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THANK YOU AND MANY BLESSINGS!

**EASTER FLOWERS BEQUEATHING:** Sincere thanks to the following parishioner for her monetary donation toward the purchase of St Basil's 2019 Easter flowers: Michelle Roth, In memory of Louis & Doris Zalatan, Edward & Margaret Roth, Anthony Louis Zalatan and all the deceased members of the Zalatan Family.

SUNDAY OF MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT  
Saturday, April 6 & Sunday, April 7, 2019

**\*\*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\***

**SEASON OF LENT - WEEKLY SERVICES**

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

**SPEEDY RECOVERY**

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

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

Weekly Collection March 30/31: \$ 368.00      Fuel Collection: \$ 00.00  
Memorial Offering: \$ 20.00                      Cheese Sale: \$00.00  
Easter Flowers Donation: \$ 20.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

**THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

† William Chanatry, By Fr. Saba & Family  
† Dr. Todd L. Biegler, By Jeanette Raya Farewege

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

† William Chanatry, By Gloria Shaheen  
† John & Emelda Fanoun, By Sonia Bolos  
† Antoinette Chanatry- Murad, Anniversary, By her husband Alex Murad

**NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 13 NO HOLY LITURGY**

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY**

† William Chanatry, By Gloria Shaheen  
† John & Emelda Fanoun, By Sonia Bolos

**\* ANNOUNCEMENT \***

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Mon May 6, 6:30 PM, Rectory Meeting Rm

**PALM SUNDAY OFFERING:** The **Parish Pastoral Council** decided not to hold the traditional Palm Sunday Luncheon after the Holy Liturgy; instead, St Basil Church will be having a **Second Collection** aimed at feeding the homeless. All donations will go to CNY Veterans' Outreach Center. Please make a big generous donation to this Act of Charity. Thank you. God bless you and grant you many years to come in good health, prosperity, happiness, and holiness. Fr. Saba

**PALM SUNDAY RECEPTION:** As a thank you appreciation for your love, devotion and dedication to St. Basil, the **Parish Pastoral Council** will host a reception in the Auditorium following the Holy Liturgy, consisting of coffee and tea and doughnut holes. Please come and share a moment with your beloved brothers and sisters, and fellow parishioners in this Holy Feast. Fr. Saba

THE PROMISE OF CHRIST

At His ascension Christ's disciples are told by an angel, "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Ever since, the members of the Church have been waiting for the return of Christ: "To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation" (Heb 9:28).

This promise of a second appearance, or second coming, energized the preaching of the Apostles, who placed it at the heart of our faith. As the Nicene Creed professes, we believe that Christ "... shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead and of His Kingdom there shall be no end." And this faith gives us hope.

**Our Hope for Eternal Life:** Another dimension is added to this teaching in the First Epistle of St Peter, where God is praised in these words: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Pt 1:3, 4).

Putting these images together, we can say that our hope for eternal life in the company of the saints is not wishful thinking but is solidly based on the reality of Christ's sacrificial death and its acceptance by the Father. It is confirmed by Christ's resurrection and becomes ours through our sharing in the Divine Liturgy. As forerunner and first fruits, Christ stands at the head of an endless procession, leading those united to Him beyond the veil into the eternal Holy of Holies.

**This Is Our Hope:** In popular speech *hope* is equated with wishing or feeling that something might be true or might happen. There is nothing wishful about Christian hope, however. It is based on the witness of the Apostles to Christ's death and resurrection and their understanding that we are meant to share in the eternal life He had purchased for us by His blood. In St Paul's words, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable" (1 Cor 15:19). (AprilLeaflets2019)