



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 31, 2016

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost and the 6th Sunday of Matthew

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 6 ~ 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 31)

Righteous Eudokimos of Cappadocia; Righteous Joseph of Arimathea; Germanos, bishop of Auxerre

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. Eudokimos the Righteous – Plagal Tone 4: The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears, and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Eudokimos, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 Transfiguration – Varys Tone: Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could bear it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy passion was voluntary and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

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

(Chapter 12:6-14)

BRETHREN, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never lag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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

(Chapter 9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart My son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins," He then said to the paralytic, "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Transfiguration of our Lord)
Saturday, Aug. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, Aug. 15th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Dormition of the Theotokos)
Saturday, Aug. 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, Aug. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Beheading of St. John)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Dwight Gillis & Ter Mehari.

Fr. Peter needs to meet briefly with the choir members after Divine Liturgy. All choir members please remain in the church. Thank you.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 6. Thank you.

The blessing of the grapes shall be held at the end of Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Please inform Fr. Peter if you are interested in bringing grapes (or other fruits).

Our parish youth shall receive a blessing to begin the new school year after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Aug. 14th.

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.

After Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Aug. 28th, our parish youth shall receive their Creative Arts entries from our Parish Life Conference.

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

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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.

On Sunday, Aug. 21st, attendees of the Orthodox Young Professionals Conference shall join us for Orthros and Liturgy. Please welcome our guests.

Parents and Church School teachers, please note that **Church School** shall begin on Sunday, Sept. 11th, God willing.

As approved by the Parish Council, we shall hold the **St. Basil International Food Fest** on Friday, Nov. 4, thru Sunday, Nov. 6. **Cesar El-Hajj** is the festival chairman. Foods representing our diverse ethnic groups shall be prepared and sold at various booths. Activities for kids will be available as well as music and dancing for all ages. This is a parish wide event and everyone’s assistance is requested.

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."

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.

As of July 3, 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 July 10, 2016, totaled \$1,236.19 for a year-to-date total of \$73,823.11, a weekly average of \$2,636.54. As of July 7, 2016, our expenses are \$84,347.73, a weekly average of \$3,123.99.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Saint Eudocimus

Eudocimus was born in Cappadocia of devout parents, Basil and Eudocia. At the time of the Emperor Theophilus (829-842 A.D.), Eudocimus was a young officer in the army. Even as an officer, he exerted all effort to live according to the commandments of the Holy Gospel. Preserving his purity undefiled, he avoided conversing with any woman, except his mother; he was merciful toward the misfortunate and needy, conscientious in reading holy books and more conscientious in his prayers to God. He avoided vain gatherings and verbosity. “Among the throngs and worldly vanity, he was a lily among thorns and as gold in the fire.” Because of his unusual good works, the emperor appointed him as the commander of Cappadocia. In this high position, Eudocimus strived to be just before God and before men. According to the Providence of God he died at an early age, in his thirty-third year. His relics were found to possess healing properties. An insane man touched his grave and immediately became whole; a child also touched his grave and was made whole. After 18 months, his mother opened his coffin and found his body as though it were still alive, without any signs of decay or corruption. A wonderful aroma emitted from the body of the saint. His relics were later translated to Constantinople and buried in the new church of the Holy Theotokos, which the parents of this righteous Eudocimus built.

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