



## 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 31, 2015

The Great Feast of Pentecost

Tone & Eothinon: Of the Feast

*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 31)

Martyrs Hermias and Eusebios.

**Apolytikion of Pentecost – Plagal Tone 4:** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

**Kontakion of Pentecost – Plagal Tone 4:** When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

### Spiritual Counsels...

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

Proverbs 29:2

**Prokeimenon:** Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

**Verse:** The heavens declare the glory of God.

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

(Chapter 2:1-11)

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together and they were bewildered because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthian and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

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

(Chapters 7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If anyone thirst let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now He said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words many of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was? So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.”

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to everyone who brought St. Basil a “birthday gift.” May God bless your generosity.

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.

The **St. Joseph Men’s Fellowship** shall hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, after Great Vespers. All men in the parish are invited to attend.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are encouraged to attend.

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 20. 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)

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

As of May 24, 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 24, 2015, totaled \$1,282.05 for a year-to-date total of \$61,346.77.

### **The Holy Apostle Hermas**

Herms was one of the Seventy Apostles. He is mentioned in the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. "Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes and the brethren which are with them" (Romans 16:14). Hermas was a Greek by birth but lived in Rome for a long time. He was a bishop in Philippoupolis and ended his life as a martyr. He compiled a very instructive book called "The Shepherd" according to revelations from an angel of God. Hermas was a wealthy man but because of his sins and the sins of his sons, he fell into extreme poverty. Once while in prayer, a man appeared to him in white raiment with a staff in his hand and told him that he is an angel of repentance who was sent to be with him until the end of his life. The angel gave him twelve mandates:

1. Believe in God;
2. To live in simplicity and innocence; do not speak evil and give alms to all who beg;
3. Love truth and avoid falsehood;
4. Preserve chastity in your thoughts;
5. Learn patience and generosity;
6. To know that with every man, there is a good and an evil spirit;
7. To fear God and not to fear the devil;
8. To do every good and to refrain from every evil deed;
9. To pray to God from the depth of the soul with faith that our prayer will be fulfilled;
10. To guard against melancholy as the sister of doubt and anger;
11. To question true and false prophecies;
12. To guard against every evil desire.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*