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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 16, 2014

The Second Sunday of Great Lent

The Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas, Bishop of Thessalonica

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 5 ~ 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 16)

Martyr Sabinos of Egypt; Venerable Christodoulos the wonderworker of Patmos.

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 St. Gregory Palamas – Plagal Tone 4: O star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

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 the godly man has failed.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.
(Chapters 1:10-14; 2:1-3)

“IN THE BEGINNING, You, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up and they will be changed. But Thou art the same and Thy years will never end.” But to what angel has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand till I make Thy enemies a stool for Thy feet?” Are not they all ministering spirits sent forth to serve for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(Chapter 2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven?’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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)

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 – Vespertal 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)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

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.
Wednesday, April 9th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 11th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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 9, 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 9, 2014, totaled \$1,027 for a year-to-date total of \$19,557 (~\$1,956/week). We are approximately \$6,690 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

TO THE FAITHFUL OF OUR PARISH:

The Lenten season is now upon us and, soon, Holy Week and PASCHA will be here as well. There are many things that the church needs for all of our special services. If you would like to offer a donation to St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church for the remembrance of your family members or friends, please fill out the form below and forward it and your donation to the church office.

Thank you and may this Lenten season and the celebration of our Lord’s Holy PASCHA be blessed for our salvation.

OFFERINGS FOR GREAT LENT, HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

Dear Father,

It would be a great joy for me/us to offer a donation towards the items listed below. Enclosed is a donation of \$_____.

___Candles	___Sacramental Wine	___Palms	___Olive Oil
___Rose Water	___Bay Leaves	___White Roses	

for the health of:

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February 27th, 2014

ARCHPASTORAL DIRECTIVE

To our Venerable Hierarchs and beloved clergy of our God Protected Archdiocese:

Greetings in The Name of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ!

We wish to bring to your attention the following two Archpastoral Directives, regarding the distributon of Holy Unction, and the dissemination of news and information. The first directive should be read from the pulpit, and both directives should be published in the parish bulletin.

**ARCHPASTORAL DIRECTIVE CONCERNING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY
UNCTION**

Effective immediately, the clergy of our archdiocese are forbidden from allowing lay people to take home the sacrament of Holy Unction (either in bottles or via cotton or Q-tip swabs, etc.) after the sacrament is prepared on Great and Holy Wednesday or at any other time during the year. The priest is the only one who may anoint the faithful. It is the sacred duty of the priest to take the sacrament to the faithful in their homes if they are unable to be present at the service due to illness or infirmity. We expect the clergy of our archdiocese to abide strictly by this directive.

In explaining the motivation behind this directive to the faithful, you may use the example of Holy Communion. As a sacrament of the Church, no one expects to take Holy Communion home with him. This is no different. Some may ask why the practice is being ended now after having been allowed for many years. Holy Communion was also taken home in the early Church and subsequently that practice was ended. Again, this is no different except that Sacrament of Holy Unction is administered much less frequently and, as such, this ancient practice was allowed to continue. Nevertheless, we do not know what people do with this sacramental oil once they take it home or how they dispose of it. As such, as guardians of the sacraments, we cannot allow this practice to continue.

**ARCHPASTORAL DIRECTIVE CONCERNING THE DISSEMINATION OF
INFORMATION WHICH IS PROPERLY THE PURVIEW OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE HEADQUARTERS**

All members of this Archdiocese who hold positions of responsibility are reminded that the Archdiocese Headquarters, under the direction of the Metropolitan Archbishop is the only frame of reference for the dissemination of news and information which relates to the North American Archdiocese, the Holy Synod of Antioch, the Patriarchate of Antioch, and any other Antiochian Archdiocese around the world. No person or entity of this Archdiocese is permitted to announce, or to publish news which pertains to the entire Archdiocese before that news is properly announced by the Archdiocese Headquarters, even if that news has been made available to that person or entity in advance of the announcement by the Archdiocese Headquarters. All are expected to strictly abide by this directive.

Praying that the upcoming Great Fast will be spiritually rewarding, we remain,

Yours in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

