



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.



September 4, 2016

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost and the 11th Sunday of Matthew

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 11 ~ 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 (Sept. 4)

Hieromartyr Babylas of Antioch; Prophet Moses Sekendios and Kegouros in Aleppo; Martyr Hermic Venerable Anthimos the New; New-hieromartyr Go Birinus, bishop of Dorchester; uncovering of the relic

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the power Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Babylas of Antioch – Tone 4: Thou a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligent thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness among Priests, Babylas, intercede with Christ God to **Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1:** Into all voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone 4 Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul
(Chapter 9)

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in This is my defense to those who would examine drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? I should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope good among you, is it too much if we reap your mat upon you, do we not still more? Nevertheless, we have anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the

Gospel: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold with his wife and children and all that he had and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed and went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers till he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to everyone of you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Birth of the Theotokos)
Saturday, Sept. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Elevation of Holy Cross)
Saturday, Sept. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Dwight Gillis & Helen Merid. **Next Week:** Kumie Mamo & Khouriyeh Pam.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 3. Thank you.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

Candles are available in the narthex of the church temple and are an important part of Orthodox worship and spirituality. Donations for candles are appropriate. The large, white candles are \$3 each and the yellow, taper candles are \$1 each. May your prayers be holy and pleasing unto God.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold its monthly meeting today, Sept. 4, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** and **Parish Council** shall hold a joint monthly meeting next Sunday, Sept. 11, after Divine Liturgy to prepare for our upcoming festival. All members of the Ladies Guild and Parish Council are asked to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On May 19-21, 2017, we shall celebrate the 40th ANTHONY of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midway the parish on this occasion, we are attempting to: 1) donations needed for this are \$2,000.00, and, 2.) Pur for Divine Liturgy during the festive periods of Approximately \$5,000.00 are needed to purchase the discos sets may be seen on the bulletin board outside welcome. Please see Fr. Peter if you are interested in

Approximately 25 **Red Carnations** are needed for the Sept. 14. If you are interested in donating all or part envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasions your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope

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

Can you imagine going to school without a pencil or where IOCC works, there are children who do not The Ladies Guild will be collecting school items for 1 Orthodox Christian Charities) and CWS (Church Work all over the world. **During August and September a the following items can be dropped off. The Ladies costs and the purchase of the special backpacks. T**

- 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" is continuing 12 p.m. on Sundays except for the third Sunday of the If you don't have the book, you may order it from (rtbooms@earthlink.net) can send you a copy of the

Choir practice is held on Sunday mornings at 8:30. parish should see our choir director, **Andy Mahoney**

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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

As of Sept. 1, 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 Aug. 21, 2016, totaled \$4,269.25 for a year-to-date total of \$87,892.61, a weekly average of \$2,511.22. As of August 28, 2016, our expenses are \$97,755.13, a weekly average of \$2,793.00.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Proverbs 29:2

The Holy Hieromartyr Babylas

This “great and wonderful man, if he could be called a man” – as St. John Chrysostom spoke of him – was Bishop of Antioch during the reign of the wicked Emperor Numerian. This Numerian concluded a peace treaty with a barbarian king, who was more noble and peace-loving than he. As a sign of his sincere desire for a lasting peace, the barbarian king gave his young son to be brought up and educated in Numerian’s court. One day Numerian stabbed this innocent boy to death with his own hands, and offered him as a sacrifice to the idols. Still hot from the crime and the innocent blood, this criminal with an emperor’s crown went to a Christian church to see what was going on there. St. Babylas was at prayer with the people, and heard that the emperor had come with his retinue and desired to enter the church. Babylas interrupted the service, went out in front of the church, and told the emperor that as he was an idolater he could not enter the holy temple where the one, true God was glorified. In a homily about Babylas, St. John Chrysostom said: “Who else in the world would he fear-he who, with such authority, repulsed the emperor?... By this, he taught emperors not to overreach their authority beyond the measure given to them by God, and he also showed the clergy how to use their own authority.” The shamed emperor turned back, but planned revenge. The following day, he summoned Babylas and berated him, urging him to offer sacrifice to the idols, which, of course, the saint steadfastly refused to do. The emperor then bound Babylas and cast him into prison. The emperor also tortured three children: Urban, age 12, Prilidian, age nine, and Hippolitus, age seven. Babylas was their spiritual father and teacher, and they, out of love for him, had not run away. They were the sons of Christodula, an honorable Christian woman who had herself suffered for Christ. The emperor first ordered that each child be beaten with a number of blows corresponding to his years, and then had them cast into prison. He finally had all three beheaded with the sword. The chained Babylas was present at the beheading of the children and encouraged them. After that, he laid his own honorable head under the sword. He was buried in his chains by the Christians, in the same grave as those three wondrous children, as he had willed before his martyrdom. Their holy souls flew off to their heavenly habitation, while their miracle-working relics remained for the benefit of the faithful, as a constant witness to their heroism in the Faith. They suffered in about the year 250.

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