



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.



Aug. 9, 2015

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost and the 10th Sunday of St. Matthew

Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 10 ~ Psalm 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.*

The Mission of St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church...

We love and worship God, proclaim the Good News of Christ through the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Christian faith, and serve those in our parish, our larger community, and God’s people everywhere through worship, prayer, fellowship, education, charity, and outreach.

The Vision of St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church...

St. Basil Church is committed to growth: growth of our members spiritually, and growth of our members in the participation of parish life. We are committed to the education in the faith of our members and non-members. We will identify and initiate strategies to increase the involvement of the teens and the 20-40 age group of the parish. We will reach out to the larger community with invitations and messages about the Orthodox Christian Faith and St. Basil Church. We will identify and implement strategies to enhance our financial stability.

Saints du Jour (Aug. 9)

Apostle Matthias; translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of America.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Transfiguration – Varys Tone: When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, 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 Transfiguration – Varys Tone: Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could bear it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy passion was voluntary and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Prokeimenon: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Epistle: The reading from Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.
(Chapter 4:9-16)

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought Him to your disciples and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you if you have faith, even as a grain of mustard seed you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.”

As they were traveling together through Galilee Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men and they will kill Him and He will rise on the third day.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 15th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Dormition of the Theotokos)

Saturday, Aug. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Beheading of St. John)

Saturday, Aug. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Sept. 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Nativity of the Theotokos)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, oil and alcohol) is observed during the **Dormition Fast**, which lasts from Aug. 1 through and including Aug. 14. Oil and alcohol are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays. Fish, oil and alcohol are allowed on the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (Aug. 6).

Today’s Ushers: Mike Zelesnik and Mihai Leustean; **Ushers for next Sunday:** Nael Wakileh and Tania Russell.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by the **Ghassan** and **Majeda Khoury** for the repose of **Yousef, Philip, Farah, Bahyeh, Issa, Maryana** and **Rameh**. May their memory be eternal.

Coffee hour is hosted today by **Ghassan** and **Majeda Khoury** for the health of the **Khoury family** (many years), and the repose of **Yousef, Philip, Farah, Bahyeh, Issa, Maryana** and **Rameh** (memory eternal).

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold its monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Parish Council** shall hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, Aug. 16, after Divine Liturgy. All council members are asked to attend.

St. Basil Church shall host a **Hafli** at Holy Trinity Cathedral (corner of St. Bernard & Robert E. Lee in NOLA) on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are selling quickly. Please see **Cesar El-Hajj** for more information. Three adult volunteers are needed to help serve beverages and two other adults are needed to assist with sales during the evening. There is no charge for the meals of these volunteers. Those members of the parish who wish to attend, but have hardship circumstances should see Fr. Peter for additional information.

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 August 2, 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 July 26, 2015, totaled \$1,261 and the collection for the week ending August 2, 2015, totaled \$4,364.25 for a year-to-date total of \$83,507.07.

The Holy Apostle Matthias

Matthias was born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah. He studied with St. Simeon the "Receiver of God" in Jerusalem. When the Lord went out to preach about the Kingdom of God Matthias then joined the others who loved the Lord, for he himself loved Him with all his heart and with delight did he hear His words and witnessed His works. In the beginning, Matthias was numbered among the Seventy Lesser Disciples of Christ but following the resurrection of the Lord, since the place of Judas was vacated, the apostles, by drawing lots, chose this Matthias in place of Judas as one of the Twelve Great Apostles. "And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus and Matthias. And they prayed and said: 'You Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show which of these two You have chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell that he might go to his own place' " (Acts 1:23-26). Receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Matthias set out to preach the Gospel, first of all in Judea and after that in Ethiopia where he endured great tortures for the sake of Christ. It is held that he preached throughout Macedonia where they wanted to blind him but he became invisible to his torturers and thus escaped danger. Being in prison, the Lord appeared to him, encouraged him and freed him. Finally, he returned again to his work in Judea. There he was accused and brought to court before the high priest Ananias before whom he fearlessly witnessed for Christ. Ananias, the same Ananias, who before that, slew the Apostle James, condemned Matthias to death. They led Matthias out, stoned him to death and, after that, decapitated him with an axe (this was the Roman manner of killing a person who was sentenced to death and the hypocritical Jews applied this method on the dead man so as to show the Romans that the slain person was an enemy of Rome). Thus, this great apostle of Christ died and took up habitation in the eternal joy of his Lord.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid