



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.



August 7, 2016

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost, the 7th Sunday of Matthew

And the After-feast of the Transfiguration

Plagal Tone 2 ~ 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.

*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 (Aug. 7)

Martyrs Dometios of Persia and Sozon of Nicomedia
Venerable Theododios the New of the Peloponnesos,
and David; Venerable Dometios of Philotheou monas
Metrophanes, first bishop of Voronezh.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: W
sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown above Thy reve
guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive
the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, V
Thee.

Apolytikion of the Transfiguration – Varys or Gravi
transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy
could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlight
Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all
voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining th
conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood
salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration – Varys Tone: Th
God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as the
Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy passi
world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Y

Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried O my G

Epistle: The reading is from St. I
(Chapter 1.

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear v
ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his
Himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of
whatever was written in the former days was written
the encouragement of the scriptures we might ha
encouragement grant you to live in such harmony wi
together you may with one voice glorify the God and
another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for th

Gospel: The reading from the Holy C
(Chapter 9:

At that time, when Jesus was passing by, two blin
"Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He ente
Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to

GOSPEL CONTINUED

Jesus touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Jesus. And when the demon had been cast out the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity of the people.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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)

Saturday, Sept. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik & Mihai Leustean. **Next Week:** Emma Nugent & Someone Else.

The **altar candle** is offered today by **Ghassan** and **Majeda Khoury** for the health of **Ghassan & family** and **Phillip & family** (many years); and in memory of **Yousef, Phillip, Bahiyah, Issa, and Rhamh** (memory eternal).

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Aug. 14, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 1. Thank you.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our parish youth shall receive a blessing to begin Sunday, Aug. 14th.

After Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Aug. 28th, our parish from our Parish Life Conference.

The **Orthodox Young Professionals Conference** is for 2016. "The Orthodox Young Professionals Conference" is a Young Adult Ministry of the Antiochian Orthodox Christians from across the country and all jurisdictions. The conference committee has been working for spiritual growth, future friendships, lasting memories. Twenties through thirties are invited to participate. <http://www.oypc2016.com> or follow them on Facebook.

On Sunday, Aug. 21st, attendees of the Orthodox Young Professionals Conference will attend Orthros and Liturgy. Please welcome our guests.

Parents and Church School teachers, please note the 11th, God willing.

Can you imagine going to school without a pencil or a sharpener? Where IOCC works, there are children who do not have school supplies. The Ladies Guild will be collecting school items for IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) and CWS (Church World Service) all over the world. During August and September at the following items can be dropped off. The Ladies Guild will cover the costs and the purchase of the special backpacks. The following items are needed:

- Blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
 - 70-count spiral or tape-bound notebooks of 8" x 10" (Please **do not** provide loose-leaf or filler paper)
 - 30-centimeter ruler (12")
 - Hand-held pencil sharpeners
 - New pencils with erasers
 - Large erasers, 2-1/2"
- Boxes of 24 crayons (only 24)

Book study of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" will restart to meet from 11:20 to 12 noon each Sunday except for the first Sunday. Please bring your snacks and drink if you have not finished them. The book is by **Larry Jones**. In the meantime, ask **Rob Booms** for the chapter on "Repentance."

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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 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.

The **West Virginia collection** totaled \$502.00; the proceeds are being forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

As of Aug. 5, 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 17, 2016, totaled \$1,134.00; the collection for July 24, 2016, totaled \$3,031.75; the collection for July 31, 2016, totaled \$1,824.00 for a year-to-date total of \$79,812.86, a weekly average of \$2,574.61. As of July 31, 2016, our expenses are \$93,212.26, a weekly average of \$3,006.85.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

The Venerable Martyr Dometius

Dometius was born in Persia as a pagan during the reign of Emperor Constantine. He became acquainted with the Faith of Christ as a young man, abandoned paganism and was baptized. So much did Dometius love the True Faith that he left everything worldly and was tonsured a monk in a monastery near the town of Nisibis. He lived for some time among the brethren and then withdrew to a life of silence to be with an a certain elder Archmandrite Urbel, about whom it is said that he did not eat anything cooked for 60 years. The elder Urbel ordained Dometius a deacon and when he wanted to compel him to receive the rank of a priest, Dometius withdrew to an isolated mountain and settled in a cave. He attained such a high degree of perfection through fasting, prayer, all night vigils and godly-thoughts that he cured the sick. When Julian the Apostate came to those regions, he heard of Dometius and sent men, who sealed him alive in the cave along with two of his disciples. Thus, this saint of God died and took up habitation in the Kingdom of God in the year 363 A.D.

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