



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 15, 2016

The Third Sunday of Pascha, The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

Tone 2 ~ 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.

*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)

The Holy Myrrh-bearing Women, Pious Joseph of Arimathea, Righteous Nicodemus, Achilles, bishop of Larisa; Venerable Pachomios the Great; Martyr Barbaros the myrrh-streaming of Corfu; Isiah, bishop of Rostov; Andrew the hermit; Titos, bishop of Crete; Demetrios, prince of Moscow.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Joseph – Tone 2: The pious Joseph, having brought down thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise, after three days, O Lord, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of the Myrrh-bearers – Tone 2: Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting 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 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.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Chapter 6:1-7)

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(Chapters 15:43-47; 16:1-8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side dressed in a white robe and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go tell his disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb for trembling and astonishment had come upon them and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

Thursday, June 9th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)

Saturday, June 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Rose Hrabar & Mihai Leustean. **Next Sunday:** Fitsum Ejigu & Stephen Zelesnik.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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.

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.

As of May 8, 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 8, 2016, totaled \$3,528.50 for a year-to-date total of \$50,261.67.

The Venerable Pachomius the Great

Pachomius was born in Egypt and, in his youth, was a pagan. As a soldier, he fought in battle with Emperor Constantine against Maxentius. Following that, he learned of the One God from Christians and witnessing their devout life, Pachomius became baptized and withdrew to the Tabennisi wilderness, to the famous ascetic Palamon with whom he studied the ascetical life for 10 years. Then, an angel appeared to him in the habit of a Schema [The Great Angelic Habit of a Monk] over the place called Tabennisiot and gave him a board upon which was written the Monastic Rule [Constitution] for the Cenobitic Life, ordering him to establish such a monastery in that place, prophesying to him that in this monastery many monks will come for the sake of salvation of souls. Heeding the angel of God, Pachomius began to build many cells even though at that place there was not anyone except his brother John and himself. When his brother reproached him for building unnecessary cells, Pachomius simply said to him that he is following the command of God without regard as to who will come to live there and when. But soon, many men gathered at that place moved by the Spirit of God, and began to live a life of asceticism according to the Rule of Pachomius, which he received from the angel. When the number of monks increased, Pachomius gradually established six more monasteries. The number of his disciples amounted to about seven thousand. St. Anthony is considered to be the founder of the hermitical life but St. Pachomius as founder of the monastic cenobitic way of life. The humility, love of labor and abstinence of this holy father was and remains a rare example for the imitation of the vast number of monks. St. Pachomius worked numerous miracles but endured numerous temptations from demons as well as men. He served men as a father or a brother. He inspired many to follow the path to salvation and directed many on the path to truth. He was and remains a great light of the Church and a great witness to the truth and justice of Christ. He died peacefully in the year 348 A.D. in the 74th year of his earthly life. The Church has included many of his disciples in the ranks of the saints, such as: Theodore, Job, Paphnutius, Pecusius, Athenodorus, Eponymus, Sorus, Psoi, Dionysius, Psentaesis and others.

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