



## 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.



July 3, 2016

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew

Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 2 ~ 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 (July 3)

Martyrs Hyacinth the Chamberlain and Theodota of Caesarea in Cappadocia; Anatolios, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable-martyr Gerasimos the New of Carpenision; Venerable Joachim; translation of the relics of Philip the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Moscow; Venerable Nikodemos of Kozhe Lake.

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1:** While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

**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:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

**Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

(Chapter 2:10-16)

BRETHREN, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

(Chapter 4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, in the boat with Zebedee, their father, mending their nets and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee teaching in their

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>– Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today's Ushers:** Dwight Gillis and Helen Merid. **Next Sunday:** Kumie Mamo and Pam Nugent.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 2. Thank 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.

After Liturgy on Sunday, July 10, we shall hold our **Semi-Annual General Parish Meeting** in the church temple. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend. Those voting members of the parish who are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish may vote.

Come cool off this summer and have a good time and some fellowship at our youth swim party Saturday, August 6 from 4 pm to 7:00 pm. This is for children, grandchildren, friends, and for folks who never quite grew up and young at heart. Adults of younger children are welcome to. The swim party will be at the Elks Club on 2215 Cleary Ave. in Metairie. It is about 1.5 miles from the church. The Elks pool is a junior Olympic pool that goes from 3 foot of water to 9 feet. It also has a changing area, showers, tables and chairs, and covered area for those not swimming. One lifeguard will be on duty as well. Please contact **Pam Nugent** if you are coming because we may have to add another life guard if we are having a lot folks. We are also planning on grilling and have drinks. This will be a very fun event! Looking forward to seeing everyone.

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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Book study** of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" will restart the Sunday after Pentecost, June 26. We will meet from 11:20 to 12 noon each Sunday except for the third Sunday of the month. It's OK to bring your snacks and drink if you have not finished them. If you don't have the book, you can order it from **Larry Jones**. In the meantime, ask **Rob Booms** (rtbooms@earthlink.net) for a copy of the next chapter on "Repentance."

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

As of June 26, 2016, 46 pledges were received totaling \$99,650. Our operating budget for this year is \$146,125.00. Approximately \$2,810/week is needed to meet this obligation. The collection for June 26, 2016, totaled \$2,761.17 for a year-to-date total of \$70,495.42, a weekly average of \$2,711.36. As of June 24, 2016, our expenses are \$83,955.14, a weekly average of \$3,229.04.

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

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

### **The Holy Martyr Hyacinthus**

Hyacinthus was a young man and a courtier at the court of Emperor Trajan. Secretly, he was a Christian. At one time when Emperor Trajan and his entire court solemnly offered sacrifices to the idols, Hyacinthus refrained from this abominable solemnity. For that he was accused and brought before the emperor to be judged. The emperor counseled him to deny Christ and to offer sacrifices to the idols. Hyacinthus remained as firm as a diamond and said to the emperor: “I am a Christian and I honor Christ. Him I worship and to Him alone do I offer myself as a living sacrifice.” Beaten, spat upon and scraped, this holy martyr was thrown into prison. By order of the emperor, he was given nothing to eat except the sacrifices offered before the idols. Hyacinthus refused to partake of them and after eight days died in prison. The prison guards saw two radiant angels in the prison: one angel covering the body of the martyred Hyacinthus with his radiant vesture and the other angel placing a glorious wreath on his head. The entire prison was illuminated and aromatic. The youthful Hyacinthus honorably suffered and was crowned with eternal glory in the year 108 A.D.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*