



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.



February 21, 2016

The Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 5 ~ 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 21)

Venerable Timothy of Symbola; Eustathios, archbishop of Antioch; Zachariah, patriarch of Jerusalem; George, bishop of Amastris.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 1: Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Tone 4: Let us flee from the boasting of the pharisee and learn the heights of humility from the publican's words. Let us cry out in repentance: O Savior of the world, be gracious to thy servants.

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 St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

(Chapter 3:10-15)

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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

(Chapter 18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Wednesday, March 16th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 18th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, March 18th – Akathist Hymn (1st Stasis), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Terr Mehari & Tania Russell; **Next Sunday:** Fitsum Ejigu and Rose Hrabar.

The **altar candle** is sponsored by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** in memory of **Elia El-Hajj**, **Cesar’s** father. May his memory be eternal.

Memorial prayers are offered today by **Nakhoul family** for the repose of **Michel** and **Marie Abdunour**, **Solange’s** parents. May their memory be eternal.

Coffee hour is hosted today by the **Nakhoul family** in memory of **Michel** and **Marie Abdunour**, **Solange’s** parents. Thank you.

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

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.

Baby Kits to be collected for needy in areas of crisis. The IOCC distributes these emergency kits to people in areas of crisis and in emergency living conditions throughout the world. The IOCC is supported by the **Orthodox Bishops of the USA**. Thanks to the Antiochian Women in our country, the IOCC has sent thousands of kits to the Middle East, including Syria and host country refugee camps. As you can imagine this is an ongoing need. See items listed below. **The Ladies Guild will have a box in the Church Hall to collect the following Baby Kit items during March and April** (PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CLOSELY as these must go through Customs for inspection). **All items must be new and under 12 months in size:** cloth diapers, washcloths, gowns/sleepers, diaper pins, sweater or sweatshirt (can be crocheted or knit), receiving blanket (can be crocheted or knit).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Ladies Guild Refrigerator Fund: We have collected about two-thirds of the money needed to buy the needed professional refrigerator for our kitchen. We still need to raise about \$1000. It would be good to have it purchased before the summer heat arrives. Now we will make a special collection at coffee hour once a month, on the last Sunday of the month. Please help with whatever you can give when we announce these collections.

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

As of February 14, 2016, 37 pledges were received totaling \$79,200. Approximately \$2,811/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for February 14, 2016, totaled \$2,216.00 for a year-to-date total of \$19,901.96.

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 Zacharias Patriarch of Jerusalem

During the reign of the Greek Emperor Heraclius, the Persian Emperor Chozroes attacked Jerusalem in the year 614 A.D. Chozroes pillaged the city, removed the Honorable Cross [of Christ] to Persia and took an enormous number of Christians into bondage, among them was Patriarch Zacharias. The Jews assisted Chozroes in committing evil against the Christians. Among the other Jewish wickedness, this one is mentioned: the Jews purchased from Chozroes 90,000 Christians as their slaves and slew them all. The aged patriarch Zacharias remained in bondage for 14 years. Many miracles occurred in Persia as a result of the Honorable Cross, so even the Persians said: "The Christian God came to Persia." Later on, Heraclius forced the Persian emperor to return the Honorable Cross to Jerusalem along with the patriarch and the remaining captives. Emperor Heraclius himself bore the Cross on his shoulders into the Holy City. St. Zacharias spent his remaining days in peace and took up habitation with the Lord in the year 631 A.D. He was succeeded on the throne by Patriarch Modestus and followed by St. Sophronius (March 11).

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