



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.



October 18, 2015

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 9 ~ 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 Antiochian Orthodox 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 Antiochian Orthodox Church. We will identify and implement strategies to enhance our financial stability.

Saints du Jour (Oct. 18)

Apostle Luke the Evangelist; Martyr Marinos the Elder at Anazarbos; Venerable Theodore, Simeon and Euphrosyne; New-martyrs Gabriel and Kyrmidolles of Egypt; Venerable Peter of Cetinje.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke – Tone 3: O holy Apostle St. Luke, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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: Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

Epistle: The reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

(Chapter 4:5-11,14-18)

BRETHREN, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place.

Aristarchos, my fellow prisoner, greets you; and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions – if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus, who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry, which you have received in the Lord."

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

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

(Chapter 10:16-21)

The Lord said, "He who hears you hears Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him Who sent Me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name!" And Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you

GOSPEL CONTINUED

authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said, “I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou has hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was Thy gracious will.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

Saturday, Nov. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, Nov. 14th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Sevin Russell and Emma Nugent; **Ushers for next Sunday:** Stephen Zelesnik and Tania Russell.

Today’s **coffee hour** is provided by **Diana Canahuati**. Thank you.

The **Parish Council** shall hold its monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please 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 a pink basket filled with wonderful goodies. In October, we will sell tickets - \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held Sunday, Nov. 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. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the food, set up the hall, and serve food and beverages during the hafli. 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

A **second collection** shall be taken up during Divine Liturgy this morning. This collection is archdiocese-wide and is designated for the support of Teen SOYO’s work with the Special Olympics. Checks should be made payable to St. Basil; “SOAD” should be written on the memo line. 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.

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

As of October 11, 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 Oct. 11, 2015, totaled \$1,797.25 for a year-to-date total of \$106,001.72. Last week’s second collection, for the Orthodox seminaries, totaled \$421.00. On behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, thank you for your generosity and may God bless you.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Luke was born in Antioch. In his youth, he excelled in his studies of Greek philosophy, medicine and art. During the ministry of the Lord Jesus on earth, Luke came to Jerusalem, where he saw the Savior face to face, heard His saving teaching and was witness to His miraculous works. Coming to belief in the Lord, St. Luke was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, and was sent out to preach. With Cleopas, he saw the resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Luke returned to Antioch and there became a fellow worker of the Apostle Paul and traveled to Rome with him, converting Jews and pagans to the Christian Faith. *Luke, the beloved physician, ... greets you*, writes the Apostle Paul to the Colossians. (Colossians 4:14). At the request of Christians, he wrote his Gospel in about the year 60. Following the martyrdom of the great Apostle Paul, St. Luke preached the Gospel throughout Italy, Dalmatia, Macedonia and other regions. He painted icons of the Most-holy Theotokos-not just one, but three-and icons of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Hence, St. Luke is considered to be the founder of Christian iconography. In old age, he visited Libya and Upper Egypt. From Egypt he returned to Greece, where he continued to preach and convert many with great zeal despite his old age. In addition to his Gospel, St. Luke wrote the Acts and dedicated both works to Theophilus, the governor of Achaia. Luke was 84 years old when the wicked idolaters tortured him for the sake of Christ and hanged him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes, in Boethia. The miracle-working relics of this wonderful saint were transported to Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Constantius, the son of Constantine.

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