



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 17, 2016

St. Anthony the Great & the 12th Sunday of St. Luke

Tone 8 ~ Eothinon 11 ~ 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 17)

Venerable Anthony the Great; Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia; New-martyr George of Ioannina.

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. Anthony the Great – Tone 4: Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways, becoming a dweller in the wilderness and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer, O Father Anthony. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

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 Presentation of the Lord – Tone 1: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me.

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

(Chapter 13:17-21)

BRETHREN, obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorable in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

(Chapter 17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When Jesus saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Feb. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Fitsum Ejigu & Tania Russell; **Next Sunday:** Dwight Gillis & Kume Mamo.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Michael & Nancy McSween** for the repose of **Matthew James** (1 yr.). May his memory be eternal.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Natalia Sidorovskaia** for the repose of **Svetlana, Nina, Ivan, Sergei, Ulyana, Nikolai, Anna, Lyudmila, Lilia, Lubov, Stepan, Elias George, Angeline & Jean**. May their memory be eternal.

Coffee hour is provided by the **Ioup** family. Thank you.

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 **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, 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.

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!

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.

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.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.campstthekla.org. Campers are accepted on a first come, first served basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible. Please see Fr. Peter for camper scholarship information. For more details, please contact Fr. Philip Rogers, Camp Director, at CampStThekla@gmail.com

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

As of January 10, 2016, 13 pledges were received totaling \$36,930. Approximately \$2,660/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for January 10, 2016, totaled \$4,062.00 for a year-to-date total of \$6,370.75.

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 Afternoon Evening
(Circle one)

After Theophany (Jan. 6) After Pascha (May 1)
(Circle one)

Venerable Anthony The Great

Anthony was an Egyptian and was born about the year 250 A.D. in the village of Koman near Herculea. Following the demise of his noble and wealthy parents, he divided the inherited estate with his sister, who was a minor, and provided for her with some relatives. Anthony distributed his half of the estate to the poor and, he, in his twentieth year, dedicated himself to the ascetical life for which he yearned from his childhood. In the beginning Anthony lived a life of asceticism in the proximity of his village but, in order to flee the disturbances of people, he withdrew into the wilderness on the shore of the Red Sea, where he spent 20 years as a recluse not associating with anyone except with God through constant prayer, reflection and contemplation, patiently enduring unspeakable temptations from the devil. His fame spread throughout the entire world and many disciples gathered around him whom he placed on the path of salvation by his example and words. During the 85 years of his ascetical life, only twice did he go to Alexandria. The first time to seek martyrdom during the time of the persecution of the Church and, the second time at the invitation of St. Athanasius, in order to refute the accusation of the Arians: supposedly that he, too, was an adherent of the Arian heresy. Anthony died in the 105th year of his life, leaving behind an entire army of his disciples and imitators. Even though Anthony was not a scholar, nevertheless, he was a counselor and teacher of the most learned men of that time, as was St. Athanasius the Great. When certain Greek philosophers tempted him with literary wisdom, Anthony shamed them with the question: "Which is older, the understanding or the book? Which of these two was the cause of the other?" Ashamed, the philosophers dispersed for they perceived that they only had literary knowledge without understanding and Anthony had understanding. Here is a man who attained perfection in as far as man, in general, can attain on earth. Here is an instructor to instructors and a teacher to teachers, who, for a full 85 years perfected himself and only in that way was he able to perfect many others. Filled with many years of life and great works, Anthony died in the Lord in the year 335 A.D.

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