



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 24, 2015

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 10 ~ 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.

*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 (May 24)

Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslav-Zalesski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; Venerable Vincent of Lerins.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic powers shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Ascension – Tone 4: Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers – Plagal Tone 4: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 Ascension – Plagal Tone 2: When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, in no way parted from those who love Thee but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you.

Prokeimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are just in all You have done.

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

(Chapter 20:16-18, 28-36)

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them, “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to care for the church of God which He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you so that by toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

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

(Chapter 17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy Own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were and Thou gavest them to me and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world, but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me,

GOSPEL CONTINUED

that they may be one even as We are one. While I was with them I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, May 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.; Kneeling Vespers, ~ 11:15 A.M.

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

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

Saturday, June 13th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents and Church School teachers please note that Church School certificates shall be presented today after Divine Liturgy.

Our annual **St. Basil Birthday Party** is scheduled for today. The Fellowship of St. John the Divine shall provide hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages. 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 20. Paper copies of the registration forms are available in the narthex. Online registration is available at www.saint-ignatius.org/PLC

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral is having **Vacation Church School** June 15-19. For more information, please see the handouts in the narthex. The deadline for registration is June 1.

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 **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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

As of May 17, 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 May 17, 2015, totaled \$3,473 for a year-to-date total of \$60,064.72.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

The Venerable Simeon The Stylite Of The Wonderful Mountain

This wonderful saint Simeon was born in Antioch in the year 522 A.D. during the reign of Emperor Justin the Elder. His father perished in an earthquake and he was left alone with his mother Martha. At age six, he withdrew to the desert to a spiritual father John under whose guidance he submitted himself to a life of austere fasting and prayerful asceticism to the astonishment of all who saw him. Enduring horrible demonic temptations, he received great comfort and grace from the Lord and His angels. The Lord Christ appeared to him under the guise of a handsome youth. After this vision, a great love for Christ burned in Simeon's heart. He spent many years on a "pillar" praying to God and chanting psalms. Under God's guidance, he withdrew to a mountain named "Wonderful" by the Lord Himself. Because of the name of this mountain, Simeon was surnamed the "Man of the Wonderful Mountain." Because of his love for God, he was endowed with the rare gift of grace, by which he healed every infirmity, tamed wild beasts, discerned into distant parts of the world and the hearts of men. He left his body and gazed at the heavens and conversed with angels, frightened and cast out demons, prophesied, at times lived without sleep for thirty days and even longer without food and received nourishment from the hands of angels. The words of the Lord were completely fulfilled in him: "He that believes in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" (St. John 14:12). In the year of our Lord 596 A.D. and in the seventy-fifth year of his life, St. Simeon presented himself to the Lord that he, together with the angels, may satisfy himself gazing upon the face of God.

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