



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.

August 21, 2016

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost, the 9th Sunday of Matthew

And the After-feast of the Dormition

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 9 ~ 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 (Aug. 21)

Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy; Martyrs Bassa and Venerable Abraham of Smolensk and his disciple, Ve

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: Frigate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee. ***Apolytikion of the Dormition – Tone 1:*** In thy birth, O Virgin, preserve virginity; and in thy falling asleep thou hast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thy prayer, O Mother of Life, pray for us. ***Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1:*** Into all our hearts, O voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the proper conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood, pray for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Dormition – Tone 2: Neither the gates of Hades who is ever watchful in intercession and whose protection is ever our Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One

Prokeimenon: Make your vows unto the Lord our God.

Verse: God is known in Judah; His name is great and wonderful.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans (Chapter 3)

BRETHREN, we are God’s fellow workers; you are partners with us in our labors. According to the grace of God given to me, like a foundation, another man is building upon it. Let each man test his own foundation: can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, we will manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will reveal each sort of work each one has done. If the work which a man has laid is saved, but only as through the fire.

Do you not know that you are God’s temple and God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 14)

At that time, Jesus made His disciples get into the boat with Him. He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went away to the mountain to pray. When evening came He was there alone, beating the waves, for the wind was against it. And at dawn the disciples found Him, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw

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saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered Him, saying, "Lord, if it is You, bid me come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the mighty wind he was afraid and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat the wind became calm. And those in the boat came and worshipped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

And when they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Aug. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Beheading of St. John)

Saturday, Sept. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, Sept. 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Birth of the Theotokos)

Saturday, Sept. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Elevation of Holy Cross)

Saturday, Sept. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Tania & Sevin Russell (or Mike Z.). **Next Week:** Stephen Zelesnik & Terr Mehari.

Candles are available in the narthex of the church temple and are an important part of Orthodox worship and spirituality. Donations for candles are requested. The large, white candles are \$3 each and the yellow, taper candles are \$1 each. May your prayers be holy and pleasing unto God.

Trisagion prayers were offered last Sunday by **Mariam Ammari** for the repose of her sister, **Shoufah**. May her memory be eternal.

The altar candle was offered last Sunday by **Yana Fox** for the health of **Tatyana, Anatoliy, Svetlana, Vadim, Michael, & Yana** (many years), and in memory of **James, Jason, Egor, Galina, Yan, & Alexander** (memory eternal).

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 4. Thank you.

Approximately 25 **Red Carnations** are needed for the Elevation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, Sept. 14. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly mee council members please attend.

Among our other guests, attendees of the Orthodox for Orthros and Liturgy. Please welcome all our gues

After Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Aug. 28th, our parish from our Parish Life Conference.

Parents and Church School teachers, please note the 11th, God willing.

Can you imagine going to school without a pencil where IOCC works, there are children who do not The Ladies Guild will be collecting school items for Orthodox Christian Charities) and CWS (Church Wo all over the world. **During August and September a the following items can be dropped off. The Ladies costs and the purchase of the special backpacks. T**

- Blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- 70-count spiral or tape-bound notebooks of 8" x 10"
- Please **do not** provide loose-leaf or filler paper
- 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners
- New pencils with erasers
- Large erasers, 2-1/2"

Boxes of 24 crayons (only 24)

Book study of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" is continuing 12 p.m. on Sundays except for the third Sunday of the month. If you don't have the book, you may order it from rtbooms@earthlink.net can send you a copy of the book.

Choir practice is held on Sunday mornings at 8:30. The parish should see our choir director, **Andy Mahoney**

As approved by the Parish Council, we shall hold the Nov. 4, thru Sunday, Nov. 6. **Cesar El-Hajj** is the featured ethnic groups shall be prepared and sold at various well as music and dancing for all ages. This is a requested.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell

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As of Aug. 5, 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 Aug. 7, 2016, totaled \$1,747.00 and the collection for Aug. 14, 2016, totaled \$2,063.50 for a year-to-date total of \$83,623.36, a weekly average of \$2,534.04. As of July 31, 2016, our expenses are \$93,212.26, a weekly average of \$3,006.85.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Proverbs 29:2

The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus

Thaddaeus was one of the Seventy Apostles but not the Thaddaeus who was one of the Twelve Apostles. St. Thaddaeus first saw and heard John the Baptist and received baptism from him and after that he saw the Lord Jesus and followed Him. The Lord numbered him among the 70 lesser apostles whom He sent two by two before His face, “After these things, the Lord appointed other 70 also and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place where He Himself would come” (St. Luke 10:1). After His glorious Resurrection and Ascension, the Lord sent Thaddaeus to Edessa, Thaddaeus' birthplace, according to the promise He gave to Prince Abgar at the time when He sent the towel with His face on it. By kissing the towel, Abgar was healed of leprosy but not completely. A little leprosy still remained on his face. When St. Thaddaeus appeared to Abgar, he received him with great joy. The apostle of Christ instructed him in the true faith and after that baptized him. When the baptized Abgar came out of the water, the remaining leprosy fell from him and he was completely healed. Glorifying God, Prince Abgar also wanted that his people should know the true God and to glorify Him. The prince assembled all the citizens of Edessa before the holy Apostle Thaddaeus to hear teaching about Christ. Hearing the words of the apostle and seeing their prince miraculously healed, the people rejected the idols, unclean living, embraced the Faith of Christ and were baptized. Thus, the city of Edessa was illumined by the Faith of Christ. Prince Abgar brought much gold and offered it to the apostle but Thaddaeus said to him: “Since we left our own gold, how can we receive the gold of others?” St. Thaddaeus preached the Gospel throughout Syria and Phoenicia. He reposed in the Lord in the Phoenician city of Beirut.

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