



## 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.



April 2, 2017

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent (St. Mary of Egypt)

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 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.

### *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 (April 2)*

Venerable Titus the wonderworker; Virgin-martyr Theodora of Palestine; Martyrs Amphianos and Aidesios of Lydia.

***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 St. Mary of Egypt – Plagal Tone 4:*** Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Mary, 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:*** Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

***Verse:*** God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

***Epistle:*** The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.  
(Chapter 9:11-14)

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

***Gospel:*** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark  
(Chapter 10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him and scourge Him and spit upon Him and kill Him; and after three days He will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask You." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized; but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant with James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

among you must be your servant and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Bridegroom Service, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Bridegroom Service, 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Bridegroom Service, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Royal Hours, 10 A.M.

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Tania Russell & Dwight Gillis. **Next Week:** Khouriyeh Pam Nugent and Terr Mehari.

**Coffee hour** is provided today by Team 1. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 2.

**Lenten potluck meals** shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays in Great Lent.

**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.

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 20. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, Feb. 27, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted, only alcohol. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday, April 9.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and distributed to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services. Thank you.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish shall be held after Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent**.

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. The Rev. Fr. Mark McNary, pastor of St. Peter Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and The Rev. Deacon Dan Gray and Theresa Gray shall also join us. Activities include Great Vespers at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 20, followed by a catered meal in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$35 per person. Children under 12 eat for free. The menu includes chicken with rice, kibbe, salad, vegetables and dessert, with water, tea or soft drinks. A cash bar will also be available for wine or beer. On Sunday, Orthros is scheduled for 8:30 A.M. followed by an hierarchical divine liturgy. A potluck coffee hour shall be served afterwards.

As of March 27, 2017, 37 pledges were received totaling \$83,550. To cover the cost of the air conditioning repairs and the new chalice, \$14,320.00 was deposited into the operating account. The collection for March 26, 2017, totaled \$2,535.64 for a year-to-date total of \$47,139.50 (including transfer), a weekly average of \$3,626.12. As of March 24, 2017, our expenses are \$46,016.66, a weekly average of \$3,539.74.

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

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

“On the lips of a discerning man is wisdom found, on the back of a fool, the stick.” – Proverbs 10:13

**Offerings for Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha were graciously provided by:**

**David** and **Subdeacon Greg Abramson** in memory of **Arthur, Toni** and **Mark** (memory eternal);

**Barbara Crane** for the health of **Emily, Michael** and **Barbara** (many years), and in memory of **Nicholas, Barbara, Sophia, George, George, Helen, Alexander, Steve, Matthew, Rudy, Peter, Eugenia** and **John** (memory eternal);

**Yamin** and **Charles Incaprera** for the health of **Charles, Yazmin, Namra, Mike, Coy, Mia, Tyce, Jace, Kristen, Mason, Mack, Iris, Nicolas** and **Frank** (many years); and in memory of **Ruth, Macy** and **Henry** (memory etenal);

**Georgette Ioup** for the health of **Georgette, William, Sylvia, Greg** and **Juliette** (many years), and in memory of **Elias George, Angeline, George** and **Jean** (memory eternal).

### **Venerable Titus, the Miracle-Worker**

From his youth, Titus loved Christ the Lord and detested the vanities of the world. Because of this, he retreated from the world, entered a monastery and received the Great Angelic Habit [The Great Schema-The Angelic Face]. Not feeling any remorse, he dedicated himself to the somber and narrow path of monasticism. Through great patience, he attained two basic virtues: that of humility and obedience. In these virtues, he surpassed "not only the brethren, but also all men." From his youth he preserved the purity of his soul and body. At the time of the Iconoclastic heresy he proved himself to be an unwavering pillar of the Church of God. Because of his great humility and purity, God bestowed upon him the gift of performing miracles, both during his lifetime and after his death. When he was translated to the Lord he left behind a countless number of disciples. He died peacefully in the ninth century.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*