



## 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.



August 3, 2014

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Grave Tone ~ Eothinon 8 ~ 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.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, "spaghetti" strap garments, sleeveless or "tanktop" type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for adults and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

### Saints du Jour (August 3)

Venerable Isaac, Dalmatos and Faustus, of the Dalmaton monastery; Venerable Theoklites and Theodora; Salome the myrrh-bearer; Venerable Anthony the Roman, wonder-worker of Novgorod.

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Grave Tone:** Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to 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 Transfiguration – Varys or Grave Tone:** Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could bear it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy passion was voluntary and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

**Prokeimenon:** The Lord will give strength to His people.

**Verse:** Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.  
(Chapter 1:10-17)

BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(Chapter 14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore He saw a great throng; and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. When it was evening the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And Jesus said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven and blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side while He dismissed the crowds.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> – Vespers Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Transfiguration of our Lord)

Thursday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> – Paraklesis Service, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – Paraklesis Service, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> – Vespers Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Dormition of the Theotokos)

Saturday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **traditional fasting discipline** of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed during the **Dormition Fast**, which lasts from Aug. 1 through and including Aug. 14. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (Aug. 6).

The **holy bread** is donated today by **Ghassan** and **Majeda Khoury** for the health of **Ghassan, Philip, Layan and their families** (many years), and for the repose of **Yousef, Bahyeh, Philip, Farah** and **Essa** (memory eternal).

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold its monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens are welcome to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, Aug. 10, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **blessing of the grapes** will occur after Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. Those persons interested in bringing grapes to be blessed should place them on the auxiliary table (in front of the chanter stand) prior to the beginning of liturgy that evening. Thank you.

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, our courtyard between the church temple and church hall shall be formally dedicated and blessed in honor and memory of The Very Reverend Father Stephen Hardie and his wife, Doris. Father Stephen was our community's first fulltime priest. The occasion, God willing, shall begin that Saturday with Great Vespers with Trisagion prayers for Father Stephen (10 years). Afterwards, the courtyard shall be dedicated and a parish-wide potluck meal shall be served in the church hall. Our guest speaker for the evening shall be The Very Reverend Father John C. Henderson of St. Peter Antiochian Orthodox Church in Madison, Mississippi. On Sunday morning, Father John and Fr. Peter shall concelebrate the Divine Liturgy and coffee hour shall be provided afterwards. All events are free of charge and everyone is welcome.

As of July 27, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$73,985.00. 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 collection for July 27, 2014, totaled \$1,435 for a year-to-date total of \$69,885.01 (~\$2,329/week). We are approximately \$8,880 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