



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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.

April 14, 2019

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 2

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.

*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.



Saints du Jour (April 14)

Venerable Auxentios the priest of Bithynia; Venerable Abraham, Maron of Syria and Damian; New-martyrs Nicholas of Corinth and George the tailor of Mitylene; repose of Venerable Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and enlightener of the Slavs, Venerable Isaac the Recluse of the Kiev Caves.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 1: Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of St. Mary of Egypt – Plagal Tone 4: Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Mary, for thou didst carry the cross and followed Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 Great Lent – Plagal Tone 4: To thee the champion leader, I thy servant offer thanks for victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast power invincible, free me from every danger that I may cry unto thee: Rejoice, O bride without bridegroom.

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 Hebrews.

(Chapter 9:11-14)

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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

(Chapter 10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him and scourge Him and spit upon Him and kill Him; and after three days He will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask You." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you

GOSPEL CONTINUED

able to drink the cup that I drink or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized; but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant with James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 17th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 19th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 20th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)

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

Sunday, April 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 21st – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 22nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

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Tuesday, April 23rd – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, April 23rd – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 24th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 24th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 25th – Vespers Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 25th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 26th – Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.

Friday, April 26th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 26th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 27th – Vespers Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 27th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 28th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, April 28th – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on our spiritual father Peter, and through his holy prayers forgive our sins. --Rob Booms, Parish Council Chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent.

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

Last Sunday's altar candle was cosponsored by **Phil and Rose Hrabar** for the repose of Phil's father, **Philip John Hrabar** (62 yrs). May his memory be eternal

Today's altar candle is cosponsored by **Ghassan & Majeda Khoury** and **Philip & Elaine Khoury** for the health of **Ghassan, Majeda, Philip, Elaine, Luna Majdelena, Ghassan & the Khoury family** (many years); and for the repose of **Ibrahim, Yousef, Osama, Kamleh, Wafaa, Evon, Abed & the departed members of the Khoury family** (memory eternal).

Today's holy bread is offered by **Phil and Rose Hrabar** for the health of **Phil, Rose, Darryl & family** and the **Hrabar, Duddish, Goff, Campbell, Do** and **Lieberman families** (many years); and for the repose of the departed members of the **Hrabar, Duddish, Goff, Campbell, Do** and **Lieberman families** (memory eternal).

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

The **Parish Council** are scheduled to hold their April meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

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.

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

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

An **Easter Egg Hunt** for the little people in our parish shall be held after Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 21st. For more information, please see **Pam Nugent**.

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

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services. Thank you.

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.

LENTIL SOUP – The Ladies Guild is selling soup \$8 each, 2 for \$15. Thank you for your support of our many projects!

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 April 9, 2019, 47 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,116.00. The collection for April 7, 2019, totaled \$4,054.99 for a year-to-date amount of \$48,990.61, a weekly average of \$3,499.33. As of April 7, 2019, our expenses are \$35,604.54, a weekly average of \$2,562.39.

Spiritual Counsels...

“Intelligent prudence secures favor, the way of the treacherous is hard.” – Prov. 13:15

The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

On the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother, Mary of Egypt.

Verses

Spirit rose up, flesh melted away erewhile; hide,
O earth, the worn bones of Mary's body.

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: “If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!” Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom.

Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome

Martin became pope on July 5, 649 A.D., at the time of the furious debates between the Orthodox and the Monothelete heretics, who adhered to the belief in a single will in Christ. Reigning at that time was Constans II, the grandson of Heraclius. The Patriarch of Constantinople was Paul. In order to establish peace in the Church, the emperor compiled a booklet, entitled Type [Typos], which was very favorable to the heretics. Pope Martin convoked a Council of 105 bishops (in the Church of the Holy Savior in the Lateran Palace in October) which condemned this pamphlet of the emperor. At the same time, the pope wrote a letter to Patriarch Paul imploring him to adhere to the purity of the Orthodox Faith and to counsel the emperor to renounce this heretical sophistry. This letter angered both the emperor and the patriarch. The emperor dispatched Olympius, one of his commanders, to Rome to bring the pope to Constantinople in bonds. The commander did not dare to bind the pope but bribed a soldier to slay him in church with a sword. When the soldier entered the church with the concealed sword, he was instantly blinded. Thus, by the Providence of God, Martin escaped death. At that time, the Saracens attacked Sicily and Olympius was ordered to Sicily and there he died. Then, according to the intrigue of the heretical Patriarch Paul, the emperor dispatched Theodore, another commander, to bind the pope and to bring him to Constantinople under the accusation that he, Pope Martin, was in collaboration with the Saracens and does not honor the All-Pure Mother of God. When the commander arrived in Rome and read the accusation against him, Pope Martin responded that: "This was slanderous and that he has no association with the Saracens, the adversaries of Christianity. As regards the All-Pure Mother of God; if one does not honor her and does not confess her and does not reverence her, let him be cursed in this world and in the next." However, this did not alter the decision of the commander. Pope Martin was bound and brought to Constantinople where he lay for a long time in prison, painfully ill, suffering from anxiety and hunger, until finally, he was sentenced to exile to Cherson. Pope Martin lived for two years in exile and died in the year 655 A.D., offering his soul to the Lord, for Whom he suffered much. Two years prior to Pope Martin's death, the repentant Paul died. When the emperor visited him before his death, Paul turned his head toward the wall and wept, confessing that he had greatly sinned against Pope Martin and begged the emperor to release him.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid