



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.



September 6, 2015

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost and the 14th Sunday of St. Matthew

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 3 ~ 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 Mission of St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church...

We love and worship God, proclaim the Good News of Jesus 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 Holy Orthodox Christian Faith and St. Basil Church. We will identify and implement strategies to enhance our financial stability.

Saints du Jour (Sept. 6)

The commemoration of the miracle of the Archangel Michael in Colossae; Martyrs Eudoxios, Andronikos and Kalodote, Archippos of Hierapolis; Martyrs Eudoxios, Zeno, Romulus and Makarios at Melitene in Armenia.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 1: Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Archangel Michael – Tone 4: O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy, beseech you that by your petitions ye encompass us with the shadow of your immaterial glory, preserving us who kneel and cry ceaselessly: Deliver us from oppressions, since ye are the princes of the ranks of dominions on high.

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 Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone 4: By thy holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of Life.

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapters 1:21-24; 2:1-4)

BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put His seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me – it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love I have for you.

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

(Chapter 22:2-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast."' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treating them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it he was angry and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went

GOSPEL CONTINUED

out into the streets and gathered all whom they found both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.”

“But when the king came in to look at the guests he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, Sept. 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Saturday, Sept. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Stephen Zelesnik and Kumie Mamo; **Ushers for next Sunday:** Mike Zelesnik and Rose Hrabar.

Coffee hour is hosted today by **Sevin** and **Tania Russell** in honor of **Wiley’s** 8th birthday. May God grant you many years.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold its monthly meeting today, Sept. 6th, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Saturday, Sept. 12th, after our workshop. All members of the Parish Council are asked to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Sept. 13th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to participate.

Our **Fall Parish Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015, in the Church Hall beginning at 9 A.M. and concluding at 4 P.M. **Richard Robbat** is our workshop leader. This particular workshop shall focus on identifying core values and writing SMART goals, which will be our parish’s initial action plan for activities and growth for the future. Please join us for this one-day event. The workshop is open to everyone. Lunch shall be provided; donations to help offset the cost of lunch are encouraged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Parents and teachers, please note that **Church School** shall begin on Sunday, Sept. 13th. Our teachers are Khouriyeh Pam Nugent, Yazmin Incaprera, Tania Russell and Chris Chedid.

The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross is Monday, Sept. 14. Please see **Fr. Peter** if you would like to donate the **red carnations** used on this occasion.

A special party for the young girls of our parish—Mary’s Angels—shall be held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, from 3-4:30 P.M. Those girls of our parish from Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join us. Drinks and treats shall be served. For more information, please see **Fr. Peter** or **Tania Russell**.

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 30, 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 August 30, 2015, totaled \$3,254.40 for a year-to-date total of \$92,394.57.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

The Commemoration of the Miracles of the Holy Archangel Michael

Near Hierapolis, in Phrygia, there was a place called Chonae (“plunging”), and in that place there was a spring of miraculous water. When Apostle John the Theologian, accompanied by Philip, preached the Gospel in Hierapolis, he looked upon that place and prophesied that a spring of miraculous water would open up there, from which many would receive healing, and that the great Archangel of God Michael would visit that place. Soon afterward, this prophecy was fulfilled: a spring of water burst forth and became widely known for its miraculous power. A pagan in Laodicea had a daughter who was mute, which caused him great sorrow. Archangel Michael appeared to him in a dream, and told him to take his daughter to the spring, where she would be cured. The father immediately obeyed, brought his daughter to the spring, and found many people there seeking deliverance from various infirmities. These people were all Christians. The man asked how he should seek healing, and the Christians told him: “You must pray to the Archangel Michael, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” The man prayed in this way, gave his daughter a drink of this water, and the girl began to speak. The pagan, his daughter and his whole household were baptized. He also built a church over the spring dedicated to the Archangel Michael.

Later, a young man named Archippus settled there and lived a life of austerity, in fasting and prayer. The pagans did many malicious things to Archippus, for they did not like the fact that this Christian holy place emanated such spiritual power and attracted so many people to it. The pagans, in their wickedness, rerouted the nearest river in order to flood the church and the spring. By the prayers of Archippus, the holy Archangel Michael opened a fissure in the rock beside the church, and the river's water plunged into it. This is how that place was saved and why it was called Chonae, or “of the plunging,” for the river's water that plunged into the open fissure. St. Archippus labored in asceticism there until the age of 70, and peacefully reposed in the Lord.

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