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SUNDAY 4th AFTER EASTER
Saturday May 18, Sunday May 19, 2019

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**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

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SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

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**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

Weekly Collection May 11/12: \$ 484.00      Cheese Sale: \$100. 00  
Memorial Offering: \$ 00.00      PayPal- Donation: 000.00

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BLESSING & JOY

Last Saturday, May 11, 2019, our St. Basil community embraced the blessing of our newborn **Camila Marrero** in churching her. We Pray the Lord and we ask Him to grant **Camila** the Catholic Initiation Sacraments (Baptism-Confirmation & Eucharist). We express our love and joy with her family: **Rafael & Christina Marrero** and all their friends and relatives.

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† MEMORIAL MASSES †

**THIS SATURDAY, MAY 18**

† **William Chanatry**, By Gloria Shaheen  
† **Joann Colutier**, By Carol Chanatry

**THIS SUNDAY, MAY 19**

† **William Chanatry**, By Louis & Julie Shkane  
† **Adel & Bahejeh Giangi** By Their Children

**NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 25**

† **William Chanatry**, By Louis & Julie Shkane

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26**

† **William Chanatry**, By Louis & Julie Shkane  
† **Adel & Bahejeh Giangi** By Their Children

**\* ANNOUNCEMENT \***

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Mon June 3, 6:30 PM, Rectory Meeting Rm

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ASCENSION AND ENTHRONEMENT

The Great Feast of Christ's Holy Ascension on the fortieth day after Pascha is actually a two-fold observance. First of all it commemorates His ascension proper, as observed by the apostles and recorded in the Scriptures: *"And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven"* (Lk 24:50-51).

The feast also observes what was unseen: Christ enthroned at the Father's right hand. The two aspects of the mystery are invariably paired in the hymns of the feast: "You were taken up in glory from the Mount of Olives, Christ our God, in the presence of Your disciples, and took Your seat at the Father's right hand, filling the universe with Your Godhead..." (apostikhon at vespers).

Our celebration further distinguishes another aspect of the mystery. On the one hand the eternal Word of God has always been at the Father's right hand with the Holy Spirit in the Godhead. And so we fittingly pray: "Jesus the Giver of life, taking those He loved, ascended the Mount of Olives and blessed them and, riding on a cloud, He came to the Father's bosom, which He had never left" (from the canon at orthros).

The Word of God, incarnate in the Virgin's womb, was at the same time with the Father in His divinity. This is also expressed in this familiar troparion from the Divine Liturgy: "Being God You were present in the tomb by Your body and yet in Hades by Your soul, in Paradise with the thief, and on the throne, O Christ, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, filling all things but encompassed by none."

With the incarnation, Christ is now the God-become-man who brings His deified human nature to the glory of the Father. He does not return to the Father as the pre-incarnate Word but with the human nature which He had assumed, now risen and transformed:

"When You came down from heaven to things on earth and as God raised up with You Adam's nature which lay below in Hades' prison, You brought it to heaven at Your ascension, O Christ, and made it sit with You on Your Father's throne, as You are merciful and love mankind" (kathisma at orthros).

"Christ, the Giver of life, who rose in His two natures with glory to heaven and is now seated with the Father, you priests praise, you people highly exalt to all the ages" (from the canon at orthros).

"Our nature, which of old had fallen, has been raised above the Angels and beyond understanding established on God's throne. Come, let us keep festival and let us cry out, 'You His works, praise the Lord, and highly.

exalt Him to all the ages' (from the canon at orthros).

"The majesty of Him who became poor in the flesh has been raised above the heavens and our fallen nature honored by sitting with the Father. Let us keep festival and all cry aloud with one accord, and gladly clap our hands" (from the canon at orthros).

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