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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 9, 2014

The Sunday of Orthodoxy

And the Commemoration of the Holy and Great Forty Martyrs of Sebastia

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 4 ~ 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 9)

The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.

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 the First Sunday of Great Lent – Tone 2: Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

Apolytikion of the Forty Holy Martyrs – Tone 1: O Lord, by the sufferings of the saints, which they endured for Thy sake, have compassion and heal all the sufferings of us who implore Thee, Who art alone the Lover of mankind.

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 Great Lent – Plagal Tone 4: To thee the champion leader, I thy servant offer thanks for victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast power invincible, free me from every danger that I may cry unto thee: Rejoice, O bride without bridegroom.



Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

(Chapter 12:1-10)

BRETHREN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider Him Who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation, which addresses you as sons? – “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by Him. For the Lord disciplines him whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons, for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.

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

(Chapter 1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to Jesus, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ‘You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.’”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.
Wednesday, April 2nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 4th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, April 4th – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

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.

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.

March is **Ladies Month** in our Archdiocese. Today, the epistle shall be read by **Bronwen Fitzpatrick**. 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.

The altar candle is sponsored today by **Philip** and **Elaine Khoury** for the repose of **Daoud Khoury**. May his memory be eternal.

Today’s Coffee hour is sponsored by **Sevin** and **Tania Russell**. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting today, March 9th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, March 16th, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

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.

This Sunday during coffee hour, the Ladies Guild is selling one-quart containers of lentil soup. The soup is lenten style and is to be taken home for consumption. The cost is \$5.00 per container.

Due to their dwindling funds the **Ladies Guild** cannot make the generous contribution they usually make to the Antiochian Women's Humanitarian Project. As this year's project is especially urgent - the war orphans in Syria, they asking for donations from any parishioners who want to supplement the contribution to this worthy cause. Make your tax-deductible checks payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Give them to the treasurer, **Georgette Ioup**. Write Syrian War Orphans on the memo line.

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.

As of March 2, 2014, 35 pledges were received totaling \$69,585.00. 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 March 2, 2014, totaled \$2,547 for a year-to-date total of \$18,530 (~\$2,059/week). We are approximately \$5,094 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

