



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.



March 15, 2015

The Third Sunday of Great Lent (The Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross)

Varys Tone ~ Eothinon 7 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

To Our Guests:

Holy Communion is open only 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. While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. 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 (March 15)

Martyr Agapios of Palestine and those with him; Apostle Aristoboulos of the Seventy, first bishop of Britain; New-martyrs Manuel of Crete, and Parthenios.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Varys Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Holy Cross – Tone 1: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

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: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.
(Chapters 4:14-16; 5:1-6)

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten thee;" as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order Melchizedek."

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(Chapter 8:34-38; 9:1)

The Lord said, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation of him will the Son of man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 18th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 20th – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (4th Stasis)

Saturday, March 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Sunday of John Climacus)

Wednesday, March 25th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Annunciation of the Theotokos)

Friday, March 27th – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Sunday of Mary of Egypt)

Wednesday, April 1st – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 4th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)

Saturday, April 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 5th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Monday, April 6th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Monday, April 6th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 7th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, April 7th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, April 8th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 8th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 9th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 9th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 10th – Royal Hours of Pascha, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, April 10th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 10th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 11th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 11th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 12th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 12th – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March is Antiochian Women's month in our Archdiocese. Today's epistle reader is **Kh. Pam Nugent**. The usherettes are **Bronwen** and **Helen Merid**. Next Sunday's epistle reader is **Mona DiGiovanni**. The usherettes are **Georgette Ioup** and **Sophia Hashek**. Thank you.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. 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.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

Parents and Church School teachers: Please note there is no Church School on Sundays March 15, April 5 & 12.

The **Ladies Guild** has a new project. During the coming months, they shall sponsor several coffee hours in order to ask parishioners to donate to a collection basket to help fund very needed repairs to the parish kitchen. Of note, the huge double refrigerator/freezer is on its last legs and needs to be replaced soon. Please support them with this worthwhile project.

Many Sundays are available in which to host coffee hour. Please see the wall calendar in the hallway of the Church Hall for available dates.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, March 15, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to Ozinam Inn for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

Today's carnations were provided by the following persons and families:

Carmen Canahuati, Mona DiGiovanni, Cesar El-Hajj, Dwight Gillis, Alexa Hamauei, Hrabar familiy, Ioup family, Ghassan Khoury, Kocic family & Mike Zelesnik in honor of their living family members and friends (many years) and for the repose of their departed ones (memory eternal). Thank you for your generosity and may God bless the remembrance of your loved ones.

Today's coffee hour is provided today by the **Ladies Guild**. Thank you.

The **traditional fasting discipline** of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed 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 the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 5).

The **22nd Annual Parish Life Conference for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast** is scheduled for June 10-14, 2015. St. Ignatius Church in Franklin (Nashville), Tennessee, is hosting the conference. The deadline for early bird registration is May 15. Paper copies of the registration forms are available in the narthex. Online registration is available at www.saint-ignatius.org/PLC

52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Boston, MA – Sunday, July 19, 2015-Sunday, July 26, 2015 – Hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. Go to www.acboston2015.com to register for hotel rooms, events and Boston excursions and to obtain Souvenir Journal information and information about family activities and events. Rooms are booking quickly for this historic convention. Please call the church at (617) 547-1234 with any questions.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell Fr. Peter if you would like to receive it.

As of March 8, 2015, 44 pledges were received totaling \$96,802. Approximately \$2,660/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for the week ending March 8, 2015, totaled \$4,498 for a year-to-date total of \$30,735.39 (~\$3,074/week).

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 29:2

The Holy Martyr Agapius and the seven with him: Publius, Timolaus, Romulus, Alexander, Alexander, Dionysius and Dionysius

They all suffered in Palestinian Caesarea at the hand of Urban, the governor, in the time of the Emperor Diocletian. All of them, apart from Agapius, were very young men and were not yet Christians. They had never been baptised with water, but their baptism was of blood. One day these seven were watching how the Christians were being tortured: one in fire, another on the gallows, a third before wild beasts, and when they saw with what patience the Christians endured all these tortures, they were inflamed with zeal for Christ, bound their own hands behind their backs and, thus bound, came before Urban saying: 'We too are Christians!' Urban's flattery and threats were in vain. Agapius, a prominent inhabitant of that city, who had previously suffered somewhat for Christ, joined them, and they were inspired with an even greater faith in and love for the Lord. 'They were all beheaded in 303, and went to the courts of the King of heaven.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid