



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.



October 19, 2014

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost & the 3rd Sunday of St. Luke

Tone 2 ~ 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 (October 19)

The Holy Prophet Joel; Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him; Mnason, bishop of Cyprus; Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; Venerable John of Rila; Prochoros of Pchinja; Archpriest John of Kronstadt, the wonderworker.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow’r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow’rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

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 the Theotokos – Tone 2: O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.
(Chapters 11:31-33; 12:1-9)

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who, fourteen years ago, was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Na’in, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, Nov. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, Oct. 19, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

October is “Youth and Seminary Month” in the Antiochian Archdiocese. On Sunday, October 26th, a second collection shall be taken up during liturgy that morning. The proceeds shall be sent to the Archdiocese Chancery to assist in funding the youth and seminary programs in our archdiocese. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you and God bless you.

Ladies Guild Garage Sale will be Nov. 1. Donations of items in good condition may be brought to the church beginning October 7. This year the sale will include a Christmas bazaar. Donations of unwanted Christmas decorations in good condition, including wreaths, trees, lights, collectables, ornaments, wrapping paper and ribbon will be gratefully appreciated. Also we will be selling live potted plants. Those with a green thumb are asked to prepare cuttings in a decorative pot now to be ready to sell in November.

Donations for Cancer Research will be accepted by the Ladies Guild during October which is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The contributions will be given to New Orleans Cancer Crusaders, a local volunteer organization that gives 100% of what they collect to help fund the cancer research that is being conducted at our local universities. Those who donate will receive a hand-crafted pink ribbon as a thank-you gift. Our teens will be collecting donations during coffee hour. Any checks should be made out to St. Basil Ladies Guild.

St. Basil Church shall host the **Clergy Deanery Retreat** for the Lower Mississippi Valley Deanery from Nov. 10-12, 2014. Clergy from Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee shall join us at that time.

The church bulletin is available by email. If you would like the church bulletin emailed to you, please tell Fr. Peter.

As of October 12, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$76,985.00. 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 collection for October 12, 2014, totaled \$1,120.10 for a year-to-date total of \$92,387.79 (~\$2,253/week). We are approximately \$15,252 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

The Holy Prophet Joel

Joel is second in the line of the Minor Prophets. St. Joel was the son of Phanuel, from the tribe of Reuben. He lived 800 years before Christ. Joel prophesied the misfortunes of the people of Israel, and the Babylonian Captivity because of the sins they had committed in the sight of God. He called the people to fasting and the priests to tearful penitential prayer, that God would have mercy on them: *Sanctify ye a fast ... and cry unto the Lord* (Joel 1:14); *Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar* (Joel 2:17). Joel also foretold the Descent of the Spirit of God upon the apostles and the pouring out of the grace of the Spirit of God upon all Christians: *Then afterward I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh* (Joel 2:28). He prophesied and described the Dread Judgment of God, and also prophesied the glory of God's Holy Church.

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