



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.

March 10, 2019

Sunday of Forgiveness

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.

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 (March 10)

Kodratos of Corinth and his five companions; Anastasia the patrician of Alexandria; New-martyr Michael of Thessalonika.

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 Sunday of Forgiveness – Plagal Tone 2: Teacher of Wisdom, Bestower of virtue, who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor: Strengthen and enlighten my heart, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father, for behold my lips will not be restrained from crying to thee: Have mercy on me, the transgressor, O merciful Lord.

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

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

(Chapters 13:11-14; 14:1-4)

BRETHREN, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

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

(Chapter 6:14-21)

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

And when you fast do not look dismal like the hypocrites for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast anoint your head and wash your face that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 10th – Forgiveness Vespers, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 13th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 15th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, March 15th – Akathist Hymn (Stasis 1), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, March 20th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 22nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, March 22nd – Akathist Hymn (Stasis 2), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, March 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Annunciation)
Wednesday, March 27th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 29th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, March 29th – Akathist Hymn (Stasis 3), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, April 3rd – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 5th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, April 5th – Akathist Hymn (Stasis 4), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

The Parish Council thanks Fr. Peter and the Parish for the great annual meeting and assisting with the visit of His Grace BISHOP Nicholas. We had the best attendance at the annual meeting in recent years and it was good to see contested elections for vacant seats on the Parish Council. Cesar El-Hajj, and Greg Lindley were elected to 3-year terms. Dwight Gillis was elected to a one-year term. In addition, Fr. Peter also appointed April Pituch to a three-year term and Tania Russell to a one-year term to the Council. The 2019 Parish Council and its officers consist of the following persons: Rob Booms, Chairman; Greg Lindley, Vice Chairman; Dave Abramson, Treasurer, Tania Russell, Secretary; Cesar El-Hajj, Mark Fleming, Dwight Gillis, April Pituch and Michael Zelesnik. Please support them in your prayers and with your service. Thanks and God Bless--Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today's Usherettes: Tania Russell and Rose Hrabar. **Next Sunday:** Ladies Guild.

Today's Epistle Reader: Solange Nakhoul. **Next Sunday:** Paulina Kocic.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Ladies Guild** meeting is scheduled for today, March 10, after liturgy. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Our annual **Wine and Cheese Social** shall be held today, March 10th, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

The **Parish Council** meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, March 17, after liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

The Diocese of Miami and the Southeast (DOMSE) is hosting a **Cyber Teen Retreat** on April 13, 2019. The teens of St. Basil Church are invited to gather here at our Church Hall for activities. Please see **Emma Nugent** for more information.

The **Parish Life Conference** for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast (DOMSE) is scheduled for June 12-15, 2019. It is hosted by All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina. Please visit www.antiochianevents.com/miami.html for more information.

The traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed during the entire Great Fast, which lasts from Pure Monday (March 11) through Great and Holy Saturday (April 27). On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 21).

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 forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

Approximately 110 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 31. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Due to Great Lent, our next gathering is on May 7 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome! Using the text, Beginning to Pray, a series of discussions on prayer will occur after the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies during Great Lent.

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

As of Feb. 26, 2019, 42 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$88,616.00. The collection for Feb. 24, 2019, totaled \$2,017.84 for a year-to-date amount of \$28,801.42, a weekly average of \$3,600.18. For the week of Feb. 26, 2019, our expenses are \$4708.89, for a year-to-date amount of \$24,842.08, a weekly average of \$3,105.26.

Spiritual Counsels...

“Insolence breeds disputes; with the humble is wisdom found.” – Prov. 13:10

The Sunday of Forgiveness

On this day, we make remembrance of the exile of the first-fashioned, Adam, from the Paradise of delight.

Verses

Let the world mourn bitterly along with ages past;
As, by sweet eating, it hath fallen along with those who had fallen.

It is the Sunday of Forgiveness, known also as Cheese Fare Sunday. Today's lesson from the Holy Gospel teaches us about forgiveness and fasting, and how both are crucial to our own return to Paradise. The divine Fathers also set the anniversary of the exile of Adam from the Paradise of bliss on this day, at the entrance of Great Lent, to show us by deed as well as word how great is the benefit that accrues to man from fasting and repenting; and, on the contrary, how great the harm that comes from destructive gluttony and from disobedience to the divine commandments. The sin of gluttony resulted in Adam and Eve's banishment from Paradise, because they disobeyed God by eating from the tree, which He had forbidden them. The Church reminds us of this event to encourage us to return to that ancient glory and primeval happiness by means of fasting and obedience to God and His commandments.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us worthy of the delight of Paradise and have mercy on us, as Thou art alone the Lover of mankind. Amen.

The Holy Martyr Codratus of Corinth and Others with Him

During the time of the persecution of Christians, many of the faithful fled to the mountains and into the caves. So did the mother of Codratus. She was pregnant at the time and gave birth to Codratus in the forest and died shortly thereafter. Codratus was cared for by, fed by and guided by Divine Providence and by his Guardian Angel. Codratus grew up in nature and in solitude. He, who gave manna from heaven to the Israelites in the wilderness, dropped from the clouds a sweet dew on the mouth of the child Codratus. When he was 12 years old, he entered into town and there some benevolent men took a liking to him and provided him with an education. He studied medicine and healed the sick, as much with natural cures and even more by the power of the spirit and prayer, which he was accustomed to since his childhood. When a new persecution arose again under Decius, Codratus was brought to trial and cast into prison. Five companions joined him and confessed the name of Christ. They were Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul and Crescens. They were all dragged through the streets by the pagans, especially by their children. They were beaten with rods and stoned until they were eventually dragged to the scaffold. There, the martyrs prayed to God and were beheaded. On this spot a source of water gushed out of the ground, which is still called Codratus even today and is a reminder of the heroic deaths of these six holy innocents for Christ. They honorably suffered for the truth in the year 250 A.D. in Corinth during the reign of Emperor Decius and his governor, Jason.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid