



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.



September 14, 2014

The Exaltation (Elevation) of the Holy Cross  
Tone: of the Feast ~ Eothinon: of the Feast ~ 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 (September 14)**

The Elevation of the precious and life-giving Cross; Repose of John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable-martyr Makarios the New of Thessalonika; Venerable-martyr Joseph of Dionysiou monastery on Athos.

***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.

***Kontakion of the Holy Cross – Tone 4:*** Do Thou, Who of Thine Own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation, which is called by Thy name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

***Prokeimenon:*** Exalt the Lord our God.

***Verse:*** The Lord reigns; let the people tremble.

***Epistle:*** The reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.  
 (Chapter 1:18-24)

BRETHREN, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the

cleverness of the clever will I thwart.” Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John  
 (Chapter 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)

At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death; they led Him to Pilate and cried out, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no crime in Him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate, therefore, said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called “The Pavement,” and in Hebrew, “Gabbatha.” Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king, but Caesar.” Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus and led Him away; and He went out, bearing His Own cross, to the place called, “The Place of the Skull,” which is called in Hebrew, “Golgotha.” There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this title, for the place, where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin. Now standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own.

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was an high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Jesus; but, when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness – his testimony is true.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### RED CARNATIONS

The **red carnations** for today's procession were provided by:

**Mariam Ammari** for the health of **Mariam, Fuad, Jawdat, Jawad, Moussa, Shaker, Raed** and **their families** (many years); and in memory of **Rakad, Tamam, Fozey** and **Akram** (memory eternal).

**Carmen Canahuati** for the health of **Carmen, Faris, and Giovanni** and **their families** (many years); and in memory of **Amelia, Louis, John, Olga, Angela, Isidro, Louis, Gladys, Elena, Karime, Elias, Jeorgeth, Mauricio, Sultana, and Jacobo** (memory eternal).

**Mona DiGiovanni** for the health of the **DiGiovanni, Williams, Matthews, Whittemore** and **Butler families** (many years).

**Dwight Gillis**, and **Sevin** and **Tania Russell** in memory of **Dorthy Gillis** (memory eternal).

**Phil** and **Rose Hrabar**.

**Ghassan Khoury** for the health of the **Khoury families** (many years); and in memory of **Yousef** (memory eternal).

**Vera Muller** for the health of the **Muller family** and **Karen, Jeff, Logan, Charlie, Kristen, Rickey, Lauren, Paul, Amanda, Vince, Ryan, Gretchen, Santo, Sharon, Billy, Chris, Sandra, Susan** and **Adam** (many years), and in memory of **Dennis, Freddie** and **Valerie** (memory eternal).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no Church School today; everyone is encouraged to stay in the church for the procession of the Holy Cross.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Sept. 14, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Coffee hour is provided today by the **Russell** and **Incaprera families**. Thank you.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Sept. 21, after Divine Liturgy. All council members are asked to attend.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** is having a series of car wash fundraisers in the church parking lot after Divine Liturgy to help fund some of their activities. The dates are Sundays, Sept. 21, 28, & Oct. 12. The cost is \$5/car and donations are accepted. Please see **Gage Russell** or **Emma Nugent** for more information.

St. Basil Church is currently working to have four road signs placed in high-traffic areas in the neighborhood as directional aids to locating the church. The cost of producing and placing each sign is approximately \$150. Those persons or parish organizations interested in sponsoring one of these signs should see Fr. Peter. The St. Basil Youth Group is sponsoring one sign and is challenging the Ladies Guild and the Fellowship of St. John the Divine to pony up and sponsor a sign also!

Ladies Guild News: **Garage Sale** - the Guild will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, November 1, so save the nice things you have that you don't need anymore. We will begin accepting donations on Tuesday, October 7, after the courtyard dedication. Thank you.

St. Basil Church is having a **clean-up day** on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 AM until 12 PM in preparation for our Courtyard Dedication Weekend, Oct 4 & 5. Please join us for a little work and lots of fellowship!

A **second collection** shall be taken up on Sunday, Sept. 28. The collection is needed to assist in covering the honorarium and travel expenses for our visiting clergy on Saturday, Oct. 4, and Sunday, Oct. 5. Please be as generous as possible on this occasion. Thank you and God bless 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 full-time 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 September 7, 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 September 7, 2014, totaled \$3,700.20 for a year-to-date total of \$82,499.86 (~\$2,292/week). We are approximately \$11,988 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

### **The Exaltation of the Honorable Cross**

Two events in connection with the Honorable Cross of Christ are commemorated on this day: first, the finding of the Honorable Cross on Golgotha and second, the return of the Honorable Cross from Persia to Jerusalem. Visiting the Holy Land, the holy Empress Helena decided to find the Honorable Cross of Christ. An old Jewish man named Judah was the only one who knew where the Cross was located, and, constrained by the empress, he revealed that the Cross was buried under the temple of Venus that Emperor Hadrian had built on Golgotha. The empress ordered that this idolatrous temple be razed and, having dug deep below it, found three crosses. While the empress pondered on how to recognize which of these was the Cross of Christ, a funeral procession passed by. Patriarch Macarius told them to place the crosses, one by one, on the dead man. When they placed the first and second cross on the dead man, the dead man lay unchanged. When they placed the third cross on him, the dead man came back to life. By this they knew that this was the Precious and Life-giving Cross of Christ. They then placed the Cross on a sick woman, and she became well. The patriarch elevated the Cross for all the people to see, and the people sang with tears: ``Lord, have mercy!" Empress Helena had a silver case made and set the Honorable Cross in it. Later, the Persian Emperor Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, enslaved many people, and took the Lord's Cross to Persia. The Cross remained in Persia for 14 years. In the year 628, the Greek Emperor Heraclius defeated Chozroes and, with much ceremony, returned the Cross to Jerusalem. As he entered the city Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross on his back, but suddenly was unable to take another step. Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel preventing the emperor from bearing the Cross on the same path that the Lord had walked barefoot and humiliated. The patriarch communicated this vision to the emperor. The emperor removed his raiment and, in ragged attire and barefoot, took up the Cross, carried it to Golgotha, and placed it in the Church of the Resurrection, to the joy and consolation of the whole Christian world.

*from: **The Prologue from Ochrid***