



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York
And Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop
Of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

October 7, 2018

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost and the 3rd Sunday of St. Luke

Tone 2 ~ 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.

Please Note: Food and drinks in church are not appropriate except for life threatening circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to, snack items, cheerios, fruit, fruit snacks, sandwiches, meals, or drink items of any sort. If your child cannot wait until liturgy is over in order to eat, please take him or her to the church hall. 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 (October 7)

Martyrs Sergios and Bacchos in Syria; Hieromartyr Polykhronios of Nicea; Priest Julian and Deacon Caesarius of Campania; Venerable John the hermit and those with him; Venerable Sergios of Nurma.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of Ss. Sergios & Bacchos – Tone 4: Thy martyrs, O Lord, by their struggles have received from Thee, our God, imperishable crowns; because, acquiring Thy strength, they demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through their 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 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: The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.
(Chapters 11:31-33; 12:1-9)

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who, fourteen years ago, was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Na'in, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to **silence your cell phones** before you come into the church temple. Thank you.

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Sunday:** Dwight Gillis and Tania Russell.

Today's **coffee hour:** Team 1. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 24.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Therese Dagher** for **Alex Saad** on the one-year anniversary of his repose. May his memory be eternal.

Next Sunday, Oct. 14, a **second collection** shall be taken to assist the parish with expenses related to Bishop NICHOLAS' visit the following weekend. Your generosity and assistance with this collection is most appreciated.

Parents: On Sundays, Oct. 7 & 14, Fr. Peter needs to meet with the altar boys after Divine Liturgy. Thank you.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month starting Nov. 6. A potluck meal shall be offered at 6:30 pm, followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Russian lessons for beginners started on September 17. We have two groups - at 12 pm and at 6:30 pm. Please contact **Marianna Avery** for more questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

BASKET RAFFLE – proceeds will go towards Cancer Research being done locally (Tulane/LSU). The Ladies Guild have put together several gift baskets and will be selling the tickets beginning Sept 23 for the next few weeks. Please see any of the Ladies Guild members.

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

***Attention St. Basil's:** As you know it is that time of year when we start taking inventory of our cold weather gear. Time to pull out our jackets and sweaters to make sure they still fit. What do you do if they don't? Not to worry. St. Basil's youth is holding a coat drive. We are looking for coats, jackets and sweaters that are in good condition. Please make sure that buttons and zippers are in good working order. Remember we are trying to keep someone warm this winter. Thank you for all you do. God Bless! (For more information, please see Tania Russell.)*

As of Oct. 5, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Sept. 30, 2018, totaled \$2,162.26 for a year-to-date total of \$97,200.08, a weekly average of \$2,492.31. As of Sept. 30, 2018, our expenses are \$107,624.78, a weekly average of \$2,759.61.

Parish Council News from our Parish Council Chairman, Rob Booms:

In just a few weeks we will receive a visit from His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, our diocesan bishop. He will be meeting with most of us individually. Let each of us review our commitment to St. Basil in this new church year. Our weekly expenses continue to exceed our weekly income and this cannot continue indefinitely. Please pray to our Lord that he may enable all of us to grow and sustain our church, through the intercessions of the Blessed Theotokos and all the Saints.

Spiritual Counsels...

"To tell the truth is to further justice, a false witness is nothing but deceit." – Prov. 12:17

Please note that His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast, our diocesan bishop, shall visit our parish Oct. 19-22, 2018.

In a recent phone conversation with him last week, he told me, "Tell them these are my exact words. I want to meet with each member of the parish personally. I want to get to know them and I want them to get to know me." Therefore, please try to be available this weekend.

With this in mind, he has set the following schedule for his visit:

On Friday evening (Oct. 19), he wants to have dinner with the Parish Council at 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. at a local seafood restaurant.

On Saturday (Oct. 20), the schedule is as follows:

10 A.M. – 12 P.M.: Meeting with youth
12 – 1 P.M.: Lunch with youth and teens
1 – 3 P.M.: Meeting with the teens
3 – 5 P.M.: Meeting with the young adults
5 – 6 P.M.: Great Vespers
6 – 7 P.M.: Parish-wide dinner with His Grace
7 – 9 P.M.: Meeting with the ladies

On Sunday (Oct. 21), the schedule is:

8:30 – 9:30 A.M.: Orthros
9:30 – 11 A.M.: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
11 A.M. – 12 P.M.: Coffee Hour
12 – 2 P.M.: Meeting with the men

The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus

These holy and wonderful martyrs and heroes of the Christian faith were at first nobles at the court of the Emperor Maximian. The Emperor himself valued them greatly for their courage, wisdom and zeal, but, when he heard that these great nobles of his were Christians, his love for them turned to fury. And once, when there was a great offering of sacrifices to idols, the Emperor summoned Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice together with him, and they openly refused to obey him in this. Beside himself with anger, the Emperor ordered that their robes, rings and marks of eminence be stripped from them and they be dressed in women's clothing. He then put iron yokes on their necks and led them thus through the streets of Rome, to be mocked by each and all. The Emperor then sent them to Asia, to Antiochus the governor, for torture. Antiochus had achieved his distinguished rank with the help of Sergius and Bacchus, who had at one time recommended him to the Emperor. When Antiochus began to urge them to deny Christ and save themselves from dishonourable suffering and death, the two saints replied: 'Both honour and dishonour, both life and death - all are one to him who seeks the heavenly Kingdom.' Antiochus threw Sergius into prison and ordered that Bacchus be tortured first. The servants took turns in beating holy Bacchus until his whole body was broken into fragments. His holy spirit went forth from his broken and bloodstained body and was borne to the Lord by angels. St Bacchus suffered in the town of Varvallis. Then holy Sergius was led out. Iron shoes studded with nails were put on his feet, and he was driven out into the Syrian town of Resapha, and there beheaded with the sword. His soul went to Paradise where, together with his friend Bacchus, he received the wreath of immortal glory from Christ his King and Lord. These two glorious knights suffered for the Christian faith in about 303.

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