



**ST BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**4th SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY OF FR. JOHN CLIMACOS**

**Saturday, March 25 & Sunday, March 26, 2017**

**SEASON OF LENT - WEEKLY SERVICES**

**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, Anne Cragnolin, Edgar Hallak, & Mary Machis.** Notify Fr. Saba in case of illness.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

**Sunday Collection March 11/12: \$ 323.00    Memorial Offerings: \$ 130.00    Fuel Collection: \$ 5.00**  
**Sunday Collection March 18/19: \$ 454.00    Memorial Offerings: \$ 90.00    Fuel Collection: \$ 50.00**  
**Easter Flowers \$ 160.00**

**† MEMORIAL MASSES †**

**This Saturday, March 25, 2017**

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

**This Sunday, March 26, 2017**

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

**Next Saturday, April 1, 2017**

†**Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad  
†**Ida Jweid**, By Frank & Rosemary Jweid  
†**Col. Fred Chanatry**, By his wife Teresa Chanatry

**Next Sunday, April 2, 2017**

†**Lois Stamboly**, By Alex Murad  
†**Ida Jweid**, By Marcel Rawda

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)**

**3. FUND RAISER - PLEASE JOIN US!** Casa Too Mucha is hosting St Basil Day ALL DAY **Thur, 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.

**2017 EASTER FLOWERS**

Sincere thanks to the following parishioners for their monetary donations toward the purchase of St Basil's 2017 Easter Flowers. The entire St Basil Community appreciates and recognizes your generosity. Lorraine Kawam, John Anthony Kawam, Mary Nassimos, Andrew & Robin Astour, Robert & Laura Zaloom, Carol Chanatry, Nadia Casab, Frederick & Cheryl Kopyt in Honor of the Deceased Members of the Reesh & Kopyt Families, MaryAnn Astour in Honor of the Deceased Members of the Astour Family, Anthony & Sandra Showa in Honor of the Deceased Members of the Showa & Tebsherany Families. Thank you, and God bless you.

**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.

- ~~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.

**SACRIFICES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**Our Liturgy and Christ's Sacrifice:** According to many rabbis of Christ's day, all sacrifices would cease with the coming of the Messiah, except for the thank-offerings (in Hebrew, *todah*) which would never cease to be offered throughout all eternity. Some Jewish writers in the Greek-speaking Roman Empire used *eucharistia* to translate the Hebrew *todah*. Little wonder that the first Christians saw the Eucharist as their sharing in the sacrifice of Christ.

Another reference to sacrifice in the prothesis rite concerns the Eucharistic bread itself. In our tradition the central portion of the loaf, inscribed with the monogram IC XC NIKA (Jesus Christ is victorious) – the part of the loaf which will be consecrated – is called *the Lamb*. Once he has cut the Lamb away from the rest of the loaf, the Priest pierces it with the lance, saying, “*The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*” is immolated for the life and salvation of the world.” The Bread/Lamb is identified with Christ, the Victim/Lamb of the New Passover. (March2017Leaflets)