



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop

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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 20, 2019

The Venerable Euthymios the Great & the 12th Sunday of Luke

Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 1

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 (January 20)

Venerable Euthymius the Great; New-martyr Zachariah of Morea; Hieromartyr John.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of St. Euthymios the Great – Plagal Tone 4: The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears, and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Euthymios, intercede with Christ God to 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 Christ – 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 saints shall rejoice in glory.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapter 4:6-15)

BRETHREN, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.

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

(Chapter 17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When Jesus saw them he said to them,

GOSPEL CONTINUED

“Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And Jesus said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 26th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Jan. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Jan. 30th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (3 Hierarchs)

Saturday, Feb. 2nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Presentation of Christ)

Saturday, Feb. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As God so wills, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** shall visit our parish on Feb. 22-24, 2019. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful occasion.

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

Today’s Ushers: Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean. **Next Sunday:** Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent.

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

The holy bread was offered last week by **Naheel Rafeedie** for the health of **Naheel, Steven, Nadeem, Victor, Michael, Helen, Manal, Martha, Abby, Michael Jr., Matthew & Hayly** (many years); and for the repose of **Basem, Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zahiya, Essa, Ellen, Richard & Mary** (memory eternal).

Please note that Fr. Peter will be out of town this week attending the Diocesan Winter Retreat. Should you need the assistance of a priest, please call Fr. George Wilson, the dean of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, at 504-282-0259.

The **Parish Council** are scheduled to hold their January meeting today, Jan. 20, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

The next **Antiochian Men (AMEN)** meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars.

Please call Fr. Peter at 888-8114, or send an email to him, if you want to have your home blessed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Natalia Sidorovskaia** and the **Ioup family** for the repose of **George, Svetlana, Nina, Ivan, Sergei, Lilia, Angeline, Jean, Ulyana, Nikolai, Anna, Lyudmila** and **Elias George**. May their memory be eternal.

Our **Annual Pledge Drive** is currently underway for the calendar year 2019. 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 February 24, 2019, after Divine Liturgy. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. 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, are eligible to vote.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.campsthekla.org Campers are accepted on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible.

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

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Feb. 5 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

As of Jan. 15, 2019, 14 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$42,080. The collection for Jan. 13, 2019, totaled \$1,988.00 for a year-to-date amount of \$10,273.00, a weekly average of \$5,136.50. As of Jan. 15, 2019, our expenses are \$8,212.35, for a year-to-date amount of \$8,447.90, a weekly average of \$4,223.95.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

Ask what you can do for your Parish. At the direction of His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, we changed the next annual Parish Annual meeting to February so that he can join us. At that time, we will be adding new members to the Parish Council. The Council meets once a month after church for about an hour. Please consider serving on the Council. There are three open positions to be elected, two for a 3-year term and one for a one-year term. If you wish to have your name placed in nomination, please let Fr. Peter or me know by January 20. If you do not want to be involved in an election, our Parish Constitution also permits Fr. Peter to appoint one member for a 3-year term and one for a one-year term. Let him know if you would like to be considered for an appointment. We anticipate continued growth in 2019 and need your participation and prayers for the challenges that lie ahead. Thanks and God Bless--Rob

Spiritual Counsels...

“The idler yearns, but there is no food for him; hard workers get their fill.” – Prov. 13:4

St. Euthymius the Great

Of noble and distinguished parents, Euthymius was born in the Armenian town of Melitene near the Euphrates River about the year 377 A.D. He was the only child, a son, born in answer to the prayer of his mother Dionisiya, who had a heavenly vision regarding the birth of Euthymius. From his youth, he lived a life of asceticism, at first in the proximity of his town [Melitene] but then, after he visited Jerusalem at age 29, in the desert between Jerusalem and Jericho called Pharan. He filled his days and nights with prayer, internal thoughts about God, contemplation and physical exertion. Around him many disciples gathered some of whom are glorious saints, such as Cyriac the Hermit, St. Sabas the Sanctified, Theotictus and others. By God's gift, Euthymius was a great miracle worker; he expelled demons, healed the gravely ill, brought water to the desert, multiplied bread and prophesied. He taught monks the love of labor saying, "If you eat bread, not of your own labor, know that you are eating of someone else's labor." When some of the younger monks wanted to fast more than others, he forbade them to do so and commanded them to come to the communal table so that they would not become prideful as a result of their excessive fasting. He also said that it was not good for a monk to move from place to place, for he said, "A tree frequently transplanted does not bear fruit. Whoever desires to do good, can do it from the place where he is."

About love, he said, "What salt is to bread, love is to other virtues." During the first week of the Honorable Fast [Lenten Season], he retreated to the desert and remained there in solitary silence and godly-thoughts until just before the Feast of the Resurrection. During his lifetime, a large monastery [Lavra] was established in the proximity of his cave, which later, throughout the centuries, was completely filled with monks as a beehive is filled with bees. His final command was that the monastery always adheres to hospitality and that the gates of the monastery never be closed. He died at the age of 97. The Patriarch of Jerusalem was in attendance at his funeral. The patriarch waited all day long until the great masses of people revered the body of the saint and only in the evening were they able to complete the Office for Burial for the Dead. On the seventh day following his death, Euthymius appeared radiant and rejoicing to Domentian, his disciple. The Venerable Euthymius, in truth, was a true "son of Light." He died in the year 473 A.D.

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