



## 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.



April 26, 2015

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 4 ~ Ps. 109:8

*CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!*

### 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 (April 26)

Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea with Venerable Glaphyra; Stephen, bishop of Perm; Venerable Ioanikios of Devitch in Serbia.

**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 Ss. Joseph & Nicodemus – Tone 2:** The pious Joseph, having brought down thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise, after three days, O Lord, granting the world the Great Mercy.

**Apolytikion of the Myrrh-bearers – Tone 2:** Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting 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 Pascha – Plagal Tone 4:** When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**Prokeimenon:** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**Verse:** The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**Epistle:** The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

(Chapter 6:1-7)

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole multitude and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

(Chapters 15:43-47; 16:1-8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. An Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. An entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side dressed in a white robe and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go tell his disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb for trembling and astonishment had come upon them and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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

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

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

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

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second collection received on April 4, 2015, (Palm Sunday) for the Patriarchate totaled \$575.00. The proceeds are being forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery. Thank you for your generosity.

The new, white, altar boy robes were donated to St. Basil Church by **Sandy Yazigi and her children** in memory of her husband, **Dr. Rashid Yazigi**. May his memory be eternal and may God grant you long life.

In preparation for our post-Lenten Retreat, **second collections** shall be taken up on Sundays, May 3 and May 10. The collections shall be used for travel and hotel expenses for our speakers. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you and God bless you.

St. Basil Church shall have a post-Lenten Retreat on Friday evening, May 15, and all day Saturday, May 16. The theme of the retreat is **“Joyous Hearts: Living Christ in our Midst.”** Our retreat leaders are **Dr. Anthony Bashir** and **Richard Robbat**. Both men have worked across the archdiocese and have extensive experience in parish life. Dr. Bashir is a member of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees and is the nephew of His Eminence Metropolitan ANTHONY (Bashir) of thrice-blessed memory. More details are forthcoming. Please make plans to join us.

Please remember to return your **Lenten coin boxes**. They may be placed in the basket provided in the narthex. Donations by check should be payable to St. Basil Church and earmarked “Food For Hungry People Project.” Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

Our annual **St. Basil Birthday Party** is scheduled for Sunday, May 24, 2015, after Divine Liturgy. The Fellowship of St. John the Divine shall provide grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages. Salads, drinks, desserts and ice are needed. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. If you wish to bring St. Basil Church a birthday gift, a list of needed items shall be posted next Sunday on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

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.

The **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parish Life Conference for the Diocese of Miami & the Southeast** is scheduled for June 10-14, 2015. St. Ignatius Church in Franklin (Nashville), Tennessee, is hosting the conference. The deadline for earlybird 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](http://www.saint-ignatius.org/PLC)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**52<sup>nd</sup> Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Boston, MA** – Sunday, July 19, 2015-Sunday, July 26, 2015 – Hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge, MA, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA. Go to [www.acboston2015.com](http://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 April 19, 2015, 46 pledges were received totaling \$97,752. Approximately \$2,660/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for the week ending April 19, 2015, totaled \$2,393 for a year-to-date total of \$49,578.72.

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

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

### **The Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea**

Licinius, the brother-in-law of the Emperor Constantine, whose sister he had married, dissembled before the great Emperor, saying that he was a Christian. When he received authority over the whole of the East, he began, at first secretly but then publicly, to persecute the Christians and to uphold idolatry. His wife grieved greatly over this, but could not turn her husband back from this dishonour. Giving himself over to idolatry, Licinius gave himself over to all the passions, and especially to brutality towards women. Through this fall into such an impure passion, he desired to deflower the maiden Glaphyra, who was in waiting at the imperial court. She complained to the Empress, who sent her away from the court at Nicomedia secretly to the coast of Pontus. The maiden got as far as the town of Amasea, and was there warmly received by the bishop, Basil, and the other Christians. Glaphyra was very joyful that God had preserved her virginity, and wrote of this to the Empress. And the Empress rejoiced and sent her money for the Church in Amasea. But one letter of Glaphyra's, on its way to the Empress, fell into the hands of an imperial eunuch, who showed it to Emperor Licinius. Discovering where Glaphyra was to be found, he immediately sent orders that she and the bishop be brought to Nicomedia. In the meantime, Glaphyra died, and the soldiers brought only Basil, in bonds. After torture and imprisonment, this blessed man was beheaded and thrown into the sea, in the year 322. His priests, with the help of an angel of God, found his body near the town of Synope, took it out of the water with the aid of fishing nets and carried it to Amasea, where they gave it burial in the church which he had built by his labours. The Emperor Constantine raised an army against Licinius, overcame him, arrested him and sent him into exile in Gaul, where he ended his God-hating days.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*