



## St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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

September 1, 2019

Beginning of the Indiction: The Ecclesiastical New Year

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 11

*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 (September 1)

The beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year; Forty Virgin-martyrs of Thrace and their teacher, Ammon the deacon; Venerable Simeon the Stylite and his mother Martha; Venerable Euanthia; Righteous Joshua, son of Nun; Meletios the New of Greece; Venerable Nicholas of Crete; New-martyr Angelis of Constantinople, Synaxis of the Recovery of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Miasenae, Meletios the New of Mount Myoupolis; Venerable Nicholas of Crete; New-martyr Angelis of Constantinople; the martyr Aethalas of Persia; Martyrs Callista, Evodus and Hermogenes the siblings; Nicholas of Kourtaliotis.

**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 to the Indiction – Tone 2:** O Thou Creator of the whole universe, Who didst appoint times by Thine Own power, bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord. Preserve in safety Thy kings and Thy city, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save us.

**Apolytikion to the Theotokos – Grave Tone:** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, O haven and intercessor for mankind; for from thee was the Deliverer of the world incarnate; and thou alone art Mother and Virgin, blessed and glorified always. Intercede, therefore, with Christ God, to grant safety to all the universe.

**Apolytikion of St. Simeon the Stylite – Tone 1:** For patience thou hast become a pillar, and the ancient fathers thou has equaled and rivaled. Thou hast rivaled Job in sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the incorporeals, while yet thou wast in the flesh. Therefore, O our righteous Father Simeon, 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 Indiction – Tone 4:** O God of all, verily transcendent in essence, Creator of the ages and their Master, bless the cycle of this year, saving by the boundless mercy, O compassionate One, all those who worship only Thee, O Master, and who cry unto Thee in fear, saying, Grant to all, O Savior, a fertile year.

**Prokeimenon:** Great is our Lord and great is His power.

**Verse:** Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy.

(Chapter 2:1-7)

TIMOTHY, my son, first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who

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gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke  
(Chapter 4:16-22)

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And Jesus closed the book and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words, which proceeded out of His mouth.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Nativity of the Theotokos)  
Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Elevation of the Holy Cross)  
Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Monday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers, 6:30 P.M. (Nativity of the Forerunner)  
Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### *Spiritual Counsels...*

"In vain the mocker looks for wisdom, knowledge comes easy to the discerning man." – Prov. 14:6

### *From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council*

The Parish Council thanks all donors, chefs and helpers who have provided the wonderful food after our liturgies. We had five groups of volunteers. As we prepare for the rest of the church year, we hope to have six groups sharing this ministry. But we need more volunteers to make this happen. Please remember that it is not necessary for any group to prepare a big meal and the groups are not in competition. It's really just about breaking the fast and having fellowship. If you would like to be involved in a group, please contact Tania Russell after church. God bless--Rob Booms

Diocesan Fall Spiritual Retreat. Please consider attending the Diocesan Fall Spiritual Retreat on September 6 and 7. It's going to be held in Franklin, Tennessee, about 20 miles south of Nashville. If you drive it will take about 7 hours to cover a little over 500 miles, mostly on interstate highway.

The conference registration fee is \$40 per person but that covers all your meals. Flight connections are good and not expensive. However, if you need help with expenses for travel, hotel and registration, please let Father Peter know and we will try to help.

Parish Library. Yes, we do have a Parish library. It's on the left wall of the Parish Hall across from the bookstore. Unfortunately, it has not been kept up. Several folks have volunteered to inventory and catalog the books but we need more help. We are also soliciting Orthodox book donations and may acquire some books from the Parish bookstore. If you would like to help or donate books, please see me after church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

The **Ladies Guild** and the **A-Men Fellowship** shall have their September meeting next Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies and men of the parish are invited to attend.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Sept. 3 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Approximately 2 dozen **red carnations** are needed for the **Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross** on Saturday, Sept. 14. 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 and donation, and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

As God so wills, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** shall visit our parish on Sunday afternoon and Monday, Sept. 22 & 23. The schedule for his visit is: Monday, Sept. 23: Vespers, 6:30 P.M. followed by a potluck meal and parish-wide meeting with His Grace.

As of August 30, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for August 25, 2019, totaled \$3,834.55, for a year-to-date amount of \$95,951.71, a weekly average of \$2,822.11. As of Aug. 30, 2019, our expenses are \$87,935.10, a weekly average of \$2,586.33.

### **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



Our possum family came to live under the altar at St. Basil around 2003, according to the stories passed on by our elders. Fourteen years ago, in late August 2005, Hurricane Katrina came along and we were flooded out. The church was flooded and the possum family had to move to the hospital parking lot for a while. When we came back, a lot of people had left and things were mighty quiet on Sundays. We were amazed to find that the floodwater never damaged the large icons in the church. The icon of our Lord that sits on the stand in the entrance area had swelled up with water from a roof leak. Father Peter laid it aside to dry and, when he had almost forgotten about it, it had completely returned to its original size and appearance! Thanks be to God that all was restored and that the possum family can still join you in singing ALLELUIA in our beautiful church. Peace to you, Theo, the Orthodox possum.

### **The Beginning of the Church Year, or the Beginning of the Indiction**

The First Ecumenical Council [Nicaea, 325] decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year (Exodus 23:16), the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21), opened the book of the Prophet Isaiah and read the words: *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn* (Isaiah 61:1-2). The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because Emperor Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith, in September. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire. For a long time, the civil year in the Christian world followed the Church year, with its beginning on September 1. The civil year was later changed, and its beginning transferred to January 1. This occurred first in Western Europe, and later in Russia, under Peter the Great.

***from: The Prologue from Ochrid***