



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.



January 5, 2013

The Forefeast of, and the Sunday before, Theophany (Observed today)
Tone 3 ~ Eothonon 6 ~ Ps. 109:8

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open 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. 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

Saints du Jour (January 5)

Martyrs Theopemptos the Bishop of Nicomedia and Theonas the former magician; Venerable Syncletica, of Alexandria; Venerable-martyr Romanos of Athos

Apolytikion of Theophany – Tone 1: By Thy baptism, O Lord, in the River Jordan, worship to the Trinity hath made its appearance; for the voice of the Lord did come forth to Thee with the testimony, naming Thee beloved Son, and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove, confirming the truth of the word. Wherefore, O Thou, Who didst appear and lighted the world, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of Theophany – Tone 4: Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord; and Thy light hath been signed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying: Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's letter to Titus.
 (Chapter 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

TITUS, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His Own who are zealous for good deeds.

Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His Own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
 (Chapter 3:13-17)

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized He went up immediately from the water and, behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.
 Thursday, Jan. 16th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (St. Anthony the Great)
 Saturday, Jan. 18th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
 Sunday, Jan. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
 Saturday, Jan. 25th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
 Sunday, Jan. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
 Saturday, Feb. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday, Feb. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Pledge Drive is currently underway for the calendar year 2014. All adult members of the parish are encouraged to complete and return a pledge form to the church office. Pledge forms may be found in the narthex of the church building. All pledges are held in strict confidence. Only the total number of pledges and the total pledge amount is made available to the public. Your financial support of our church community is your support of yourself and your contribution to help insure you and your family has a place to worship. Thank you and God bless you.

Church calendars for 2014 are available by family name in the church hall along the north wall.

The **coffee hour** is brought to you today by **Sevin** and **Tania Russell**. Thank you.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall have their monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy.

The **Ladies Guild** shall have their monthly meeting next Sunday, Jan. 5th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for January 26, 2013, after Divine Liturgy and shall convene in the Church Hall. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Only those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish may vote.

Our annual **Superbowl Party** and **Chili Cook-off** is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 2nd. Festivities, God willing, shall begin 30 minutes before kick-off. Party animals, and purveyors and taste-testers of fine chili and other tasty foods, are welcome and encouraged to join us!

As of December 25, 2013, 44 pledges have been received totaling \$75,760.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$151,080.00. Approximately \$2,906/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for December 25, 2013, totaled \$12,935 for a year-to-date total of \$129,520 (~\$2,539/week). We are approximately \$18,717 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Proverbs 29:2

If You Would Like Your Home Blessed, Please Provide the Following Information And Return It To The Church Office:			
Name: _____			
Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	
Home Phone: _____		Cell Phone: _____	
When Would You like Your Home Blessed?			Weekday or Weekend (Circle one)
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