



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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 Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



April 6, 2014
The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
The Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt
Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 8 ~ Ps. 109:8

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (April 6)

Eutychios, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Platonida of Nisibis in Syria; Venerable Gregory Byzantios of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable-martyr Gennadios of Dionysiou monastery on Athos; the Martyrs of Samothrace; Methodios, archbishop of Maravia and enlightener of the Slavs.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Mary of Egypt – Plagal Tone 4: Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Mary, for thou didst carry the cross and followed Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of Great Lent – Plagal Tone 4: To thee the champion leader, I thy servant offer thanks for victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast power invincible, free me from every danger that I may cry unto thee: Rejoice, O bride without bridegroom.

Prokeimenon: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.
 (Chapter 9:11-14)

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
 (Chapter 10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him and scourge Him and spit upon Him and kill Him; and after three days He will rise again.” And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, “Teacher, we want You

to do for us whatever we ask You.” And Jesus said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized; but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant with James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 9th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 11th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 12th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)

Saturday, April 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 13th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 14th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

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Tuesday, April 15th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Tuesday, April 15th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 16th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 16th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 17th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 17th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 18th – Royal Hours of Pascha, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, April 18th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 18th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 19th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 19th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 20th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, April 20th – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 24. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain

from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 3, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on Palm Sunday (April 13).

For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent. The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are welcome to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. There are many decisions to be made about the Palm Sunday potluck and the Holy Friday bier decorating. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Coffee hour is brought to you today by **Nael and Mirna Wakileh**. Thank you.

Donations for **Easter flowers** are currently being accepted through and including Palm Sunday. If you would like to make a donation for these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and

on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Easter flowers.” Donations are \$10.00 per plant. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services Thank you.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish shall be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 20th at the Church Hall. For more information, please see **Khouriye Pam Nugent**.

This Sunday during coffee hour, the Ladies Guild is selling one-quart containers of lentil soup. The soup is lenten style and is to be taken home for consumption. The cost is \$5.00 per container.

Ladies Guild Projects to support those affected by the War in Syria:

1. Antiochian Archdiocese Women's project to provide support of Syrian War orphans - frozen food sales will go towards this.
2. Health Kits, which will be sent to Syria via IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities).

We will have a box in the Hall where you might place the following donated items (only these items can be sent): Hand towels, washcloths, combs, metal nail file or nail clipper, bath size bar of soap wrapped in original packaging, toothbrush, and Band-Aids.

Due to their dwindling funds the **Ladies Guild** cannot make the generous contribution they usually make to the Antiochian Women's Humanitarian Project. As this year's project is especially urgent - the war orphans in Syria, they asking for donations from any parishioners who want to supplement the contribution to this worthy cause. Make your tax-deductible checks payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Give them to the treasurer, **Georgette Ioup**. Write Syrian War Orphans on the memo line.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent, and accompanied by a brief presentation and discussion on the various practices of our Orthodox Faith.

As of March 30, 2014, 38 pledges were received totaling \$73,485.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for March 30, 2014, totaled \$6,488 for a year-to-date total of \$31,177 (~\$2,398/week). We are approximately \$2,951 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2