



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.



March 2, 2014
The Sunday of Cheese Fare
Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 3 ~ 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 (March 2)

Theodotos, bishop of Cyrenia; Martyr Hesychios the Senator; Virgin-martyr Euthalia of Sicily; Arsenios, bishop of Tver.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the 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 the Sunday of Cheese Fare – Plagal Tone 2: Teacher of Wisdom, Bestower of virtue, who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor: Strengthen and enlighten my heart, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father, for behold my lips will not be restrained from crying to thee: Have mercy on me, the transgressor, O merciful Lord.

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.
(Chapters 13:11-14; 14:1-4)

BRETHREN, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 6:14-21)

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

And when you fast do not look dismal like the hypocrites for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast anoint your head and wash your face that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2nd – Forgiveness Vespers, 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 5th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 7th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, March 7th – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 6:30 P.M. (1st Stasis)

Saturday, March 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (The Sunday of Orthodoxy)

Wednesday, March 12th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 14th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, March 14th – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 6:30 P.M. (2nd Stasis)

Saturday, March 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, March 19th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 21st – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, March 21st – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 6:30 P.M. (3rd Stasis)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Saturday, March 22nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Souls Saturday)
Saturday, March 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Sunday of the Holy Cross)
Monday, March 24th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Annunciation of the Theotokos)
Wednesday, March 26th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 28th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, March 28th – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 6:30 P.M. (4th Stasis)
Saturday, March 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 30th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March is **Ladies Month** in our Archdiocese. Today, the epistle shall be read by **Paulina Kocic**, and **Naheel Rafeedie** and **Mariam Ammari** are serving as usherettes. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Church Hall for those ladies of the parish who are interested in serving in this capacity.

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.

To help raise funds, on Sunday, March 9, the **Ladies Guild** is selling homemade lentil soup in one-quart containers at the cost of \$5.00. The soup will be lenten style and to be taken home for consumption. This Sunday, March 2, there will be a sign-up sheet for those who want to purchase the soup to guarantee we have enough. You can indicate how many containers you wish to buy. Please see **Georgette Ioup** to sign up.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting today, March 2nd, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at 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

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

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 23rd. 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, and accompanied by a brief presentation and discussion on the various practices of our Orthodox Faith.

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 23, 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 23, 2014, totaled \$1,928 for a year-to-date total of \$15,983 (~\$1,998/week). We are approximately \$5,016 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

