St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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<u>June 11, 2017</u> <u>The First Sunday after Pentecost, known as the Sunday of All Saints</u> <u>Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 1</u>

Glory to Jesus Christ. Glory to God forever.

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.

<u>Saints du Jour (June 11)</u>

Holy, Glorious Apostles Barnabas and Bartholomew; Barnabas of Basa in Cyprus and Barnabas of Vetulga; Commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Athos and the Revelation of the Hymn "It is Truly Meet."

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 All Saints – Tone 4: Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying: Turn with Thy compassion to Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

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 All Saints – Plagal Tone 4: Unto Thee, O Lord, the Author of creation, the universe doth offer the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By whose prayers, through the Theotokos, do Thou preserve in peace profound Thy Church, O most merciful One.

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. (Chapter 11:33-40; 12:1,2)

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated – of whom the world was not worthy – wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapters 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father, Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will

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deny before My Father, Who is in heaven. "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me."

Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed You. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world when the Son of man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last and the last first.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 17th – No Great Vespers & Confessions Sunday, June 18th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M. Saturday, June 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, June 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. Thursday, June 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ss. Peter & Paul) Saturday, July 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, July 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. Saturday, July 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, July 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, July 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Dwight Gillis & Michael Zelesnik Next Week: Pam Nugent & Mihai Leustean.

Coffee hour: Team 3. Thank you. Next Sunday: Team 4.

The altar candle is offered today by **Sophia Hashek** for the health of **Sophia**, **Nick**, **Gena Barbara**, **Dan**, **Jim**, **Dorothy** and the **Kogos**, **Athas** and **Manthos** families (many years); and for the repose of **Barbara**, **Nicholas**, **Sophia**, **George**, **George**, **Beatrice**, **Steve**, **Dan**, **Matthew**, **Joseph**, **Peter**, **Mimi** and the departed members of the **Kogos** and **Athas** families (memory eternal).

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

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, June 25, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

The **Apostles Fast** begins on Monday, June 12; it lasts through and including Wednesday, June 28. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, we abstain from meat, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we abstain from meat, dairy, eggs and fish. On Saturdays and Sundays, we abstain from meat, dairy and eggs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

God willing, Fr. Peter will attend the Diocesan **Parish Life Conference** this June. He will be out of town from June 15-18. Should you need the assistance of a priest during this time, please call Fr. George Wilson at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

As of June 5, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for June 4, 2017, totaled \$3,207.65 for a year-to-date total of \$75,102.89, a weekly average of \$3,265.34. As of June 2, 2017, our expenses are \$79,824.09, a weekly average of \$3,470.61.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

"The joy of the fool lies in doing wrong, but the joy of the man of discernment in acquiring wisdom." – Proverbs 10:23

The Commemoration of the Holy Icon Axion Estin, [It Is Truly Meet To Bless You] and the Miracle that Occurred before it during the Reign of Patriarch Nicholas Chrysoverges (983-996 A.D.)

The miracle consists of this: One night a monk was reading the Canon to the Holy Birth-Giver of God and was singing "More honorable than the Cherubim" in his cell in the monastery of the Pantocrator, now called "Axion Estin" after the icon. His elder had gone to Karyes. Suddenly a man appeared in church and began to sing: "Truly it is Meet." That hymn so far was unknown in the church. The monk upon hearing this hymn, became excited not only because of its contents but also because of the beautiful heavenly singing. "Among us, we sing it in this manner," said the elder to the monk. The monk wanted to have this hymn written down and brought a tablet on which the stranger wrote down this hymn with his finger as though upon wax. Suddenly he vanished. That stranger was the Archangel Gabriel. This tablet was taken to Constantinople and the hymn remains even today in the Church.

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