



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 23, 2014
The Third Sunday of Great Lent
The Adoration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross
Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 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 (March 23)

Venerable-martyr Nikon of Sicily and with him 199 disciples; Venerable-martyr Luke of St. Anne Skete on Athos.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Holy Cross – Tone 1: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

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: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.
 (Chapters 4:14-16; 5:1-6)

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten thee;" as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order Melchizedek."

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
 (Chapter 8:34-38; 9:1)

The Lord said, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation of him will the Son of man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, March 24th – Vespertine 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.

Wednesday, April 9th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 11th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Saturday, April 12th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)
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)
Sunday, April 13th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Monday, April 14th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Monday, April 14th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 15th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, April 15th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, April 16th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 16th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 17th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 17th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 18th – Royal Hours of Pascha, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, April 18th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 18th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 19th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 19th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 20th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 20th – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.

RED CARNATIONS

The red carnations were graciously sponsored by the following persons and families:

Carmen Canahuati for the health of **Faris, Diana, Eric, Zeyna, Faris Jr., Carmen, Giovanni, Jenny, Gabriella, Giovanni Jr., Isabella** (many years); and in memory of **Amelia, Louis, Gladis, Louis, Angela, Olga, Isidro, Susana, Jorge, Sabina, Jacobo, Kelly, Carmen Rosa, Elena, Mauricio, Jose** (memory eternal).

Mona DiGiovanni for the health of **Augustine Borrás** (many years); and in memory of the departed members of the **Borrás family** (memory eternal).

Alexa Hamauei for the health of **Albert** and **John and their families**, and **Alexa** (many years); and in memory of **Mike, Margaret** and the departed members of the **Hamauei** and **Kyame families** (memory eternal).

Phil and Rose Hrabar.

The **Ioup family** for the health of the **Ioup** and **Kattouf families** (many years); and in memory of the departed members of the **Ioup** and **Kattouf families** (memory eternal).

Ghassan and **Majeda Khoury family** for the health of the **Khoury family** (many years); and in memory of the departed members of the **Khoury family** (memory eternal).

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Philip and Elaine Khoury family for the health of the **Khoury family** (many years); and in memory of the departed members of the **Khoury family** (memory eternal).

The **Kocic family** for the health of **Vlajko, Paulina, Ljubomir, Ljiljana, Bella, Karen & family, Nikola, Lauren** (many years); and in memory of the departed members of the **Kocic, Djordjevic, Piskulic, Pavasovic, Stevanovic and Lebedina families** (memory eternal).

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.

March is **Ladies Month** in our Archdiocese. Today, the epistle shall be read by **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent. Helen Merid and Solange Nakhoul** 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.

Coffee hour is brought to you today by **Georgette Ioup**. Thank you.

Donations for **Easter flowers** are currently being accepted through and including Palm Sunday. If you would like to make a donation for these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Easter flowers.” Donations are \$10.00 per plant. Thank you.

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services Thank you.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish shall be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 20th at the Church Hall. For more information, please see **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent**.

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 16, 2014, 36 pledges were received totaling \$70,235.00. 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 16, 2014, totaled \$1,027 for a year-to-date total of \$21,827 (~\$1,984/week). We are approximately \$7,051 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 \$ _____.

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

for the health of:

in memory of:

given by:

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 13



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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

