



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

The Very Reverend Father Peter Nugent, Pastor

3916 Hudson St. Metairie, LA 70006

www.stbasilneworleans.org * 504-888-8114 * sbno@att.net

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

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



October 4, 2015

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost and the 2nd Sunday of St. Luke

Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 7 ~ 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 (Oct. 4)

Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens; Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria; Apostle Krispos of the Seventy; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria; uncovering of the relics of Gurios, first archbishop of Kazan; Barsanouphios, bishop of Tver; Martyrs Stephen (Stiljanovich) and Elizabeth of Serbia.

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

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

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

(Chapter 9:6-11)

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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

(Chapter 6:31-36)

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much again. But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful even as your Father is merciful."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

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

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

Saturday, Oct. 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Dwight Gillis and Helen Merid; **Ushers for next Sunday:** Mike Zelesnik and Pam Nugent.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold its monthly meeting today. All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

The **St. Joseph Men's Fellowship** shall hold its monthly meeting next Saturday at 5:00 P.M. All men of the parish are invited. Oktoberfest–buns, brats, beer!! Side dishes, desserts & fixins' needed.

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

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.

A **second collection** shall be taken up during Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 11. This collection is archdiocese-wide and is designated for the support of Orthodox seminaries, which our seminarians are attending. Please be as generous as possible on this occasion. The proceeds shall be forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery. Thank you.

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

Choir practice is held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. Choir members and other members of the parish should see our choir director, **Andy Mahoney**, for more information.

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

As of September 27, 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. 27, 2015, totaled \$1,841 for a year-to-date total of \$100,455.09.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

The Hieromartyr Hierotheus

Hierotheus was a companion of St. Dionysius the Areopagite and received the Christian Faith from the Apostle Paul a short time after Dionysius did. Later, the Apostle appointed him bishop of Athens. At the time of the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos, Hierotheus arrived in Jerusalem and took part in her burial. With his divine chanting he inspired heartfelt worship in many, revealing himself as a man inspired from on high. He labored much in the work of evangelism, converted many pagans to the truth and governed well his rational flock. He finally died a martyr for Christ, Who granted him a twofold crown in His Heavenly Kingdom: the crown of a hierarch and the crown of a martyr.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid