



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.



January 10, 2016

The Sunday after Theophany

Varys Tone ~ 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 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 (January 10)

Gregory, bishop of Nyssa; Marcian the priest of Constantinople; Dometian, bishop of Melitene; Venerable Paul of Obnora and Makarios of Pisma; Bishop Theophan the Recluse.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Varys Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of Theophany – Tone 1: By Thy baptism, O Lord, in the River Jordan, worship to the Trinity hath made its appearance; for the voice of the Lord did come forth to Thee with the testimony, naming Thee beloved Son, and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove, confirming the truth of the word. Wherefore, O Thou, Who didst appear and lighted the world, 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 Theophany – Tone 4: Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord; and Thy light hath been signed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying: Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

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

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just.

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

(Chapter 4:7-13)

BRETHREN, unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore, He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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

(Chapter 4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet, Isaiah, might be fulfilled, "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, Feb. 1st – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Presentation of our Lord)
Saturday, Feb. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Sevin Russell & Helen Merid; **Next Sunday:** Fitsum Ejigu & Tania Russell.

The **holy bread** is offered to day by **Naheel Rafeedie** for the health of **Nadeem, Helen, Victor, Manal, Michael, Martha, Abby, Michael Jr., Matthew, Steven & Naheel** (many years), & for the repose of **Basem, Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zahiya, Essa, Richard & Ellen** (memory eternal).

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Naheel Rafeedie** for the repose of **Basem** (5 yr.), **Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zahiya, Essa, Richard & Ellen** (memory eternal).

Coffee hour is provided by **Naheel Rafeedie** in memory of her husband, **Basem** (5yr.); may his memory be eternal.

Please note: 2016 calendars and offering envelopes are available today in the Church Hall. Please be sure to get them during coffee hour. Thank you.

Our Annual Pledge Drive is currently underway for the calendar year 2016. All adult members of the parish are encouraged to complete and return a pledge form to the church office. Pledge forms may be found in the narthex of the church building. All pledges are held in strict confidence. Only the total number of pledges and the total pledge amount is made available to the public. Your financial support of our church community is your support of yourself and your contribution to help insure you and your family has a place to worship. Thank you and God bless you.

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

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Jan. 17, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for January 31, 2016, after Divine Liturgy and shall convene in the Church Hall. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Only those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish, may vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Our annual **Superbowl Party** and **Chili Cook-off** is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 7th. Festivities, God willing, shall begin 30 minutes before kick-off. Party animals, and purveyors and taste-testers of fine chili and other tasty foods, are welcome and encouraged to join us!

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.

If you have moved recently and your mailing/street address has changed, please see Larry Jones to update your listing in our **church directory**. 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 large refrigerator 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 January 3, 2016, 10 pledges were received totaling \$24,880. Approximately \$2,660/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for January 3, 2016, totaled \$2,308.75 for a year-to-date total of \$2,308.75.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

If You Would Like Your Home Blessed, Please Provide the Following Information And Return It To The Church Office:		
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____		State: _____
Home Phone: _____		Cell Phone: _____
When Would You like Your Home Blessed?		Weekday or Weekend (Circle one)
Morning (Circle one)	Afternoon	Evening
After Theophany (Jan. 6) (Circle one)		After Pascha (May 1)

Saint Gregory, Bishop Of Nyssa

Gregory was the brother of Basil the Great. At first, he was only a presbyter since he was married; but when his wife Blessed Theosevia died, Gregory was chosen and consecrated as bishop of Nyssa. He was distinguished by his great secular learning and spiritual experience. He participated at the Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople, 381 A.D). It is thought that he composed the second half of the Symbol of Faith [The Creed]. He was a great orator, an exegete of Holy Scripture and a theologian. Because of their defeat, the Arians especially attacked him as their worst enemy, so that, during the reign of Emperor Valens, their ally of the same mind, succeeded in ousting Gregory from the episcopal throne and banished him into exile. This Holy Father spent eight years in exile, patiently enduring all miseries and all humiliations. He finally died in old age toward the end of the fourth century and was translated into the Kingdom of God remaining on earth throughout the ages as a great beacon of the Church.

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