

BASIL GREEK MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 10th AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Monday, November 25 & Sunday, November 26, 2017

WEEKLY SERVICES

Daily Liturgy: Monday-Friday at 8:00AM **Holy Confession:** Every Monday at 4-6PM
Holy Liturgy: Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 11:00AM **Vespers:** Every Saturday at 3:00PM
Matins/Orthros: Every Sunday at 9:00AM **Holy Rosary:** Every Sunday at 10:30AM

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection Nov 18/19: \$ 728.00 Funeral & Memorial Services: \$ 40.00
Cheese Sale: \$ 00.00 Fuel: \$ 145.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

This Saturday, November 25, 2017

- † **Basil Stamboly**, By Louis & Virginia Degironemo
- † **David Godkin Jr.**, By his Mother
- † **George Jweid**, By William & Janet Chanatry
- † **Jeannie Janus**, By Her Mother Josephine Majec
- † **Fred Tehan**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

This Sunday, November 26, 2017

- † **Rose Reesh**, 3rd Memorial Anniversary, By her Family
- † **Antoinette Murad**, By Alex Murad
- † **Ida McHarris**, By Leo & Judith Schwenzfeier
- † **George Jweid**, By Alex Murad
- † **Eugene Nassar**, By His Daughter Ann and her Family

Next Saturday, December 2, 2017

- † **Ida McHarris**, By Dorothy Kerley & Susan Callan
- † **Anne Cragnolin**, By her children
- † **George Jweid**, By William & Janet Chanatry
- † **Fred Tehan**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
- † **Eugene Nassar**, By His Daughter Ann and her Family
- † **Robert Tehan**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

Next Sunday, December 3, 2017

- † **Ida McHarris**, By Dorothy Kerley & Susan Callan
- † **Deceased Members of the Steppello Family**, By Eleanor Steppello
- † **George Jweid**, By Alex Murad

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for our convalescing members, including Carol Chanatry, Lorraine Chanatry-Howell, Edgar Hallak, Mary Machis, Rose Pawlinga, & Donald Thomas. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

* The next **Parish Advisory Council** Meeting will be held on Mon Dec 4 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room. Interested members are always welcome to attend.

* **St Basil 2017 Christmas Party** will be held on Sat Dec 16, following 4:30 PM Liturgy. Chairpersons for the event, Maryann Astour, Shirley Casab, and Robin Astour, will be in contact with parishioners to request food items, beverages, and paperproduct donations. If not contacted by the Committee, a \$5 admission fee per person over 12 years old, will be collected at the door. Questions can be directed to the Rectory at 315.732.4662.

* Looking ahead to **2018**, the St Basil Community is looking forward to celebrating Our Founders on Palm Sunday, and to offering other events and activities. Together, we can accomplish great things! Become active, share your ideas, participate in our Syrian Braided Cheese program, join PAC, etc. St Basil will flourish with Team Work.

THE CHURCH OF PAUL AND MARCK

Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean west of Syria, was settled by Greeks in the eleventh century BC. By the first century AD, it was part of the Roman Empire.

According to the Acts of the Apostles, Cyprus was one of the first non-Jewish territories to receive the Gospel. *“Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch,,,”* (Acts 11:19). Cypriots trace the founding of their Church to the Apostles, specifically Barnabas and Mark, who went there after they parted from St Paul (see Acts 15:36-41). Dependent at first on the Church of Jerusalem and, later on, on Antioch, the Cypriot Church was made autocephalous at the Council of Ephesus (431).

Cyprus was occupied by the Arabs (649-965), the Crusaders (1191-1473), the Venetians (1473-1570), and the Ottoman Turks (1570-1878). Under the Crusaders and Venetians, the Church of Cyprus was subjected to Latin rule and the Latins were recognized as the island’s elite. Under Turkish control the Ottoman *millet* system was introduced and restored the autocephaly of the Orthodox Church. Its archbishop was declared to be the head of the *rum millet* on Cyprus. Despite the taxation, harassment, and outright persecution at times, the Church prospered under Ottoman rule. By 1878 it numbered two-thirds of the island’s population in its ranks.

As a result of the Russo-Turkish War, the British Empire took control of Cyprus in 1878. Many hoped that Cyprus would be united to Greece, but when Britain ceded control of the island in 1960 it was to an independent Republic of Cyprus. In 1974 those favoring union with Greece deposed the president and sought to unite the island to Greece. The Turkish army invaded and partitioned Cyprus into Greek and Turkish parts. None of the many attempts at reunion which followed have been successful.

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