



## **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 27, 2015**

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

**Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 6 ~ 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. 27)***

Martyr Kallistratos; the Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon and Mark of the Seventy; New-martyr Aquilina of Thessalonica; Venerable Ignatius, abbot in Asia Minor; Venerable Savvatiios of Solovky.

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

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

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4:** From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, 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 Theotokos – Tone 2:** O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

**Prokeimenon:** Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

**Verse:** God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

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

(Chapter 6:16-18; 7:1)

BRETHREN, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

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

(Chapter 5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish and, as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he was astonished and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken, and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Ushers:** Fitsum and Emma; **Ushers for next Sunday:** Dwight Gillis & Helen Merid.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Naheel Rafeedie** for the repose of her brother-in-law, **Jaser Rafidi** (40 day). May his memory be eternal.

Coffee hour is sponsored by **Widad Rafidi** in memory of her husband, **Jaser Rafidi**. Thank you.

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

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.** Again this year the Ladies Guild has a project to raise money for cancer research. We are auctioning off two pink baskets filled with wonderful goodies. In October, we will sell tickets - \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held Sunday, November 1. You need not be present to win. The proceeds will be given to New Orleans Cancer Crusaders, a local volunteer organization that gives 100% of what they collect to help fund cancer research that is being conducted at our local universities. If you would like to give an additional donation for local cancer research, make a check payable to **St. Basil Ladies Guild**.

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 September 20, 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 Sept. 20, 2015, totaled \$2,019.02 for a year-to-date total of \$98,614.09.

### **The Holy Martyr Callistratus**

Callistratus was born in Carthage. He was a Christian from birth, for his father and grandfather were Christians. One of Callistratus' ancestors, Neochorus by name, was a soldier in Jerusalem under Pontius Pilate, at the time of the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Witnessing the many miracles at the time of Christ's death, Neochorus believed in Him, and was instructed in the Faith and baptized by an apostle. Returning home to Carthage, Neochorus brought his Christian Faith with him as a precious pearl. So it was that in time Callistratus was born, baptized and raised a Christian. While he was in the army there were no other Christians in his regiment besides him. One of his companions, seeing how St. Callistratus arose at night and prayed to God, reported him as a Christian to the commander, Persentinian. Persentinian was a cruel torturer of Christians. In order to confirm that Callistratus was indeed a Christian, the commander ordered him to offer sacrifice to the idols, which Callistratus straightway refused to do. He was then severely beaten and thrown into the sea. However, the power of God saved him, and he emerged from the sea in sound health. Seeing Callistratus's endurance and miracles, 49 other soldiers came to believe in Christ. They were beaten and thrown into prison with Callistratus. In prison Callistratus taught his companions the Faith, and strengthened them. They displayed great bravery in suffering, and the Lord manifested great power through them. Then the evil torturer sent soldiers to the prison by night, and they slew St. Callistratus and his 49 companions. They suffered for the truth in the year 304. A church was later built over their relics.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*