



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.



February 14, 2016

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost & the 17th Sunday of St. Matthew

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 4 ~ 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 (February 14)

Venerable Auxentios the priest of Bithynia; Venerable Abraham, Maron of Syria and Damian; New-martyrs Nicholas of Corinth and George the tailor of Mitylene; repose of Venerable Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and enlightener of the Slavs, Venerable Isaac the Recluse of the Kiev Caves.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

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. Matthew
(Chapter 15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, March 5th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Saturday of Souls)
Saturday, March 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, March 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik & Helen Merid; **Next Sunday:** Terr Mehari & Tania Russell.

Congratulations to our new **Parish Council members: Dwight Gillis, Donna Goodman, Yazmin Incaprera, Helen Merid and Tania Russell.** Our **Parish Council officers** are: **Rob Booms, Chairman; Dwight Gillis, Vice Chairman; Mona DiGiovanni, Secretary; and Tania Russell, Treasurer.**

Memorial prayers are offered today by **Kume Mamo** for the repose of her father, **Fetene**. May his memory be eternal.

Coffee hour is hosted today by **Kume Mamo** in memory of her father, **Fetene**. Thank you.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Feb. 14th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Feb. 21st, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

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.

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 **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Our **Spring Parish Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016. If you have an interest in a particular activity or event, your interests, time, talent and expertise are welcomed and desired. More details are forthcoming.

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 February 7, 2016, 35 pledges were received totaling \$77,720. Approximately \$2,811/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for February 7, 2016, totaled \$1,782.25 for a year-to-date total of \$17,685.96.

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)

The Venerable Auxentius

Auxentius was a very prominent aristocrat among the noblemen and courtiers at the court of Emperor Theodosius the Younger in Constantinople. Enflamed with love for Christ, Auxentius was tonsured a monk and remained for a short time in Constantinople. When men began to praise him, he fled from their praise and settled on a mountain called Skopa near Chalcedon, which later was referred to as Auxentius' Mountain. His desire to remain there permanently, hidden from men, was not realized for some shepherds discovered him and made his whereabouts known. They began to bring the sick to him for healing. He healed many. He restored sight to the blind; cleansed lepers anointing them with oil; he also raised the palsied and freed many who were demon possessed. All of this was reason for amazement, but his humbleness was cause for even greater amazement. Whenever he was implored to heal someone he defended himself with the words: "I, also, am a sinful man!" Compelled by many requests, he approached healing in the following manner: he either invited all present to pray to God together with him for the sick person; or he first strengthened the faith in the people and then he told them that God will give to them according to their faith; or he prayed over the head of the sick person: "The Lord Jesus Christ heals you!" He did this so that the act of working miracles would not be attributed to him but rather to God Almighty. He participated at the Fourth Ecumenical Council [Chalcedon, 451 A.D.] and strongly defended Orthodoxy against the Eutychian and Nestorian heresies. In the year 470 A.D., the Lord took his youthful soul in his old age and his aged body remained in the earth from which it was created.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid