



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 24, 2014

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 11 ~ 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 24)

Hieromartyr Eutychos, disciple of John the Theologian; New-hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania; recovery of the relics of Dionysios, bishop of Zakynthos; Gerasimos of Kephallenia; translation of the relics of Peter the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Moscow.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow’r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow’rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, 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 Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone 4: By thy holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of Life.

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.
(Chapter 9:2-12)

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do we not still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold with his wife and children and all that he had and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed and went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers till he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to everyone of you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 30th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Aug. 31st – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Sunday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee hour is provided today by **Fr. Peter** and **Pam Nugent** in honor of **Aidan's** 11th birthday. Congratulations and may God grant you many years.

Ladies Guild News: **Frozen Meat Packages** - there are still a few frozen chicken packages that we are now able to sell since lent has finished @ \$5 each or 4 for \$20.

Parents and teachers please note that **church school**, God willing, 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.

The church bulletin is available by email. If you would like the church bulletin to be emailed to you, please tell Fr. Peter.

As of August 17, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$76,985.00. 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 17, 2014, totaled \$2,002.65 for a year-to-date total of \$75,475.66 (~\$2,287/week). We are approximately \$11,154 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