



## 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.



Aug. 30, 2015

The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 2 ~ Psalm 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.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, "spaghetti" strap garments, sleeveless or "tanktop" type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for adults and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.*

### *The Mission of St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church...*

We love and worship God, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith, and serve those in our parish, our larger community, and God's people everywhere through worship, prayer, fellowship, education, charity, and outreach.

### *The Vision of St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church...*

St. Basil Church is committed to growth: growth of our members spiritually, and growth of our members in the participation of parish life. We are committed to the education in the faith of our members and non-members. We will identify and initiate strategies to increase the involvement of the teens and the 20-40 age group of the parish. We will reach out to the larger community with invitations and messages about the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith and St. Basil Church. We will identify and implement strategies to enhance our financial stability.

### Saints du Jour (Aug. 30)

Alexander, Paul the New, and John, patriarchs of Constantinople; Martyrs Phantinos and Januarius; repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir; translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; Cyril and Makarios, patriarchs of Serbia.

*Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4:* Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

*Apolytikion of the Beheading of the Forerunner – Tone 2:* The memory of the righteous is in praise. And thee, Forerunner, the testimony of the Lord sufficeth; for in truth thou hast been revealed as nobler than all the prophets, for having been considered worthy to baptize in the running waters Him Who was preached. Therefore, thou didst strive for the truth happily. Thou didst proclaim to those in hades God appearing in the body, the Lifter up of the sin of the world, Who granteth us the Great Mercy.

*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 Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone 4:* By thy holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of Life.

*Prokeimenon:* O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

*Verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapter 16:13-24)

BRETHREN, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos because they have made up for your absence, for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men.

The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(Chapter 21: 33-42)

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a householder who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and let it out to tenants and went into another country.

“When the season of fruit drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes what will he do to those tenants?” They said to Him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures, ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Nativity of the Theotokos)

Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Terr Mehari and Emma Nugent; **Ushers for next Sunday:** Stephen Zelesnik and Kumie Mamo.

The **altar candle** is sponsored today by **Vera Muller** for the health of **Olivia, Vera** and **Paul** (many years), and for the repose of **Dennis, Freddy, Joey** and **Fr. Paul** (memory eternal).

**Trisagion prayers** are offered today by **Natalia Sidorovskaia** for the repose of **Svetlana, Nina, Jean, Angeline, Elias George, Mary, Lilia, Ivan, Nikolaj, Ulyana** and **Anna**. May their memory be eternal.

**Coffee hour** is hosted today by **Elias** and **Sarah Ioup** in honor of **Layla’s** birthday. May God grant you many years.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy, all teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

Our **Fall Parish Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015, in the Church Hall beginning at 9 A.M. and concluding at 4 P.M. **Richard Robbat** is our workshop leader. This particular workshop shall focus on identifying core values and writing SMART goals, which will be our parish’s initial action plan for activities and growth for the future. Please join us for this one-day event. The workshop is open to everyone.

Parents and teachers, please note that **Church School** shall begin on Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers are Khouriyeh Pam Nugent, Yazmin Incaprera, Tania Russell and Chris Chedid.

**The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross** is approaching. Please see **Fr. Peter** if you would like to donate the **red carnations** used on this occasion.

A special party for the young girls of our parish—Mary’s Angels—shall be held on Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3-4:30 P.M. Those girls of our parish from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. Drinks and treats shall be served. For more information, please see **Fr. Peter** or **Tania Russell**.

St. Basil Church shall host a **Hafli** at Holy Trinity Cathedral (corner of St. Bernard & Robert E. Lee in NOLA) on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are selling quickly. Please see **Cesar El-Hajj** for more information. Three adult volunteers are needed to help serve beverages and two other adults are needed to assist with sales during the evening. There is no charge for the meals of these volunteers. Those members of the parish who wish to attend, but have hardship circumstances should see Fr. Peter for additional information.

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.

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

As of August 23, 2015, 46 pledges were received totaling \$97,752. Approximately \$2,660/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for the week ending August 23, 2015, totaled \$2,103 for a year-to-date total of \$89,140.17.

#### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

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

### **The Assembly of the Holy Serbian Enlighteners and Teachers**

On this day are commemorated, not all the Serbian saints in general, but rather only a few archbishops and patriarchs: Saint Sava, the first Archbishop of the Serbs called "Equal to the Apostles"; Arsenius, the successor to St. Sava, a great hierarch and miracle worker; Saint Sava II, son of the First-crowned, King Stephen who lived in Jerusalem for a long time and is called: "similar to Moses in meekness" [refer to the Srbljak, the Service Book of the Serbian Saints]; Nicodemus, who lived a life of asceticism on the Holy Mountain [Athos] and was abbot of Hilendar and following that was Archbishop "of all the Serbian and Coastal lands"; Joannicius, at first an archbishop and then patriarch from 1346 A.D. and died in 1349 A.D.; Ephrem, an ascetic who was elected patriarch against his will at the time of Prince Lazar in 1376 A.D. and crowned Lazar. After that he resigned the patriarchal throne and retreated into solitude; Spiridon, the successor to Ephrem and who died in the year 1388 A.D.; Macarius, who renovated many ancient monasteries [Zaduzbine], printed many ecclesiastical books in Skadar, Venice, Belgrade and other places. He built the famous refectory in the monastery at Pec and labored much to advance the Church with the assistance of his brother Mehmed Sokolovich, the Grand Vezir. Macarius died in the year 1574 A.D.; Gabriel, by birth a nobleman of the Rajich family. He participated in the Moscow [church] council under Patriarch Nikon for which he was tortured by the Turks for treason and hanged in the year 1656 A.D. Along with these are also mentioned; Eustace, Jacob, Daniel, Gregory, John, Sava III, Gregory, John, Maksim and Nikon. Many of them lived a life of asceticism on the Holy Mountain [Athos] and all were "meek and faithful servants in the vineyard of the Lord."

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*