



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.



May 3, 2015

The 4th Sunday of Pascha, known as the Sunday of the Paralytic

Tone 3 ~ Eothion 5 ~ 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 (May 3)

Martyrs Timothy the reader and his wife Maura of Egypt; Peter, archbishop of Argolis; Ekumenios, bishop of Trikala; Venerable Luke of Mt. Stirion; repose of Venerable Theodosios of the Kiev Caves, founder of Russian monasticism.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, 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: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

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

(Chapter 9:32-42)

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saint that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight year and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed. And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

(Chapter 5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet and walk.” And at once the man was healed and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, and there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Thursday, May 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)

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

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

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

Sunday, May 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (The Sunday of Pentecost)

Sunday, May 31st – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, begins 30 min. after Liturgy ends

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall have their monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are welcome to attend.

Personal and family **pictures for our new church directory** will be taken on the stage area of the Church Hall today and the next two Sundays. To facilitate the movement of people and protect the camera equipment, parents, please keep your children off the stage area at this time. Thank you.

The **men’s group** shall hold their monthly meeting next Saturday evening (May 9). Their fellowship shall begin with Great Vespers at 5:00 P.M. followed by activities, discussion and a meal. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Please see **Ted Brewer** for more information.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, May 10, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

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.

Parents and Church School teachers please note that the last day of Church School shall be Sunday, May 17. Certificates shall be presented on Sunday, May 24, after Divine Liturgy. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of April 26, 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 26, 2015, totaled \$1,734 for a year-to-date total of \$51,312.72.

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.

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 is posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

The **22nd 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

52nd 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 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.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

The Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura*

Strange was the destiny of these wonderful martyrs, husband and newly wedded wife. Twenty days after their wedding, they were taken for trial for their Christian faith before Arrianus, governor of the Thebaid, in the time of the Emperor Diocletian. Timothy was a reader in the church where he lived. 'Who are you?', the governor asked him. Timothy replied: 'I am a Christian and a reader in the Church of God.' The governor said to him further: 'You see, don't you, the instruments prepared for torture?' Timothy replied: 'But you don't see the angels of God, which are strengthening me. `Then the governor commanded that he be pierced through the ears with iron rods, so that the pupils of his eyes leapt out with the pain. They then suddenly hanged him by the feet and stuffed his mouth with wood. Maura was at first afraid of torture but, when her husband gave her courage, she also confessed her steadfast faith before the governor. He commanded that, first, her hair be torn out, then all her fingers cut off. After many other tortures, to which they would quickly have succumbed had they not been strengthened by the grace of God, they were both crucified, one in sight of the other. And thus, hanging on their crosses, they remained alive for nine full days, counselling each other and encouraging each other in endurance. On the tenth day they gave their spirits into God's hands, the God for whom they had suffered crucifixion, and thus became worthy of His Kingdom. They suffered with honour for Christ in 286.

***Author's note:** 'Maura' means 'black', from which it comes that in Macedonia the day of these saints is known as 'Black Day'. On the island of Zakynthos there is a church of Saints Timothy and Maura, in which many miraculous hearings have taken place.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid