



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 22, 2015

The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent (The Commemoration of St. John Climacus)

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 8 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

To Our Guests:

Holy Communion is open only 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. While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. 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 22)

Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra; Martyr Kallinika of Rome; Venerable-martyr Euthymios of Prodromou Skete on Athos.

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 St. John Climacus – Plagal Tone 4: The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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: 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 Letter to the Hebrews.
(Chapter 6:13-20)

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore to Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes and oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, He interposed with an oath, so that through two changeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(Chapter 9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered him, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if You can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting."

They went out from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

Spiritual Counsels...

"When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan."
Proverbs 29:2

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 25th – Vespers Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Annunciation of the Theotokos)
Friday, March 27th – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Sunday of Mary of Egypt)
Wednesday, April 1st – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 4th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)
Saturday, April 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)
Sunday, April 5th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Monday, April 6th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Monday, April 6th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 7th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, April 7th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, April 8th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 8th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 9th – Vespers Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 9th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 10th – Royal Hours of Pascha, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, April 10th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 10th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 11th – Vespers Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 11th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 12th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 12th – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, April 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March is Antiochian Women's month in our Archdiocese. Today's epistle reader is **Mona DiGiovanni**. The usherettes are **Georgette Ioup** and **Sophia Hashek**. Next Sunday's epistle reader is **Yazmin Incaprera**. The usherettes are **Leila El-Hajj** and **Mona DiGiovanni**. Thank you.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. 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.

On Saturday, April 4, we will clean up the Church temple and Fellowship Hall after Divine Liturgy in preparation for Pascha. Everyone is encouraged to participate. At that time, we shall also attempt to form a **Men's Fellowship Group**. The men of the parish are asked to join us for a brief period of cleaning and an initial organizational meeting. For more information, please see **Ted Brewer**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, March 22, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

Parents and Church School teachers: Please note there is no Church School on April 5 & 12.

The **Ladies Guild** has a new project. During the coming months, they shall sponsor several coffee hours in order to ask parishioners to donate to a collection basket to help fund very needed repairs to the parish kitchen. Of note, the huge double refrigerator/freezer is on its last legs and needs to be replaced soon. Please support them with this worthwhile project.

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to Ozanam Inn for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

Today's coffee hour is provided today by the **Ladies Guild**. Thank you.

The traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed 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 5).

The 22nd Annual Parish Life Conference for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast is scheduled for June 10-14, 2015. St. Ignatius Church in Franklin (Nashville), Tennessee, is hosting the conference. The deadline for early bird registration is May 15. Paper copies of the registration forms are available in the narthex. Online registration is available at www.saint-ignatius.org/PLC

52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Boston, MA – Sunday, July 19, 2015-Sunday, July 26, 2015 – Hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. Go to www.acboston2015.com to register for hotel rooms, events and Boston excursions and to obtain Souvenir Journal information and information about family activities and events. Rooms are booking quickly for this historic convention. Please call the church at (617) 547-1234 with any questions.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell Fr. Peter if you would like to receive it.

As of March 21, 2015, 44 pledges were received totaling \$96,802. Approximately \$2,660/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for the week ending March 15, 2015, totaled \$2,049.33 for a year-to-date total of \$32,784.72 (~\$2,980/week).

The Hieromartvr Basil, Priest of Ancyra

Under the Emperor Constantius there was much suffering at the hands of the Arians. At that time, Basil became known as a staunch defender of Orthodoxy and a true shepherd of his flock in Ancyra. When, after Constantius, Julian the Apostate came to the throne and began to persecute the Christians, Basil openly denounced this new wickedness and encouraged his people in the Faith. For this he was thrown into prison. When the Emperor Julian came to Ancyra, Basil was brought before him and he began to urge Basil to abandon the Christian faith, promising him honours and wealth. Then Basil answered him: 'I believe in my Christ, whom you have denied and who gave you this earthly kingdom, but He will shortly take this from you. How can you have no shame before the altar under which you were saved from death as an eight-year-old child when they sought to kill you? Therefore He will soon take this earthly kingdom from you, and your body shall not be buried when you have spewed forth your soul in bitter torments.' Julian was furious and ordered that seven strips of skin be torn from his body every day. And his torturers carried this out for seven days. When Basil was brought out again before the Emperor, he tore a strip of his own flesh off and threw it into Julian's face, shouting: 'Take this and eat it, Julian, if such food is sweet to you, but Christ is life for me!' This occurrence was noised in the town, and the Emperor left Ancyra in secret out of shame and went to Antioch. And they continued to torture Basil with red-hot irons until he surrendered his soul to his Lord for whom he had suffered so much. This was in the year 363.

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