



## 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.

July 16, 2017

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 6

*Glory to Jesus Christ. Glory to God forever.*

### 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 (July 16)

Hieromartyr Athenogenes, bishop of Herakleopolis and his 10 disciples; the 15,000 martyrs of Pisidia who believed in Christ through St. Marina.

***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 the Holy Fathers – Plagal Tone 4:*** Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

***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 Theotokos – Tone 2:*** O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

***Prokeimenon:*** Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

***Verse:*** For You are just in all You have done.

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

(Chapter 3:8-15)

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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

(Chapter 5:14-19)

The Lord said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven.

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Michael Zelesnik & Tania Russell. **Next Week:** Mihai Leustean & Emma Nugent.

**Coffee hour:** Team 2. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

**Trisagion prayers** are offered today by **Alexa Hamauei** for the repose of her father, **Mike Hamauei** (25 yrs). May his memory be eternal.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, July 16, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

The **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord** is on Sunday, Aug. 6. The **blessing of the grapes** will occur at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Those persons interested in donating grapes for that Sunday, please see Fr. Peter. Thank you.

The **Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God** is on Tuesday, Aug. 15. **St. Basil Church** and **Holy Trinity Cathedral**, as God so wills, shall hold a joint service at the cathedral (1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd./NOLA). Orthros shall begin at 9 A.M.; Divine Liturgy shall begin at 10 A.M. Please join us as your schedules permit.

As of July 2, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for July 9, 2017, totaled \$1,131.00 for a year-to-date total of \$85,195.18, a weekly average of \$3,042.69. As of July 10, 2017, our expenses are \$97,217.61, a weekly average of \$3,472.06.

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

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

“The fear of the Lord adds length to life, the years of the wicked will be cut short.” – Proverbs 10:27

### **The Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council**

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.