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SUNDAY 13th AFTER THE HOLY CROSS EXALTATION
Saturday, November 24 & Sunday, November 25, 2018

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**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

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SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for our convalescing friends, including Maggy Attalah, Nadia Casab, Nancy Gazzal, Rose Pawlinga, and Lorraine Tedesco. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

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**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

Weekly Collection November 17/18: \$ 441.00      Syrian Braided Cheese Sale: \$ 60.00  
Memorial servicers: \$135.00      Fuel Collection: \$ 105.00  
Donation for the Children in Syria: \$ 220.00

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† **MEMORIAL MASSES** †

THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

† **William Chanatry, 40th day Memorial Services**, His wife Janet & all his Family
† **Joseph Ghariba, 52nd Memorial Anniversary**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson
† **Joseph & Saley Showa**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa
† **Neal Dunlevy, 12th Memorial Anniversary**, By his wife Barbara and his children

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

† **Rose Marchio-Reesh, 4th Memorial Anniversary**, By her Family
† **Guy Cimbalo**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

† **William Chanatry**, By John Anthony Kawam
† **Edgar Hallak**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

† **William Chanatry**, By David & Janet George
† **Edgar Hallak**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

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**\* SPECIAL THANKSGIVING \***

**Prayers, praises and Thanksgiving go to our Almighty God from Eugene & Doris Hutchinson & their family members. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant them many years to come in good health, prosperity, happiness, and holiness. Amen**

**\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \***

1. Our next **PAC Meeting** is scheduled for Mon Dec 3, 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room. Please join us, share your ideas, and become a St Basil Parish Advisory Council Member.

2. **2018 St Basil Christmas Party:** Please join us on **Sat Dec 15, following 4:30 PM Liturgy**. Chairpersons for the event are Janet George & Michelle Roth & Christina Marrero, and will be in contact with parishioners to request food items, beverages, and paper products donations. If not contacted by the Committee, a \$10 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. Sign up on sheets will be located in the vestibule. Santa will be attending to distribute gifts to the children; please bring a wrapped gift for your child with a value of \$20 or less, with their name clearly written on a tag.

3. **IMPORTANT: This year, 50% of the Christmas Party collection** will be offered to His Beatitude Patriarch Joseph to serve his charity program, which assists to feed and clothe children who've lost their parent(s) at war. Please participate by making a generous donation to this program. Thank you. God bless you and grant you many years to come in good health, prosperity, happiness, and holiness. Fr. Saba

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BISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: As we offer thanksgiving for all God's blessings, Our Lord warns us in today's Gospel how earthly riches can be an obstacle to our faith, and He calls us to seek our treasure in Heaven by giving of our earthly goods. If our Lord has blessed us with riches, He does so, not only for ourselves and our families, but for the good of His Church. Store up treasure in Heaven by giving a generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal. If you have not already sent your gift, please do so today so that 100% of our parish will be counted. Thank you for your generosity. Extra appeal envelopes are available in the narthex.

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**CRUCIFIED TO THE WORLD**

In the Epistle to the Galatians, St Paul uses the image of *dying to the world* as the mark of the cross in a believer's life: "... *the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world*" (Gal 6:14). By this he means that the values of the world – what people prize and strive to obtain – were dead for him. We value possessions and focus on acquiring bigger and better ones. We thrive on the status and respect such possessions gain for us in the eyes of others and may be devastated when we lose them. St Paul's witness is that attachment to these values cannot co-exist with imitation of Christ, who described them as "*the deceitfulness of riches*" (Mk 4:19). In their teaching and practice, the first Christians often returned to this theme that "the world" is opposed to the way of Christ. We find the same imagery used in the First Epistle of John, for example: "*For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life – is not of the Father but is of the world*" (1 Jn 2:16). By the "lust of the flesh" is meant the inordinate pursuit of physical satisfaction of any kind through food, drink, exercise, or any means. By the "lust of the eyes" is meant the deep-seated pursuit of acquiring more of the world's goods: "the most toys," of the popular saying. "The vainglory of life" refers to the quest for titles, office, and status that every society employs.

People may attach themselves to a specific parish or group of parishioners as a way to recognition in the community or even advancement in business. St Paul, on the other hand, was not cultivating his hearers for his own ends; as he wrote to the Corinthians, "*For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified*" (1Cor 2:2).

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