



## 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.



September 25, 2016

The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Luke

Plagal Tone 1 ~ 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 (September 25)

Venerable Euphrosyne of Alexandria; Venerable-martyr Paphnoutios of Egypt and those slain with him; repose of Venerable Sergios of Radonezh; translation of the relics of Herman, archbishop of Kazan; Basil, patriarch of Antioch; Finbar, bishop of Cork.

**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. Euphrosyne – Plagal Tone 4:** Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Euphrosyne, 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:** You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

**Verse:** Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.  
(Chapters 1:21-24; 2:1-4)

BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put His seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me – it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love I have for you.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke  
(Chapter 5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took

### GOSPEL CONTINUED

nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish and, as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he was astonished and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken, and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today’s Ushers:** Stephen Zelesnik & Someone Else. **Next Week:** Dwight Gillis & Helen Merid.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 6. Thank you.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

In preparation for our festival, the **Parish Council** shall hold a meeting next Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. Council members and all parishioners are asked to attend.

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

Book study of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" is continuing. We meet after the coffee hour from 11:20 to 12 p.m. on Sundays except for the third Sunday of the month. It's OK to bring your snacks and drink. If you don't have the book, you may order it from Larry Jones. In the meantime, Rob Booms ([rtbooms@earthlink.net](mailto:rtbooms@earthlink.net)) can send you a copy of the next chapter to be discussed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As approved by the Parish Council, we shall hold the **St. Basil International Food Fest** on Friday, Nov. 4, thru Sunday, Nov. 6. **Cesar El-Hajj** is the festival chairman. Foods representing our diverse ethnic groups shall be prepared and sold at various booths. Activities for kids will be available as well as music and dancing for all ages. This is a parish-wide event and everyone’s assistance is requested.

On May 19-21, 2017, we shall celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. His Grace Bishop ANTHONY of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest shall preside over our festivities. As gifts to the parish on this occasion, we are attempting to: 1) Refurbish and replating an existing chalice. The donations needed for this are \$2,000.00, and, 2.) Purchase a decorative chalice and discos set to use for Divine Liturgy during the festive periods of the year and on major feasts of the church. Approximately \$5,000.00 are needed to purchase this new set. Pictures of these two chalice and discos sets may be seen on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please see Fr. Peter if you are interested in helping with either of these items.

The **Ladies Guild** has gathered the school supplies needed to assemble 55 school kits. Thank you to all who contributed items. The canvas tote bags are being purchased. The postage to send the assembled bags to IOCC headquarters will be substantial. If any members of the parish could help us cover the cost with a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. On **October 2** the women of the Ladies Guild are asked to stay after coffee hour to assemble the individual tote bags.

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

As of Sept. 18, 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 the Louisiana Flood Victims was \$1,128.00; the Lenten collection for Ozanam Inn was \$677.46; the collection for Sept. 18, 2016, totaled \$2,620.78 for a year-to-date total of \$96,277.85, a weekly average of \$2,533.63. As of Sept. 18, 2016, our expenses are \$105,229.68, a weekly average of \$2,769.20.

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

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

### **The Venerable Euphrosyne**

Euphrosyne was the daughter of Paphnutius, a wealthy and distinguished man of Alexandria. Her childless parents had besought God with prayer for the birth of a child, and they were given her. Her devout parents raised their daughter in the Christian Faith. Not wanting to enter into marriage, the young Euphrosyne hid from her father, changed into men's clothing, and presented herself to the abbot of a monastery as a eunuch of Emperor Theodosius, giving the name Smaragdus. The abbot received her, and turned her over to the spiritual father Agapitus for guidance. By her fasting and prayerful asceticism, Smaragdus quickly surpassed all the monks in that monastery. When she had completed 38 years of strict asceticism, her father Paphnutius visited that monastery, and the abbot directed him to Smaragdus for prayer and counsel. Smaragdus recognized Paphnutius, but Paphnutius did not recognize Smaragdus. When the father confessed his grief for his lost daughter, Smaragdus told him not to lose hope, for he would see his daughter again in this life, and besought him to come again within three days. When Paphnutius came again, Smaragdus was on her deathbed. The dying one said to Paphnutius: "I am Euphrosyne, your daughter; you are my father!" For a long time, the father was unable to come to himself due to his severe shock. Then, the Blessed Euphrosyne breathed her last, and her father wept over her. After burying her, Paphnutius himself entered the monastery, and settled in the cell of his holy, reposed daughter. After 10 years of asceticism, Paphnutius also entered into rest in the Lord.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*