



## 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.



May 29, 2016

The Fifth Sunday of Pascha, The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 7 ~ Psalm 109:8

*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.

*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 (May 29)

Greatmartyr Photini, the Samaritan Woman; Hieromartyr Olvian, bishop of Aneos, and his disciples; Venerable-martyr Theodosia of Tyre; Righteous martyr Theodosia of Constantinople; New-martyr Andrew Argenti of Chios; New-martyr John (Nannos) of Smyrna; John of Ustug, fool-for-Christ.

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4:** Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

**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 Pascha – Plagal Tone 4:** When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**Prokeimenon:** O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

**Verse:** Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Epistle:** The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

(Chapter 11:19-30)

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church of Jerusalem and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

(Chapter 4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there and so Jesus, wearied as He was with His journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to

### GOSPEL CONTINUED

her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself and his sons and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give to him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband;' for you have had five husbands and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain and You say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He Who is called Christ); when He comes He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He."

Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do You wish?" or "Why are You talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I have sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)  
Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Pentecost)  
Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Ushers:** Dwight Gillis & Emma Nugent. **Next Sunday:** Mike Zelesnik & Mihai Leustean.

Coffee hour is provided by Team 3 today. Thank you.

Please remember to return your **coin boxes**. The boxes may be placed in the basket before the icon of the Theotokos in the narthex. Today is the last day to return coin boxes.

**Choir practice** is held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. Choir members and other members of the parish should see our choir director, **Andy Mahoney**, for more information.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell Fr. Peter if you would like to receive it.

The book study of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" is going to continue after Lent. We're taking a break until after Pascha. We've only done the first three steps and are really enjoying the discussions and fellowship. There's plenty of time to catch up and join the group. You may order the book from Larry in the St Basil bookstore.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** is having a **canned food drive** during the months of April and May. Please bring your donations of nonperishable food items and place them on the corner table in the large classroom. The donations will be forwarded to **Second Harvest Food Bank**. Thank you.

**St. Andrew Antiochian Orthodox Church** is the host parish for the **Parish Life Conference** for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast. The conference is scheduled for June 15-18, 2016, in Pensacola, Florida, at the Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the conference; it's easy driving distance from us! To register for the conference, please go to <https://www.antiochianevents.org/129>. To register with the hotel, please go to <http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/pensacola/pnsgh/hoteldetail>. The three letter, group block code is "PLC." Please enter your own specific arrival and departure dates between June 12-19, 2016. The cutoff date for the link is May 24, 2016. For telephone reservations at the hotel, contact 850-433-3336, Ext. 5527 & 5528. The hotel room rate is \$121/night. For additional information, please see Fr. Peter or contact St. Andrew Church at 850-469-9711.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

The **Orthodox Young Professionals Conference** will be held in New Orleans on August 18-21, 2016. “The Orthodox Young Professionals Conference is a 4 day, 3 night conference hosted by the Young Adult Ministry of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. Young Orthodox Christians from across the country and all jurisdictions are invited to join together in fellowship and fun. The conference committee has been working since 2015 to plan an amazing opportunity for spiritual growth, future friendships, lasting memories and more.” Young adults who are in their mid-twenties through thirties are invited to participate. For more information, please visit <http://www.oypc2016.com> or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

**Ladies Guild Refrigerator Fund:** We have collected about two-thirds of the money needed to buy the professional refrigerator for our kitchen. We still need to raise about \$1000. Now we will make a special collection at coffee hour once a month, on the last Sunday of the month. Please help with whatever you can give when we announce these collections.

As of May 22, 2016, 46 pledges were received totaling \$99,650. Our operating budget for this year is \$146,125.00. Approximately \$2,810/week is needed to meet this obligation. The collection for May 15, 2016, totaled \$2,552.00 for a year-to-date total of \$61,927.67, a weekly average of \$2,948.94. As of May 23, 2016, our expenses are \$68,263.40, a weekly average of \$3,250.64.

#### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”  
Proverbs 29:2

### **The Holy Female Martyr Theodosia of Tyre**

Once, during the reign of Emperor Maximian, many Christians stood bound before the praetor(\*) in Palestinian Caesarea. The pious virgin Theodosia approached, comforted and encouraged them in their martyrdom. Upon hearing what she was saying, the soldiers also led her before the judge. The enraged judge ordered that a stone be hung around her neck and tossed her into the depths of the sea. But angels of God carried her to the shore alive. When she, again, appeared before the judge, he ordered her beheaded. The following night, Theodosia appeared to her parents completely encompassed in a great heavenly light, surrounded by many other virgins who were also saved and said: "Do you see how great is the glory and grace of my Christ which you wanted to deprive me of?" She said that to her parents because they tried to persuade her from confessing Christ and martyrdom. Theodosia suffered honorably and was glorified in the year 308 A.D.

(\*) An elected magistrate in ancient Rome ranking below a consul charged with the administration of civil justice.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*