

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 10, 2014
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 9 ~ 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 10)

Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence of Rome; Hieromartyr Sixtus, bishop of Rome.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Transfiguration – Varys or Grave Tone: When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 – 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: Make your vows unto the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. (Chapter 3:9-17)

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw – each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through the fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy and that temple you are.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came He was there alone but the boat was in the middle of the sea, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against it. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered Him, saying, "Lord, if it is You, bid me come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the mighty wind he was afraid and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat the wind became calm. And those in the boat came and worshipped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

And when they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug. 12th – Paraklesis Service, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, Aug. 14th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Dormition of the Theotokos)

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Aug. 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 31st – 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 altar candle is sponsored today by the Giustiniano family for the health of the Giustiniano, Shambra, Muller and Ford families (many years), and for the repose of Chris Giustiniano and Dennis Muller (memory eternal).

Coffee hour is sponsored today by the **Ioup family**. Thank you.

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

The **Parish Council** shall hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, Aug. 17, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Parents and teachers please note that **church school** shall begin on Sunday, Sept. 7th after Divine Liturgy. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of August 3, 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 August 3, 2014, totaled \$1,852 for a year-to-date total of \$71,737.01 (~\$2,314/week). We are approximately \$9,641 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