

TODAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS. PROPHET ABADIAH AND MARTYR BARLAAM.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + M/M CARMEN SARHAN by Leon & Lorraine Hakeem.
- + MR. GEORGE (AMEEN) HADDAD by Leon & Lorraine Hakeem.
- + M/M HAROLD FORTSON by Gary Fortson.
- + LAWRENCE A. MOON (Birthday Remem. & 33rd Anniv.) by his children & grandchildren.
- + SADIE SERVIDIO (Birthday Remem.) by Walter, Jean & John Moon.
- + NICHOLAS P. ASERMELLY by his wife Mrs. Jean Asermelly & Family.
- + WILLIAM T. ASERMELY (Birthday Remem.) by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family.
- + LOORESE ISSA by Mrs. Anne Asermely.
- + EVA ROBAT by M/M Anthony G. Mardo.
- + LOUIS SLEMON by M/M George Harraka.
- + JULIA (HOMSANY) HAGGAR (66th ANNIV.) by the Family
- + RICHARD COLABELLA (Birthday Remem.) by his wife Yvonne & Family.
- + JAY PAUL by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + BASIL A. DONATO by Mr. Anthony Kuffrey & Caroline St. Germain.
- + JOHN HAJJAR by Charles & Francine Robat & Family.
- + ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE by the Family.
- + ROSE B. KAHLA by her brother Mr. George Kahla.
- + IDA HANNA by her loving Family.
- + AMANDA ROWEY by M/M James Allam.
- + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HANNA E. HANNA FAMILY by their loved ones.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + GEORGE MATOOK by Terry McMichael.
- + GREGORY NAZARIAN, ESQ. by M/M Raymond Trabulsi.
- + NAEEM & MARY SANKY by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + SHAKIB & OLGA MASHATA by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + GEORGE & BAHIA MASHATA, and FOUAAD TABBAKH by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + BASHIR & SAYOUD BOUDJOUK by Bob & Lydia Gaboriault & Family.
- + M/M JOHN & RAGHIMA ARAGE by Edward Arage.
- + M/M NORMAN & ANN ARAGE by Edward Arage.
- + MR. ALBERT ARAGE by Edward Arage.
- + MRS. MARILYN HUGHES ARAGE by her daughters, Linda, Colleen, & Melissa.
- + DR. GHANEM HANA (Marra, Syria) by M/M Faiz Albatat.
- + JEAN LOZE (Maracaibo, Venezuela) by M/M Craig & Natalia Kishfy & Family.
- + WAYNE POCCIA by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.
- + AGIB BOUDJOUK (Cumana, Venezuela) by Chad Boudjouk.
- + JULIA & FRED KISHFY by the Family.
- + SAMUEL G. RAHEB by Georgette Saggal.
- + SAMUEL SABBAGH by M/M Edward Fayan.
- + MARY (NAZARIAN) ZOMPA by her brother Dr. John Nazarian.
- + ROSE KHOURY by Alex & Christine Gussi.
- + JAY PAUL by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + MARJORIE & ANTHONY TAGER by the Family.
- + HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY by M/M Joseph Saggal.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please help subsidize our monthly payment of \$1,645.00 for the operation of our Diocese, which amounts to \$19,740.00 per year. Please give generously.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: November 12th, 2017: *Budgets:* \$3,366.89; *Envelopes:* \$3,318.00; *Loose:* \$48.89; *Candles:* \$82.00; (Includes Liturgies, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, & any other Church related services.) *Stipends:* \$280.00; *Building Fund:* \$85.00; *Addit'l Cemetery:* \$128.00; *Addit'l Religious Ed.:* \$40.00; *Addit'l Melkite:* \$50.00; *Fuel Offerings:* \$846.06.

Last Year's: *Budgets:* \$2,128.00; *Candles:* \$88.30; *Stipends:* \$145.00; *Building Fund:* \$95.00; *Addit'l Cemetery:* \$115.00; *Addit'l Melkite Diocesan Support:* \$65.00; *Fuel:* \$708.00; *Addit'l Religious Ed.:* \$130.00.

God's plan is to supply our need and have us give a tithe – that is 10% back to Him. WE have been living well, haven't we? Suppose God reversed this and said: "You give, and I will multiply your gift by ten and give it back to you for your needs." Could you live on it? Would you be living as well? THE LORD PROMISES TO PROSPER US AS WE GIVE. MAYBE THAT IS OUR PROBLEM.

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St. Basil Church Calendar

December 3, Sunday	St. Barbara Hafla, Following 11:15 a.m. Liturgy
December 9, Saturday	New York City Trip
December 17, Sunday	Sunday School Christmas Party
December 24, Sunday,	Christmas Eve, Liturgy at 7 p.m. & Social Gathering
December 25, Monday	Christmas Day, Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
December 31, Sunday	New Year's Eve Liturgy at 5:00 p.m. followed by New Year's Eve Hafla
September 10 or 17	Registration & Beginning of Sunday School
August – November	Bazaar Cooking Days

GROUP MEETINGS:

3rd Tuesday of the Month

1st Sunday of the Month

To be announced

Periodically

Periodically

Regularly

Daily

St. Basil's Fellowship

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Parish Council

Social Committee

Neighborhood Friendly Visitors

Prayer Line

(In scheduling other events, please let us know if there will be any conflicting dates before hand)

VOCATION VIEW: Paul urges us to wake from the sleep of ignorance and come to the joy of a life centered in God. In the Gospel, we see a man who has not yet been awakened. Priests are constantly calling out “Let us be attentive”, “Wisdom”, “Let us stand well” in the Liturgy and in their ministry. Unfortunately, we do not have enough priests for our diocese. Please pray that more may answer God’ call to serve in our presbyterate.

NYC SHOPPING TRIP: Saturday, December 9th, 2017.

Tickets on a first come basis, must be paid in full by November 19th.

\$50 per person, for further information contact: Joe Massud (508) 802-7585.

A second bus will be added, if we have enough ticket sales to fill seats.

Leaves St. Basil's at 7:00am returning approximately 10:00pm.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES ARE IN PROGRESS: All youth of our Parish, whether they attend Catholic/Christian schools or not, should register and attend our Church School on a weekly basis. Parents will be doing a great disservice to their children and to the Melkite Church if they do not cooperate with us in trying to teach the beliefs, traditions and spirituality of our Eastern Church to their children. We should be asking ourselves if this is part of the reason that we may lose our youth later on.

Enter in Quietness, Rest In Prayer, Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS. HOLY FATHERS ALYPIUS THE STYLITE AND NICON THE PREACHER OF PENANCE.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY.

- + **RONALD MONTECALVO (40 Day)** by his wife Phyllis & Son.
- + **MICHAEL MASSUD** by Richard & Christine Barrett & Daughters.
- + **NORMANCE LEMAY** by Shirley Moon Lemay.
- + **DEBRA ANN COX** by Mary Sackal & Paul.
- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by the Salum Family (CA).
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **JOHN HAJJAR** by M/M Najib Hana.
- + **ROSE B. KAHLA, MOSES & JENNIE KAHLA** by Mr. George Kahla.
- + **GEORGE SANKY** by Mrs. Joan Ray.
- + **LOUIS SLEMON** by M/M William Zayat & Son.
- + **IDA HANNA** by her loving Family.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **BASIL A. DONATO** by Joe & Connie Fayan.
- + **EVA ROBAT** by Steven, Michael & Kaitlyn Mardo.
- + **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HANNA E. HANNA FAMILY** by their loved ones.
- + **SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, WHO HAVE GONE TO THEIR REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.**

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **PETER MASHATA (4th Anniv.)** by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + **GEORGE A. SAGGAL (32nd Anniv.)** by his wife Georgette, their Children & their Families.
- + **AGNES & WILLIAM DETORE** by Georgette A. Saggal.
- + **AGIB BOUDJOUK (Cumana Venezuela)** by Federico & Jessica Cavallini & Family.
- + **DR. GHANEM HANA (Marra, Syria)** by Josephine Madour Bailrae.
- + **GREGORY NAZARIAN, ESQ.** by Judith A. Allcock.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Najat Araz.
- + **JEAN LOZE (Maracaibo, Venezuela)** by M/M Tony & Lisa Yanyi & Family.
- + **WAYNE POCCIA** by M/M Norman Kishfy.
- + **MR. SAMUEL G. RAHEB** by Francis & Georgette Saggal.
- + **SAMUEL SABBAGH** by M/M Kenneth Jordan.
- + **AMANDA ROWEY** by Anthony Rowey, Jr.
- + **MARY (NAZARIAN) ZOMPA** by her brother Dr. John Nazarian.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by M/M Michael O'Rourke & Family.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by M/M Michael O'Rourke & Family.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **MARJORIE & ANTHONY TAGER** by the Family.
- + **LOUIS S. SARKAS** by the Family.
- + **HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by M/M Joseph Saggal.
- + **SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, WHO HAVE GONE TO THEIR REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.**



The origin of this Great Feast, like that of the Nativity of the Mother of God, can be found in the "Protoevangelion of James." According to this document, when Mary was three years old, her parents took her to the Temple in order to consecrate her to the service of the Lord. Young girls with lighted candles formed a procession before Mary as she entered the holy Temple and was received by the high priest Zachary. Mary thereupon danced before the altar of the Lord. As she grew in years, Mary was fed from the hand of an angel of the Lord. Upon reaching the age of twelve, the priests of the Temple met in a council to determine the future of the young virgin. They instructed Zachary to stand before the Holy of Holies and beseech the Lord as to what He desired for Mary. The Lord ordered all the widowers among the people to be brought together and He would give a sign to show who would be the husband of Mary. The widowers assembled and a dove flying out of the rod of Joseph was interpreted as the favor of the Lord and Joseph, reluctantly, took Mary to become his wife.

The Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple illustrates the great preparation of Mary for her vocation as the Mother of God. Her total commitment to the Lord shown by her time at the Temple provides us with the concept of Mary becoming the Temple of the Lord herself for our mediation on this Great Feast.

HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING: Count your blessings instead of your crosses; count your gains instead of your losses. Count your joys instead of your woes; count your friends instead of your foes. Count your smiles instead of your tears; count your courage instead of your fears. Count you full years instead of your lean; count your kind deeds instead of your mean. Count your health instead of your wealth; count on God instead of yourself!

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on the eve of this holiday, Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Church. There will be no Divine Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, 2016. We encourage and urge you to participate in this community worship.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE CLERGY OF YOUR PARISH!

CLEANLINESS & HEALTH: Please pick up after yourselves and the children during and following Coffee Hour; insects and rodents are attracted by what we leave throughout and around the interior & exterior of the building; it takes but a few moments to clean up well. Cultural Center hall, kitchen and bar, should always be free of open food items. Everyone: please take note. Hall dining tables, coffee serving areas, stainless steel tables, counters, sinks, stove, etc. should be soap washed after every use and before leaving the building. The custodian does not always come in on our desired schedule. Thank you!

FLU & COLD SEASON IS HERE: Please be conscious of your health and that of others, considerately picking up your used tissues and discarding them in the proper disposal baskets before leaving the church or the Cultural Center. We may also be concerned about the spreading of germs in the area of the Kiss of Peace and the veneration of the Cross and the Icons. However, this concern should not prohibit any of us from keeping our traditions. Adapted ways may be the extending of your hand in kissing the Cross/Icons or the bowing of your heads for the blessing by the priest. May the Divine Physician of our souls and bodies watch over you!

THANK YOU to those good and faithful stewards who make up their missed financial support to the church for the times when they are absent. Others, who haven't done so as yet, may still make up for the weeks that they were and are absent from the parish. "Make-up/missed" support needs each and every one of you on a regular basis.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Don't' be like the Rich Young Fool in today's Gospel. Our Lord tells us not be sad and downcast worrying about our earthly riches, but to be generous and joyful of heart, storing up treasure in Heaven and being rich in the things of God. 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. Offer your gratitude to God by giving a generous offering to the Church on a regular basis. Thank you for your generosity!



ST. BASIL'S TOYS FOR TOTS COMMUNITY SERVICE TOY DRIVE

October 29 - December 10

Bring in a UNWRAPPED toy and place it in the boxes provided by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. We will deliver the boxes to the Providence office on Sunday, December 10. (No toys can be delivered after December 10.)

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Thank you for participating in this event!

ST. KATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

25 November



Saint Katherine was an affluent noble woman of Alexandria in Egypt who was converted to the Christian faith after many years of devoted study. Katherine frequently debated with pagan philosophers and was responsible for many of them embracing Christianity. Katherine was a beautiful woman and the pagan Emperor Maximos Daza attempted to seduce her one day. Upon refusing his advances, Katherine was beaten and imprisoned. While in prison, Katherine succeeded in converting over two hundred soldiers of the guard and the wife of the emperor who secretly visited her, to the Christian faith. The infuriated Maximos had his wife and the soldiers executed and ordered that Katherine be killed on a spiked wheel. When she was placed on the wheel, her bonds were miraculously loosed by an angel of the Lord and the wheel was shattered. Katherine was finally beheaded and there flowed from her severed body milk and honey-like liquids.

Saint Katherine's body was taken to Mount Sinai where in 527 the Emperor Justinian constructed a fortified structure around the early church and monastery dedicated to her memory. The remains of this great martyr are still to be found at the Monastery of Saint Katherine at the foot of Mount Sinai.

The American Meaning of Thanksgiving Day



St. Basil's Fellowship Organization

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

St. Basil's Cultural Center

Appetizer:

Margarita Grilled Pizza (*Tomato, Fresh Mozzarella & Fresh Herbs*)
Tri-fungi Grilled Pizza (*Mozzarella, Sautéed Wild Mushrooms, & Onions, Goat Cheese, Garlic Butter.*)

Salad: Red Sherry Vinaigrette Salad

Main Dish:

Your choice of one:

Penne Vodka with Grilled Chicken or Shrimp: (*Penne pasta tossed with a spicy pink vodka sauce. Topped with shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese.*)

or...

Tagliatelle alla Bolognese: (*Delicate golden egg noodles tossed with a Bolognese sauce made with pork, pancetta, sirloin, diced vegetables, tomatoes and a touch of cream. Topped with Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese.*)

Coffee/Tea & Assorted Pastry

\$25 per person

Entertainment by: Tom Sabbagh & Jerry Aissis

LIMITED TO 125 PEOPLE!

**PAID FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN
PRIORITY RESERVATIONS**

Give thanks

*to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.*

Psalm 107:1



The Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Their destination? The New World. Although filled with uncertainty and peril, it offered both civil and religious liberty.

For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Finally, with firm purpose and a reliance on Divine Providence, the cry of "Land!" was heard.

Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11, just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the "Mayflower Compact"—America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government.

After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty shelters. However, unprepared for the starvation and sickness of a harsh New England winter, nearly half died before spring. Yet, persevering in prayer, and assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer.

The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

Pilgrim Edward Winslow described the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving in these words:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling [bird hunting] so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as... served the company almost a week... Many of the Indians [came] amongst us and... their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought... And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet BY THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE... FAR FROM WANT."

In 1789, following a proclamation issued by President George Washington, America celebrated its first Day of Thanksgiving to God under its new constitution. That same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which President Washington was a member, announced that the first Thursday in November would become its regular day for giving thanks, "unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities." Yet, despite these early national proclamations, official Thanksgiving observances usually occurred only at the State level.