



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.



May 8, 2016

New Sunday, also known as the Sunday of St. Thomas

Tone: Of the Feast ~ Eothinon: Of the Feast ~ 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.

*As we move into the summer months, the weather is always very warm. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, “spaghetti” strap garments, sleeveless or “tanktop” type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

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 (May 8)

Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian; Venerable Arsenios the Great.

Apolytikion of Thomas Sunday – Varys or Grave Tone: While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

Apolytikion of St. John the Theologian – Tone 2: O Apostle, speaker of divinity, the beloved of Christ God, hasten and deliver thy people powerless in argument; for He on Whose bosom thou didst lean accepteth thee as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the cloud of the stubborn nations, asking for us safety and the Great Mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha – Plagal Tone 4: When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon: Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

Epistle: The reading is from St. John’s First Universal Letter.

(Chapter 1:1-7)

THAT WHICH WAS from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

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

(Chapter 20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and place my finger in the mark of the nails and place my hand in His side, I will not believe.” Eight days later His disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with

GOSPEL CONTINUED

them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see My hands and put out your hand and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing you may have life in His Name.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 4th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, June 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Pam Nugent and Kumie Mamo. **Next Sunday:** Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean.

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

The **St. Joseph Men’s Fellowship** shall hold their monthly meeting next Saturday at 5:00 P.M. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

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

A **book and icon sale** is being held today. Items of interest may be purchased in the Church Hall.

Please remember to return your **coin boxes**. The boxes may be placed in the basket before the icon of the Theotokos in the narthex. May God bless your generosity.

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 book study of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" is going to continue after Lent. We're taking a break until after Pascha. We've only done the first three steps and are really enjoying the discussions and fellowship. There's plenty of time to catch up and join the group. You may order the book from Larry in the St Basil bookstore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Ladies Guild Refrigerator Fund: We have collected about two-thirds of the money needed to buy the professional refrigerator for our kitchen. We still need to raise about \$1000. 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 miracle-working **Kursk-Root icon** of the Theotokos will be in Southeast Louisiana on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at St. John the Theologian Orthodox Mission at 4603 Old Hwy 61 in St. Francisville, Louisiana. An Akathist service shall begin at 7 P.M. Those parishioners interested in traveling together to venerate this icon may sign their name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** is having a **canned food drive** during the months of April and May. Please bring your donations of nonperishable food items and place them on the corner table in the large classroom. The donations will be forwarded to **Second Harvest Food Bank**. Thank you.

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.

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.

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

As of May 1, 2016, 46 pledges were received totaling \$99,650. Approximately \$2,811/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for May 1, 2016, totaled \$3,279.10 for a year-to-date total of \$46,733.17.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John

The feast day of this great apostle and evangelist is celebrated on September 26. This day (May 8) commemorates the miracle, which appeared at his grave. When John was over one 100 years old, he took seven of his disciples, went outside the town of Ephesus and ordered them to dig a grave in the form of a cross. After that, the elder went down into this grave and was buried. Later on, when the faithful opened John's grave, they did not find his body. On May 8 of every year, dust is raised from his grave from which the sick are healed of various diseases.

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