



## 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.



July 10, 2016

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Matthew

Tone 2 ~ 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.

*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 (July 10)

The 45 martyrs at Nikopolis in Armenia; Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves; Venerable-martyrs Nikodemos the Albanian and Nektarios of the St. Anne Skete on Athos; Heiromartyr Joseph of Damascus and his companions.

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2:** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

**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:** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**Verse:** The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.  
(Chapter 5:1-11)

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man – though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received our reconciliation.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(Chapter 6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore, I tell you do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well."

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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

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

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

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Transfiguration of our Lord)

Saturday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today's Ushers:** Kumie Mamo and Pam Nugent. **Next Sunday:** Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 3. Thank you.

This morning, we shall hold our **Semi-Annual General Parish Meeting** in the church temple after Divine Liturgy. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend. Those voting members of the parish who are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish may vote.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting today after coffee hour. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Come cool off this summer and have a good time and some fellowship at our youth swim party Saturday, August 6 from 4 pm to 7:00 pm. This is for children, grandchildren, friends, and for folks who never quite grew up and young at heart. Adults of younger children are welcome to. The swim party will be at the Elks Club on 2215 Cleary Ave. in Metairie. It is about 1.5 miles from the church. The Elks pool is a junior Olympic pool that goes from 3 foot of water to 9 feet. It also has a chang-

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

ing area, showers, tables and chairs, and covered area for those not swimming. One lifeguard will be on duty as well. Please contact **Pam Nugent** if you are coming because we may have to add another life guard if we are having a lot folks. We are also planning on grilling and have drinks. This will be a very fun event! Looking forward to seeing everyone.

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.

**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."

**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.

**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 July 3, 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 July 3, 2016, totaled \$2,091.50 for a year-to-date total of \$72,586.92, a weekly average of \$2,688.41. As of July 7, 2016, our expenses are \$84,347.73, a weekly average of \$3,123.99.

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

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

**The Holy 45 Martyrs: Leontius, Maurice, Alexander, Sisinius and Others**

During the reign of the wicked Emperor Licinius, who ruled the eastern half of the Byzantine Empire, there was a great persecution of Christians. In Armenian Nicopolis, St. Leontius, with several of his friends, appeared before Lysius, the representative of Emperor Licinius and declared that they were Christians. “And where is your Christ?” Lysius asked. “Was He not crucified and did He not die?” To that St. Leontius replied: “Since you know that our Christ died, know also that He resurrected from the dead and ascended into heaven.” After a lengthy discussion about the Faith, Lysius scourged them and threw them into prison and gave them neither food nor drink. Vlassina, a benevolent Christian woman brought them water and handed it to them through the window of the prison. An angel of God appeared to comfort and encourage them. When the time came for sentencing, two jailers and many others appeared before Lysius as converted Christians, totaling 45 in number. The judge sentenced all of them to death but in this manner: first, that their arms and feet be severed with an axe and then they be thrown into the fire. This horrible two-fold punishment was carried out and the souls of the holy martyrs took flight to their Lord entering into eternal life. They honorably suffered and inherited the Kingdom in the year 319 A.D.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*