

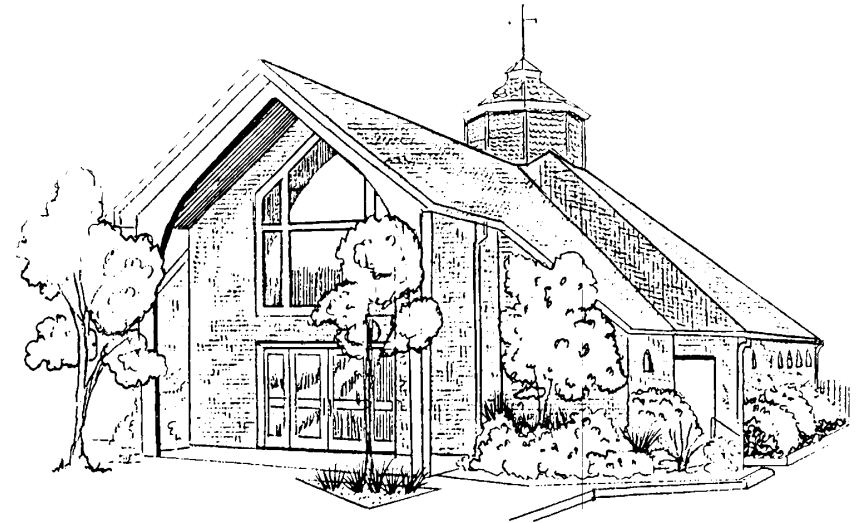
St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church
The Most Reverend Metropolitan SABA, Archbishop of New York
And Metropolitan of all North America
The Right Reverend Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop
Of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast
The Very Reverend Father Peter Nugent, Pastor
3916 Hudson St., Metairie, LA 70006
504.888.8114
sbno@att.net
www.stbasilneworleans.org

Venerable Marcellus

Marcellus was from Apamea in Syria. He was the abbot of the Community of the Sleepless Ones in Constantinople. He was clairvoyant, and was a healer and great miracle-worker. He spoke with angels and easily defeated demons and drove them out. After his death, Marcellus appeared to St. Lucian, a member of his community, and told Lucian that he had implored God to take him into the Heavenly Kingdom soon. This holy and glorious man entered into rest in the year 486.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

St. Basil
Antiochian
Orthodox Church



December 29, 2024
The Afterfeast of, & Sunday after, the Nativity of
Christ

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: Galatians 1:11-19
Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 2:13-23

Saints of the Day

Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King, James the brother of God. The 14,000 infants slain by Herod in Bethlehem; George, bishop of Nicomedia; Venerable Markellos of the monastery of the "Unsleeping Ones"; Thaddaeus the Confessor; Benjamin of Nitria; Athenodorus, disciple of St. Pachomius the Great; Trophimus of Arles; Martyr Anthony; Mark the Grave-digger; Theophilus and John; Theophilus of Omucha; commemoration of all Orthodox Christians who died from hunger, thirst, the sword and freezing.

Spiritual Counsels...

"The righteous observes the house of the wicked; the wicked are cast down to ruin." – Proverbs 21:12

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 31st – Vespers & Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Jan. 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, Jan. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Monday, Jan. 6th – Badnjak Service, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Jan. 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Friday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



On December 20, the Holy Orthodox Church commemorates the death of St. John of Kronstadt. He was born in 1829 in a village in Siberia and died in 1908. From his childhood, he exhibited a deep religious faith which led him to the priesthood. He served the church in a town outside of St. Petersburg, Russia, home to the Russian Navy. Located on an island, it was a place of great poverty and a place of exile for criminals. He was tireless in visiting the sick and the poor, often returning home without coat or shoes because he had given them away. He performed so many healing miracles that thousands attended his daily Divine Liturgy. Unable to hear the confessions of all that asked him for them, it became necessary to have parishioners confess sins to each other, followed by a communal absolution. He foresaw the Russian revolution, the coming wave of atheism and the death of thousands of Orthodox Christians. His down-to-earth teachings are available in the book "Spiritual Counsels" by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. One of his prayers follows:
[Lord] Your name is love: do not shun me, a person who has gone astray. Your name is strength: strengthen me, who am exhausted and falling down. Your name is light: enlighten my soul which is darkened with earthly passions. Your name is peace: calm my restless soul. Your name is mercy: do not cease to have mercy upon me. —Theo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boxed sets of donation envelopes for 2025, along with calendars, pledge forms and house blessing forms are in the dining room of the Church Hall for each household in the parish. Please get yours today. Additional forms and calendars are available.

A **Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Basil the Great**, is, God willing, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 6:30 P.M. The Vasilopita will be offered in the Church Hall afterward.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of Theophany** is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 6, at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively.

God willing, a **Badnjak Service** will be served for Old Calendar Christmas on Monday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 P.M.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated for the **Feast of St. Anthony the Great** at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, on Friday, Jan. 17.

The subject of the **availability and pricing of the 3-day candles** was discussed in the Parish Council meeting on Sunday, December 22, 2024. As a result of this discussion, **the Parish Council voted upon and approved a price increase of these candles**. The new price of the 3-day candles, effective January 1, 2025, is **\$5 per candle**. Your assistance in making the adjustment to this price is requested. Thank you and God bless you.

Today's Coffee Hour: Potluck. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 1.