



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.

November 18, 2018

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost and the 9th Sunday of St. Luke

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 3

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 (November 18)

Great-martyr Platon of Ancyra, Martyr Romanos, Zacchaeos the deacon and Anastasios of Caesarea in Palestine.

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. 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 Theotokos – Tone 4: The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

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 Ephesians.

(Chapter 4:1-7)

BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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

(Chapter 12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God." As he said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Entry of the Theotokos)

Saturday, Nov. 24th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Thursday, Dec. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (St. Nicholas)
Saturday, Dec. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The man of discretion keeps his knowledge hidden, the heart of fools proclaims their folly.” – Prov. 12:23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today’s Ushers: Dwight Gillis and Tania Russell. **Next Sunday:** Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 24. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

The **Advent Fast** begins Thursday, November 15th, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Nov. 18, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members are asked to attend.

Donations for **poinsettias** are currently being accepted. If you would like to make a donation, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Poinsettias.” Donations are a minimum of \$12.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to **St. Basil Ladies Guild**. Thank you.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Dec. 4 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Our annual **Cookies with St. Nicholas Party** is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th, from 12:30-2:00 P.M. Youngsters of all ages are welcome. Please see **Khouriye Pam Nugent** for more details.

Russian lessons for beginners started on September 17. The group meets at 12 P.M. on Mondays. Please contact **Oksana Mehecha** for more questions.

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

As of Nov. 15, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Nov. 11, 2018, totaled \$4,000.37 for a year-to-date total of \$115,780.35, a weekly average of \$2,572.90. As of Nov. 15, 2018, our expenses are \$125,394.31, a weekly average of \$2,786.54.

LENTIL SOUP SALES by the Ladies Guild until they run out. Come early!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The cat in the hat with a can in his hand, and the cat in the hat hands that can to the needy hand Behind him.

“One can = one helping hand.”

Bring non Perishable food Items to:

3916 hudson street

Metairie, la 70006.

Thank you!

Quote by Wiley Russell.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

The Parish Council wishes to thank all who took time to have fellowship with His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS during his visit. Special thanks to Nadia Khashou and the Ladies Guild for the meal, Elena for the pastries, our Ethiopian members for the coffee and the choir for the wonderful liturgical music. The Bishop thought that our church was very beautiful and was very complimentary about Fr. Peter and all of us. He noted that St. Basil reminded him of the Parish he had before he was a bishop. Like us, it had a mix of Orthodox Christians of Arab, Eastern European and Ethiopian background as well converts. He commended Fr. Peter and the Parish for new members in the last couple of years and said that we are moving in the right direction. The Parish Council at its October meeting unanimously thanked Fr. Peter for his ministry and our parishioners for welcoming new Orthodox Christians to our Parish family. May God bless the Holy Orthodox Church and our part in it--Rob

The Holy Martyr Plato

Plato was from the town of Ancyra in Galatia. He was a Christian by birth and upbringing. While in his youth, he showed great perfection in every virtue. Plato did not conceal his faith in Christ the Lord, but preached it openly, denouncing idolaters because of their worshiping lifeless objects in place of the Living Creator. For this, he was brought to trial before Governor Agrippinus, and was interrogated and harshly tortured by him. When the governor counseled him to avoid death and save his life by worshiping the idols, Plato said: “There are two deaths, the one temporal and the other eternal; so also are there two lives, one of short duration and the other without end.” Then Agrippinus subjected him to even harsher tortures. Among other tortures, red-hot cannon balls were set on the saint's naked body; then they cut strips from his skin. “Torture me more harshly,” the martyr cried out to the torturers, “so that your inhumanity and my endurance may be seen more clearly.” When the torturer reminded the martyr that his namesake, Plato the philosopher, was a pagan, the martyr replied: “I am not like Plato, nor is Plato like me except in name. I learn and teach the wisdom of Christ, but Plato was a teacher of wisdom that is foolishness to God.” After that, Plato was thrown into prison, where he remained for 18 days without food and water. When the guards were amazed that Plato was able to live in hunger for so long, he told them: “You are satisfied by meat, but I, by holy prayers. Wine gladdens you, but Christ the True Vine gladdens me.” Plato was beheaded in about the year 266 A.D. and received his wreath of eternal glory.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

Diocese Of Miami & the SouthEast

2019 Winter Retreat

~ Bishop NICHOLAS, presiding, cordially invites you to attend ~



DOMSE 2nd Annual Winter Retreat

Hosted at St. Elias Church in Atlanta, GA

Pastors Only: Jan. 23 - 24, 2019; all Pastors to arrive in Atlanta by Jan. 22

Attached Clergy & Assistant Pastors are strongly encouraged to participate & arrive on the same date!

Clergy, Antiochian Men, Women, & Young Adults: Jan. 25 - 27, 2019

Note: Teen SOYO's part in the Winter Retreat will be moved to the Spring to accommodate for Winter Camp

ALL must register! \$50 fee per person to cover meals & all other retreat expenses

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