



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 17, 2016

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent And the Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt

Plagal Tone 1 ~ 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.

As we move into the summer months, the weather is always very warm. 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 men, women 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 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 (April 17)

Hieromartyr Simeon, bishop in Persia and those with him; Martyr Adrian of Corinth; Agapitos, pope of Rome; Makarios, archbishop of Corinth; Venerable Zosimas of Solovky; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Alexander of Svir.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 1: Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 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: 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

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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 20th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 22nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 23rd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)

Saturday, April 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)

Wednesday, April 27th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 28th – Vespers Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 28th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 29th – Royal Hours, 10 A.M.

Friday, April 29th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 29th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 30th – Vespers Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 30th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 1st – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 1st – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, May 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of our church community, we welcome our visitors who have joined us in prayer and fellowship. After Divine Liturgy this morning, we shall hold an **Open House**. Members of the parish are available to welcome you, talk with you about the Orthodox Church and give you a tour of our church temple. Welcome to St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Today’s Ushers: Tania Russell and Michael Zelesnik. **Next Sunday:** Terr Mehari and Stephen Zelesnik.

Coffee hour is hosted by Team 6 today; coffee hour is hosted by Team 1 next Sunday, April 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, April 24, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Attention parents and church school teachers: There is no church school on April 24 and May 1.

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.

A **book and icon sale** is being held today. Items of interest may be purchased in the Church Hall.

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, March 7th. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 14th, 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 the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 24).

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 the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

A **book study** on “Thirty Steps to Heaven” will be available after coffee hour on Sundays and after Presanctified Liturgy on Friday mornings. Please see **Rob Booms** or **Fr. Peter** for more information.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish shall be held after Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 24th. For more information, please see **Khouriye Pam Nugent**.

Ladies Guild Refrigerator Fund: We have collected about two-thirds of the money needed to buy the needed professional refrigerator for our kitchen. We still need to raise about \$1000. It would be good to have it purchased before the summer heat arrives. Now we will make a special collection at coffee hour once a month, on the last Sunday of the month. Please help with whatever you can give when we announce these collections.

On Friday, May 6, 2016, St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church shall host a presentation entitled, “A Festival of Abraham.” Interfaith Communications International, a local nonprofit organization, which promotes dialogue and interaction of various faith communities, is sponsoring the presentation. Rev. Grant Burgess, Pastor-Rabbi of Adat Yeshua Synagogue in New Orleans is a guest speaker. The presentation begins at 9 A.M. and concludes at 12:30 P.M. Please see the bulletin board by the kitchen in the Church Hall for more information.

A **second collection** shall be taken up for the Patriarchate of Antioch on Palm Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The miracle-working **Kursk-Root icon** of the Theotokos will be in Southeast Louisiana on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at St. John the Theologian Orthodox Mission at 4603 Old Hwy 61 in St. Francisville, Louisiana. An Akathist service shall begin at 7 P.M. Those parishioners interested in traveling together to venerate this icon may sign their name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** is having a **canned food drive** during the months of April and May. Please bring your donations of nonperishable food items and place them on the corner table in the large classroom. The donations will be forwarded to **Second Harvest Food Bank**. Thank you.

St. Andrew Antiochian Orthodox Church is the host parish for the **Parish Life Conference** for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast. The conference is scheduled for June 15-18, 2016, in Pensacola, Florida, at the Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the conference; it's easy driving distance from us! To register for the conference, please go to <https://www.antiochianevents.org/129>. To register with the hotel, please go to <http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/pensacola/pnsgh/hoteldetail>. The three letter, group block code is "PLC." Please enter your own specific arrival and departure dates between June 12-19, 2016. The cutoff date for the link is May 24, 2016. For telephone reservations at the hotel, contact 850-433-3336, Ext. 5527 & 5528. The hotel room rate is \$121/night. For additional information, please see Fr. Peter or contact St. Andrew Church at 850-469-9711.

The **Orthodox Young Professionals Conference** will be held in New Orleans on August 18-21, 2016. "The Orthodox Young Professionals Conference is a 4 day, 3 night conference hosted by the Young Adult Ministry of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. Young Orthodox Christians from across the country and all jurisdictions are invited to join together in fellowship and fun. The conference committee has been working since 2015 to plan an amazing opportunity for spiritual growth, future friendships, lasting memories and more." Young adults who are in their mid-twenties through thirties are invited to participate. For more information, please visit <http://www.oypc2016.com> or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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

As of April 10, 2016, 45 pledges were received totaling \$98,630. Approximately \$2,811/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for April 10, 2016, totaled \$3,164.51 for a year-to-date total of \$38,743.59.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Proverbs 29:2

The Priestly-Martyr Simeon, Persian Bishop

During the reign of the wicked Emperor Sapor [Savori], Simeon was tortured for Christ along with his two presbyters, Audel and Ananias. The emperor's eunuch, Ustazan, who had earlier denied Christ and afterward, touched by the rebuke of St. Simeon, again, confessed the True Faith before the emperor. A thousand other Christians were also led to the place of execution with Simeon. Simeon intentionally moved out of the way in order to be the last one to be beheaded so as to encourage the other Christians to the end, so that, not one of them would waver because of their fear of death. When the presbyter Ananias placed his head on the chopping block, his entire body quivered. The emperor's court clerk Fusik, who secretly was a Christian, began to encourage Ananias saying: " Do not be afraid old man, close your eyes and be brave so that you may see the divine light." As soon as Fusik said this, he was recognized as a Christian and was accused before the emperor. The emperor exhausted him through great torture, as well as his daughter, the maiden Askitria. After St. Simeon saw his flock depart to the other world, he was finally beheaded. The following year on Great Friday (Good Friday), Azat [Ustazan], the beloved eunuch of the emperor, was also slain for Christ and with him a thousand other faithful. Then the emperor mourned for his eunuch and suspended the further killing of Christians. They all suffered honorably for Christ the King and Lord in the year 341 or 344 A.D.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid