



## 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.



June 26, 2016

The First Sunday after Pentecost and the Sunday of All Saints

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 1 ~ 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 (June 26)

Venerable David of Thessalonika; John bishop of the Goths in the Crimea.

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4:** From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Apolytikion of All Saints – Tone 4:** Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying: Turn with Thy compassion to Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls 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 All Saints – Plagal Tone 4:** Unto Thee, O Lord, the Author of creation, the universe doth offer the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By whose prayers, through the Theotokos, do Thou preserve in peace profound Thy Church, O most merciful One.

**Prokeimenon:** God is wonderful among His saints.

**Verse:** Bless God in the congregations.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.  
(Chapter 11:33-40; 12:1,2)

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated – of whom the world was not worthy – wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(Chapters 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father, Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father, Who is in heaven. “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not

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worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”

Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed You. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world when the Son of man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last and the last first.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ss. Peter & Paul)

Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today’s Ushers:** Terr Mehari and Stephen Zelesnik. **Next Sunday:** Dwight Gillis and Helen Merid.

The holy bread is sponsored today by **Yana Fox** for the health of **Tatyana, Anatoliy, Svetlana, Vadim** and **Michael** (many years), and for the repose of **James, Jason, Yan** and **Egor** (memory eternal).

Last Sunday’s second collection totalled \$359.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

### **Multi-Ethnic Parishwide All Saints Pot Luck, June 26**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for June 26!!! We will be celebrating All Saints at St. Basil with a new tradition! You are invited to bring a dish for others to **sample**, which represents your ethnic background. If others like the dish (food), and wish to take more of it home, it is available for purchase. The proceeds will go to benefit the parish. Also, if you have a Saint that is revered by your family or culture or if you have music/photos/clothing, etc., this is the day to bring/wear it! A Sign-up sheet for food is on the bulletin board near the meeting room. Please see **Mona Digiovanni** or **Georgette Ioup** if you have any questions.

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

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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.

**Book study** of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" will restart the Sunday after Pentecost, June 26. We will meet from 11:20 to 12 noon each Sunday except for the third Sunday of the month. It's OK to bring your snacks and drink if you have not finished them. If you don't have the book, you can order it from **Larry Jones**. In the meantime, ask **Rob Booms** (rtbooms@earthlink.net) for a copy of the next chapter on "Repentance."

**Ladies Guild Refrigerator Fund:** We have collected about two-thirds of the money needed to buy the professional refrigerator for our kitchen. We still need to raise about \$1000. 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.

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

As of June 19, 2016, 46 pledges were received totaling \$99,650. Our operating budget for this year is \$146,125.00. Approximately \$2,810/week is needed to meet this obligation. The collection for June 19, 2016, totaled \$716.28 for a year-to-date total of \$67,734.25, a weekly average of \$2,709.37. As of June 6, 2016, our expenses are \$75,409.03, a weekly average of \$3,278.65.

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

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

### **Venerable David**

David was born in Thessalonica. At first, he lived a life of asceticism in the proximity of Thessalonica in a hut built beneath an almond tree. Later, he continued his asceticism in Thessaly. So much did he purify himself by fasting, prayer and all-night vigils that he was made worthy to receive great grace from God. Once he took live coals in his hand, placed incense on the coals and censured the emperor without any injury to his hand. Seeing this, the emperor bowed down to the ground before him. He amazed many people by his numerous miracles. He died peacefully and took up habitation in eternal blessedness in the year 540 A.D.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*