



## 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.



January 22, 2017

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 9

*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.

### *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 (January 22)

Apostle Timothy; Venerable-martyr Anastasios the Persian; Venerable Joseph the Sanctified of Crete

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2:** When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Apolytikion of St. Timothy the Apostle – Tone 3:** O holy Apostle Timothy, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**Apolytikion of St. Anastasios the Persian – Tone 4:** Thy martyr, O Lord, by his struggle hath received from Thee, our God, the imperishable crown; because, acquiring Thy strength, he demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

**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 Presentation of the Lord – Tone 1:** Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

**Prokeimenon:** The Lord will give strength to His people.

**Verse:** Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

**Epistle:** The reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy.

(Chapter 4:9-15)

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

(Chapter 19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not on account of the crowd because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Presentation of Christ)

Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Publican & Pharisee)

Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Prodigal Son)

Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Saturday of Souls)

Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today's Ushers:** Sevin and Tania Russell. **Next Week:** Mihai Leustean and Emma Nugent.

Coffee hour is hosted by Team 4 today. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Ladies Guild.

Our Annual Pledge Drive is currently underway for the calendar year 2017. All adult members of the parish are encouraged to complete and return a pledge form to the church office. Pledge forms may be found in the narthex of the church building. All pledges are held in strict confidence. Only the total number of pledges and the total pledge amount is made available to the public. Your financial support of our church community is your support of yourself and your contribution to help insure you and your family has a place to worship. Thank you and God bless you.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for January 29, 2017, after Divine Liturgy and shall convene in the Church. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Only those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish, may vote.

**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.

On May 19-21, 2017, we shall celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. As gifts to the parish on this occasion, we are attempting to 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 is needed to purchase this new set. Pictures of this chalice and discos set 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 these items.

**Ladies Guild** are hosting a luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 29, after Divine Liturgy. The menu includes a choice of seafood gumbo with andouille sausage and rice, or black beans and rice with sausage. There will be salad, bread, desert (king cake) and a drink; you can eat at the church or take home. The price is \$10, children under 10 are free.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

As of Jan. 19, 2016, 16 pledges were received totaling \$31,900. The collection for Jan. 15, 2017, totaled \$2,835 for a year-to-date total of \$8,910.85, a weekly average of \$2,970.28. As of Jan. 15, 2017, our expenses are \$13,163.22, a weekly average of \$4,387.74.

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

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

“The Lord does not leave the virtuous man hungry, but he thwarts the greed of the wicked.” – Proverbs 10:3

If You Would Like Your Home Blessed,

Please Provide the Following Information And Return It To The Church Office:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

When Would You like Your Home Blessed After Theophany (Jan. 6)?

Weekday or Weekend  
(Circle one)

Morning Afternoon Evening  
(Circle one)

### **The Holy Apostle Timothy**

Timothy was one of the Seventy Apostles. He was born in Lystra in Lycaonia of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. The Apostle Paul praised his mother and grandmother because of their sincere faith. “I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, as I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that, I am confident, lives also in you” (II Timothy 1: 4-5). Timothy first met with the great apostle in Lystra and was himself a witness when Paul healed the one lame from birth. Later, Timothy was an almost constant traveling companion of Paul, traveling with him to Achaia, Macedonia, Italy and Spain. Sweet in soul, he was a great zealot for the Faith, and a superb preacher. Timothy contributed much to the spreading and establishing of the Christian Faith. Paul calls him "my own son in the faith." "Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus, Who is our hope, to Timothy, my own son in the Faith: grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Timothy 1: 1-2). After Paul's martyrdom, Timothy had St. John the Evangelist as his teacher. But when the Emperor Domentian banished John from Ephesus to the island of Patmos, Timothy remained in Ephesus to serve as bishop. During the time of an idolatrous feast called Katagogium, the pagans, resentful of the Christians, treacherously and in disguise, attacked Timothy and killed him about the year 93 A.D. Later his honorable relics were translated to Constantinople and interred in the Church of the Twelve Apostles along side of the grave of St. Luke the Evangelist and St. Andrew the First-called.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*