

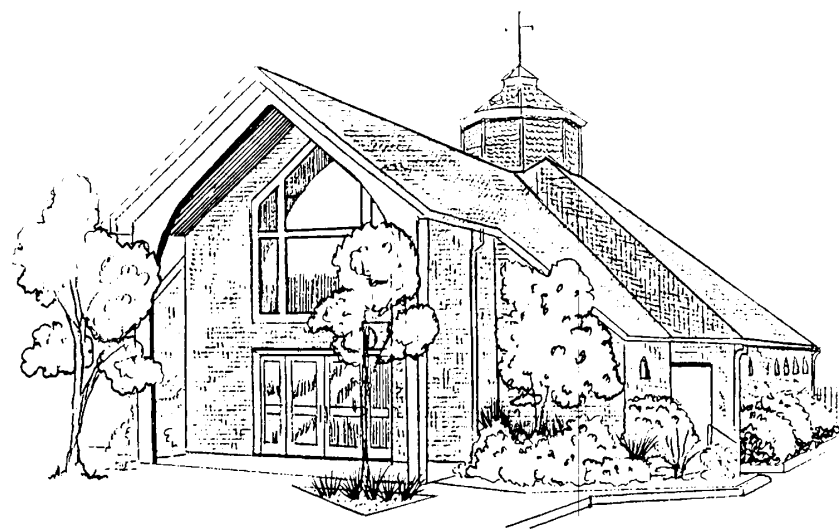
St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church
His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York
And Metropolitan of all North America
His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop
Of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast
The Very Reverend Father Peter Nugent, Pastor
3916 Hudson St., Metairie, LA 70006
504.888.8114
[**sbno@att.net**](mailto:sbno@att.net)
[**www.stbasilneworleans.org**](http://www.stbasilneworleans.org)

The Holy Martyr James the Persian

James was born of Christian parents in the Persian city of Elapa (or Vilat), brought up in the Christian Faith and married to a Christian woman. The Persian King Yezdegeherd took a liking to James for his talents and skillfulness, and made him a noble at his court. Flattered by the king, James was deluded and began offering sacrifices to the idols that the king worshiped. His mother and wife learned of this, and wrote him a letter of reproach in which they grieved over him as an apostate and one who was spiritually dead. Yet, at the end of the letter, they begged him to repent and return to Christ. Moved by this letter, James repented bitterly, and courageously confessed his faith in Christ the Lord to the king. Angered, the king condemned him to death by a special torture: his entire body was to be cut up, piece by piece, until he breathed his last. The executioners fulfilled this command of the wicked king to the letter, and cut off James's fingers, then his toes, his legs and arms, his shoulders, and finally his head. During every cutting, the repentant martyr gave thanks to God. A sweet-smelling fragrance, as of a cypress, emanated from the wounds. Thus, this wonderful man repented of his sin and presented his soul to Christ his God in the Kingdom of Heaven. James suffered in about the year 400 A.D. His head is to be found in Rome and a part of his relics in Portugal, where he is commemorated on May 22.

from: The Prologue of Ochrid

St. Basil
Antiochian
Orthodox Church



November 27, 2022
13th Sunday of Luke

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

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. In our tradition, **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.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

In our tradition... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 18:18-27

Saints of the Day

Great-martyr James the Persian; Venerable Palladios of Thessalonika;
Venerable Nathanael of Nitria in Egypt; James, bishop of Rostov.

A Message from the Parish Council

The Parish Council needs your help! We are looking for a volunteer who can print some copies of the weekly parish bulletin for the pamphlet table in the narthex.

Also, we need a recommendation for someone who could clean the parish hall and church a couple of times per month for a reasonable fee. Please contact Fr. Peter or Rob Booms if you can help with these.
Thanks--Rob Booms

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 26th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Nov. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



St. John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.) is remembered every year on November 13. “Chrysostom” means the “golden mouthed one” as he was one of the great preachers and theologians of the Orthodox Church. He is also referred to as “our father among the saints.” At St. Basil Church, you will find his icon on the right behind the altar table. Blunt and outspoken, he once said “If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find him in the chalice.” John was born in Antioch. As a young monk, he spent four years in prayer and fasting followed by two years of standing continuously in a cave. He memorized both the Old and the New Testaments. After many years in parish ministry, he was called to serve as Patriarch of Constantinople where he preached his greatest sermons. He was not afraid to criticize his Empress for her profligate lifestyle. As a result, he was ordered into exile where he died. He is the author of the Divine Liturgy which we have used for more than 1600 years. His last words were “Glory be to God for all things.” Blessed John Chrysostom, we thank you for your wisdom and ministry.

Pray for us sinners---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“A wicked man accepts a bribe from the bosom to pervert the ways of justice” – Proverbs 17:23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold its November meeting today, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

A **Christmas Craft/Decorating Cookie Party** will be held in the Church Hall for the little people in our parish after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 4, at 12:30 P.M. For more information, please see **Pam Nugent**.

Our annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held in the Church after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 18. Parents, please see **Pam Nugent** if your child is interested participating in the pageant.

The **Advent Fast** begins Tuesday, 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

To offset the team members expenses for coffee hour, the team leaders are asking for one-dollar donations from adults for each coffee hour to cover the expenses for plates, bowls, forks, spoons, knives, cups, etc. They continue to generously provide us with snack/lunch items at no expense to us. Donations by check should be made payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Thank you for your assistance in making this happen. God bless you.

Coffee Hour: This Week: Team 4

Next Week: Team 1

Ushers: This Week: Mihai Leustean

Next Week: Pam Nugent

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through June 2022 totaled \$16,386.75. The expenses through June 2022 are \$98,118.08.

Christmas Angels Project

Christmas is coming and the Ladies Guild will sponsor children, from five families, who attend Bissonet Plaza Elementary School, as our traditional Christmas Angels Project. Those are children identified by the school's staff to be in great need.

This year has been extremely difficult for many, and we hope that St. Basil Parish will again generously support these local families whose needs are greater than ever. Your donation will bring joy, smiles, and happiness to them all.

Please:

- Only **Monetary Donations** will be accepted.
- Make checks out to **St. Basil Ladies Guild. Please write "2022 Angels Project" in memo line.**

Donations will be accepted from **now** until **Sunday, December 11, 2022.**

If you are attending church services, please give your donation (check) to Ms. Tania Russell, Ms. Yazmin Incaprera, or Ms. Paulina Kocic.

If you are NOT attending church services on regular bases and would like to participate, please mail the check to the church address or drop it in the church's mailbox.

Thank you for your always great generosity. God bless.