



**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.



**February 23, 2014**

**The Sunday of Meat Fare**

**Tone 2 ~ Eothion 2 ~ 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 (February 23)**

Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna; Venerable Gorgonia, sister of Gregory the Theologian; Venerable Zebinas, Polychronios, Moses and Damian near Cyrrhus in Syria; Venerable-martyr Damian of Esphigmenou monastery on Mount Athos.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2:*** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow’r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow’rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, 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 Sunday of Meat Fare – Tone 1:*** When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things made public; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

***Prokeimenon:*** The Lord is my strength and my song.

***Verse:*** The Lord has chastened me sorely.

***Epistle:*** The reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.  
(Chapters 8:8-13; 9:1-2)

BRETHREN, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

***Gospel:*** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(Chapter 25:31-46)

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome thee or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren you did it to Me.’ Then He will say to those at His left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to Thee?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Cheese Fare Sunday)

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Forgiveness Vespers, 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED**

Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (The Sunday of Orthodoxy)  
Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Souls Saturday)  
Saturday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Sunday of the Holy Cross)  
Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Annunciation of the Theotokos)  
Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 10:00 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ladies Guild Projects** to support those affected by the War in Syria:

1. Antiochian Archdiocese Women's project to provide support of Syrian War orphans - frozen food sales will go towards this.
2. Health Kits, which will be sent to Syria via IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). We will have a box in the Hall where you might place the following donated items (only these items can be sent): Hand towels, washcloths, combs, metal nail file or nail clipper, bath size bar of soap wrapped in original packaging, toothbrush, and Band-Aids.

The **Ladies Guild** is continuing the sale of frozen, ready-to-cook packages of Lebanese recipes - namely beef shawarma (\$12 a package) and chicken shish ta'ouk (\$10 a package). The sale will continue through Meatfare Sunday, Feb. 23. Simple cooking instructions are available in the parish hall.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 24. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 3, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 13).

Our annual **Wine and Cheese Social** shall be held on Cheesefare Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.campstthekla.org](http://www.campstthekla.org). Campers are accepted on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible. Please see Fr. Peter for camper scholarship information. For more details, please contact Fr. Philip Rogers, Camp Director, PO Box 52482 Lafayette, LA 70505, Phone: 337-232-9808, Email: [CampStThekla@gmail.com](mailto:CampStThekla@gmail.com)

The members of the **St. Basil Youth Group** shall lead us in chanting the responses for **Forgiveness Vespers**, which is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Red Carnations.” Thank you.

**Lenten potluck meals** shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent. The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body.

As of February 16, 2014, 34 pledges were received totaling \$68,605.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for February 16, 2014, totaled \$1,913 for a year-to-date total of \$14,055 (~\$2,008/week). We are approximately \$4,319 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

