



## 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.



February 7, 2016

The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 3 ~ 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 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 Antiochian Orthodox 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 Antiochian Orthodox Church. We will identify and implement strategies to enhance our financial stability.

### *Saints du Jour (February 7)*

Parthenios, bishop of Lampsakos; Venerable Luke of Hellas; New-martyr George of Crete.

### *Spiritual Counsels...*

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

Proverbs 29:2

*Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3:* Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

*Apolytikion of the Presentation of our Lord – Tone 1:* Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us the resurrection.

*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 Presentation of the Lord – Tone 1:* Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

*Prokeimenon:* The Lord will give strength to His people.

*Verse:* Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

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

(Chapter 6:1-10)

BRETHREN, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, and yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

(Chapter 25:14-30)

The Lord spoke this parable, "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter in to the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has more will be given and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’” As He said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Ter Mehari & Kh. Pam Nugent; **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik & Helen Merid.

**Memorial prayers** are offered today by the **Gillis & Russell families** for the repose of **Dorthie Gillis**. May her memory be eternal.

**Coffee hour** is hosted today by the **Gillis & Russell families** in memory of **Dorthie Gillis**. Thank you.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **St. Joseph Men’s Fellowship** shall hold their monthly meeting next Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 P.M. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

Our Annual Pledge Drive is currently underway for the calendar year 2016. All adult members of the parish are encouraged to complete and return a pledge form to the church office. Pledge forms may be found in the narthex of the church building. All pledges are held in strict confidence. Only the total number of pledges and the total pledge amount is made available to the public. Your financial support of our church community is your support of yourself and your contribution to help insure you and your family has a place to worship. Thank you and God bless you.

Our annual **Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook-off** is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Festivities, God willing, shall begin 30 minutes before kick-off. Party animals, and purveyors and taste-testers of fine chili and other tasty foods, are welcome and encouraged to join us!

**Choir practice** is held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. Choir members and other members of the parish should see our choir director, **Andy Mahoney**, for more 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 large refrigerator is on its last legs and needs to be replaced soon. Please support them with this worthwhile project.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.campstthekla.org](http://www.campstthekla.org). Campers are accepted on a first come, first served basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible. Please see Fr. Peter for camper scholarship information. For more details, please contact Fr. Philip Rogers, Camp Director, at [CampStThekla@gmail.com](mailto:CampStThekla@gmail.com)

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

As of January 31, 2016, 35 pledges were received totaling \$77,720. Approximately \$2,808/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for January 31, 2016, totaled \$4,140.96 for a year-to-date total of \$15,903.71.

If You Would Like Your Home Blessed,  
Please Provide the Following Information And Return It To The Church Office:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

When Would You like Your Home Blessed?      Weekday or Weekend  
(Circle one)

Morning      Afternoon      Evening  
(Circle one)

After Theophany (Jan. 6)      After Pascha (May 1)  
(Circle one)

### **Saint Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus**

Parthenius was the son of a deacon from the town of Melitopolis. As a child he remembered well the words of the Gospel and endeavored to fulfill them. He settled in the area of a lake where he fished. He then sold the fish and distributed the money to the poor. By God's Providence he was chosen as bishop of Lampsacus. He cleansed the town of paganism, closed the idolatrous temples, built many churches and strengthened the faithful in the Faith. Through prayer, he healed every manner of illness and he was particularly powerful over evil spirits. On one occasion when he wanted to cast out an evil spirit from an insane man, the evil spirit begged him not to do so. Parthenius said to him: "I will give you another man into whom you can enter and in him, you can dwell." The evil spirit asked him: "Who is this man?" "I am that man," replied the saint, "enter and dwell in me!" Upon hearing this, the evil spirit fled as though burned by fire crying out: "How can I enter into the house of God!" St. Parthenius lived a long time and through his work manifested an abundant love for God and man. Parthenius entered into the eternal rest of Christ in the fourth century.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*