



## **St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church**

**The Very Reverend Father Peter Nugent, Pastor**

**3916 Hudson St. Metairie, LA 70006**

**[www.stbasilneworleans.org](http://www.stbasilneworleans.org) \* 504-888-8114 \* [sbno@att.net](mailto:sbno@att.net)**

**Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.**

**Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.**



**March 6, 2016**

**The Sunday of the Last Judgment**

**Varys Tone ~ Eothinon 7 ~ 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 (March 6)***

The 42 martyrs of Amorion in Phrygia; discovery of the precious Cross and nails by St. Helena; Venerable Fridolin, enlightener of the Upper Rhine.

**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 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 Meat Fare – Tone 1:** When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things made public; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

**Prokeimenon:** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**Verse:** The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.  
(Chapters 8:8-13; 9:1-2)

BRETHREN, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(Chapter 25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome thee or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at His left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to Thee?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Compline, 6:00 P.M.  
Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Forgiveness Vespers, 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn (1<sup>st</sup> Stasis), 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Annunciation)  
Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn (2<sup>nd</sup> Stasis), 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Akathist Hymn (3<sup>rd</sup> Stasis), 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn (4<sup>th</sup> Stasis), 6:30 P.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Usherettes:** Khouriyeh Pam Nugent and Mona DiGiovanni. **Next Sunday:** Tania Russell and Sandy Yazigi.

**Today’s Epistle Reader:** Paulina Kocic. **Next Sunday:** Bronwen Fitzpatrick.

**Coffee hour** is hosted today by **Team One**. Thank you.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

Members of the national **Orthodox Christian Fellowship** shall visit our parish this Wednesday, March 9. Members of the parish are invited to attend Compline and host our guests afterwards. Volunteers are needed to help provide & serve refreshments. Please see Father Peter for more details.

The **St. Joseph Men’s Fellowship** shall hold their monthly meeting next Saturday, March 12, at Great Vespers. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, March 13, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to 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.

The parish needs someone to order and care for the flowers displayed at Pascha. If you are interested in helping beautify our church on this occasion, please see Fr. Peter.

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

Our annual **Wine** and **Cheese Social** shall be held on Cheesefare Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 24).

Please join us for **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers** at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral (1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd., NOLA) on Sunday, March 20, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to bring an icon from home. Refreshments will be available after vespers.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Lenten potluck meals** may be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings during Great Lent.

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.

**St. Andrew Antiochian Orthodox Church** is the host parish for the **Parish Life Conference** for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast. The conference is scheduled for June 15-18, 2016, in Pensacola, Florida, at the Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the conference; it's easy driving distance from us! To register for the conference, please go to <https://www.antiochianevents.org/129>. To register with the hotel, please go to <http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/pensacola/pnsgh/hoteldetail>. The three letter, group block code is "PLC." Please enter your own specific arrival and departure dates between June 12-19, 2016. The cutoff date for the link is May 24, 2016. For telephone reservations at the hotel, contact 850-433-3336, Ext. 5527 & 5528. The hotel room rate is \$121/night. For additional information, please see Fr. Peter or contact St. Andrew Church at 850-469-9711.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.campstthekla.org](http://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](mailto:CampStThekla@gmail.com)

The **Orthodox Young Professionals Conference** will be held in New Orleans on August 18-21, 2016. "The Orthodox Young Professionals Conference is a 4 day, 3 night conference hosted by the Young Adult Ministry of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. Young Orthodox Christians from across the country and all jurisdictions are invited to join together in fellowship and fun. The conference committee has been working since 2015 to plan an amazing opportunity for spiritual growth, future friendships, lasting memories and more." Young adults who are in their mid-twenties through thirties are invited to participate. For more information, please visit <http://www.oypc2016.com> or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

**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).

### **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 28, 2016, 38 pledges were received totaling \$79,950. Approximately \$2,811/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for February 28, 2016, totaled \$4,037.36 for a year-to-date total of \$26,342.32.

#### ***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)

### **The Holy Forty-Two Martyrs From Ammoria**

They were all commanders of the Byzantine Emperor Theophilus. When the Emperor Theophilus lost the battle against the Saracens at the city of Ammoria, the Saracens captured the city, enslaved many Christians and among them these commanders. The remaining Christians were either killed or sold into slavery. The commanders were thrown into prison where they remained for seven years. Many times the Muslim leaders came to them. They counseled and advised the commanders to embrace the Islamic Faith, but the commanders did not want to hear about it. When the Saracens spoke to the commanders, saying, "Mohammed is the true prophet and not Christ," the commanders asked them, "If there were two men debating about a field and the one said, ‘This field is mine,’ and the other, ‘It is not, it is mine,’ and near by, one of them had many witnesses saying it is his field and the other had no witnesses, but only himself, what would you say, ‘Whose field is it?’" The Saracens answered, "Indeed, to him who had many witnesses!" "You have judged correctly," the commanders answered. That is the way with Christ and Mohammed. Christ has many witnesses: the Prophets of old, from Moses to John the Forerunner, whom you also recognize and who witness to and about Him [Christ], but Mohammed witnesses only to himself that he is a prophet and does not have even one witness. The Saracens were ashamed and again they tried to defend their faith in this manner: "Our faith is better than the Christian Faith as proved by this: God gave us the victory over you and gave us the best land in the world and a kingdom much greater than Christianity." To that the commanders replied, "If it were so, then the idolatry of the Egyptians, Babylonians, Hellenes, Romans, and the fire-worship of the Persians would be the true faith for, at one time, all of these people conquered the others and ruled over them. It is evident that your victory, power and wealth do not prove the truth of your faith. We know that God, at times, gives victory to Christians and, at other times, allows torture and suffering so as to correct them and to bring them to repentance and purification of their sins." After seven years, they were beheaded in the year 845 A.D. Their bodies were then thrown into the Euphrates River, but they floated to the other side of the shore where they were gathered and honorably buried by Christians.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*