fuel Collection: \$ 45.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This Saturday, March 18, 2017

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

This 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

Next Saturday, March 25, 2017

- † **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad
- † **Salwa Atallah-Hamati**, By Mr. & Mrs. John Attallah
- † **Marguerite Kehoe & Arlene Lalli**, By Bob Lalli

Next Sunday, March 26, 2017

- † **Lena Rowe**, 3rd Memorial Services, By Bob Lalli
- † **Lois Stamboly**, By Alex Murad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parish Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 5** at 6:30 PM.
2. Palm Sunday Brunch, immediately following liturgy on **Sunday, April 9**. More info to follow.