



## 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 11, 2016

Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross & After-feast of the Birth of our Lady

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 1 ~ 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. 11)

Venerable Theodora of Alexandria; Euphrosynos the translation of the relics of Venerable Sergios and Her

*Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3:* Let the he hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath tra First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from t mercy.

*Apolytikion of the Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine for the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing dea*  
*Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1:* Into all voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining tl 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 be transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give

*Prokeimenon:* O Lord, save Your people and bless Y

*Verse:* To You, O Lord, I have cried, O my C

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. P  
(Chapter 6:

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am wri want to make a good showing in the flesh that woul order that they may not be persecuted for the c circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but the glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory e which the world has been crucified to me and I to anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. F rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy  
(Chapter 3:

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven l man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilde whoever believes in Him should not perish but have e

For God so loved the world that He gave His only perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son in the world might be saved through Him.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Ushers:** Kumie Mamo & Khouriye Pam. **Next Week:** Rose Hrabar & Mihai Leustean.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 4. 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 **Ladies Guild** and **Parish Council** shall hold a joint monthly meeting today, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy to prepare for our upcoming festival. All members of the Ladies Guild and Parish Council are asked to attend.

Parents and Church School teachers, please note that **Church School** shall begin today, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, God willing.

Approximately 25 **Red Carnations** are needed for the Elevation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, Sept. 14. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. 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.

On May 19-21, 2017, we shall celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. His Grace Bishop ANTHONY of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest shall preside over our festivities. As gifts to the parish on this occasion, we are attempting to: 1) Refurbish and replate an existing chalice. The donations needed for this are \$2,000.00, and, 2.) Purchase a decorative chalice and discos set to use for Divine Liturgy during the festive periods of the year and on major feasts of the church. Approximately \$5,000.00 are needed to purchase this new set. Pictures of these two chalice and discos sets may be seen on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please see Fr. Peter if you are interested in helping with either of these items.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The altar candle is sponsored today by **Yana Fox** for **Michael, Vadim & Yana** (many years); and in memory of **Egor & Alexander** (memory eternal).

**Can you imagine going to school without a pencil or paper? 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 can be dropped off.**

- 70-count spiral or tape-bound notebooks of 8" x 10" or larger. Please **do not** provide loose-leaf or filler paper.
- Blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners
- Large erasers, 2-1/2"

Book study of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" is continuing on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. on Sundays except for the third Sunday of the month. If you don't have the book, you may order it from [rtbooms@earthlink.net](mailto:rtbooms@earthlink.net) can send you a copy of the book.

As approved by the Parish Council, we shall hold the Nov. 4, thru Sunday, Nov. 6. **Cesar El-Hajj** is the featured speaker. Various ethnic groups shall be prepared and sold at various times. Music and dancing for all ages. This is a requested.

Our collection for the Louisiana flood victims to the Orthodox Young Professionals Conference was \$610.00. It was forwarded to Second Harvest Food Bank to assist the victims. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you.

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

As of Sept. 1, 2016, 46 pledges were received totaling \$146,125.00. Approximately \$2,810/week is needed for the year ending Sept. 28, 2016, totaled \$1,912.00 and the collection for September totaled \$91,851.61, a weekly average of \$2,551.43. As of Sept. 1, 2016, the weekly average of \$2,761.86.

### **RED CARNATIONS**

The red carnations for the feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross are graciously provided by:

**David & Subdeacon Greg Abramson** in memory of **Arthur & Toni Abramson** (memory eternal);

**Mona & Deacon G DiGiovanni** in memory of **Warren, Augustine, Warren, John, John Jr., & Dorothy** (memory eternal);

**Phil & Rose Hrabar** for the health of **Phil, Rose & the Hrabar, Campbell, Goff, Do & Duddish families** (many years); and in memory of **Judy, Tommy & the departed members of the Hrabar, Goff, Do Duddish & Campbell families** (memory eternal);

**Georgette Ioup** for the health of **Georgette, Sylvia, William, Greg, Juliette & the Ioup & Kattouf families** (many years); and in memory of **Elias, Angeline, George, Jean & the departed members of the Ioup & Kattouf families** (memory eternal);

**Kocic family** for the health of **Vlajko, Paulina, Nikola, Ljubomir, Ljiljana, Bella, Maximus & Lauren** (many years); and in memory of the departed members of the **Kocic, Djordjevic, Piskulic, Stevanovic, Pavasovic & Lebedina families** (memory eternal);

**Naheel Rafeedie** for the health of **Nadeem, Victor, Michael, Steven, Helen, Martha, Manal, Abby, Michael Jr., Matthew & Hayley** (many years); and in memory of **Basem, Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zahiya, Essa, Richard & Ellen** (memory eternal).

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

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

Proverbs 29:2

### **The Venerable Theodora**

Theodora was from Alexandria and the wife of a young man. Persuaded by a fortune-teller, she committed adultery with another man and immediately felt the bitter pangs of conscience. She cut her hair, dressed in men's clothing and entered the Monastery of Octodecatos, under the male name of Theodore. Her labor, fasting, vigilance, humbleness and tearful repentance amazed the entire brotherhood. When a promiscuous young woman slandered her, saying that Theodore had made her pregnant, Theodora did not want to justify herself, but considered this slander as a punishment from God for her earlier sin. Banished from the monastery, she spent seven years living in the forest and wilderness and, in addition, caring for the child of that promiscuous girl. She overcame all diabolical temptations: she refused to worship Satan, refused to accept food from the hands of a soldier, and refused to heed the pleas of her husband to return to him-for all of this was only a diabolical illusion, and as soon as Theodora made the sign of the Cross everything vanished as smoke. After seven years, the abbot received her back into the monastery, where she lived for two more years, and reposed in the Lord. Only then did the monks learn that she was a woman; an angel appeared to the abbot and explained everything to him. Her husband came to the burial, and then remained in the cell of his former wife until his repose. St. Theodora possessed much grace from God: she tamed wild beasts, healed infirmities, and brought forth water from a dry well. Thus, God glorified a true penitent, who with heroic patience repented nine years for just one sin. She reposed in the year 490.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*