



## 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 18, 2016

The Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Tone 4 ~ 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 (Sept. 18)

Eumenios the wonder-worker, bishop of Gortyna; Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia.

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4:** Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Apolytikion of the Holy Cross – Tone 1:** O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

**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 Holy Cross – Tone 4:** Do Thou, Who of Thine Own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation, which is called by Thy name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

**Prokeimenon:** O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

**Verse:** Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.

(Chapter 2:16-20)

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things, which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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

(Chapters 8:34-38; 9:1)

The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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.  
Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today's Ushers:** Rose Hrabar & Mihai Leustean. **Next Week:** Stephen Zelesnik & Someone Else.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 5. 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 altar candle is sponsored today by **Yana Fox** for the health of **Anatoliy, Tatyana, Svetlana, Michael, Vadim, Alisa & Yana** (many years); and in memory of **Anatoliy, Yan, Galina, James, Jason, Egor & Alexander** (memory eternal).

Book study of "Thirty Steps to Heaven" is continuing. We meet after the coffee hour from 11:20 to 12 p.m. on Sundays except for the third Sunday of the month. It's OK to bring your snacks and drink. If you don't have the book, you may order it from Larry Jones. In the meantime, Rob Booms ([rtbooms@earthlink.net](mailto:rtbooms@earthlink.net)) can send you a copy of the next chapter to be discussed.

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.

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 replating 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Can you imagine going to school without a pencil or a notebook? Well, in most of the countries where IOCC works, there are children who do not have even these basic school supplies!**

The Ladies Guild will be collecting school items for needy children. Through IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) and CWS (Church World Service) kits will be sent to needy children all over the world. **During August and September a box will be placed in the Church Hall where the following items can be dropped off. The Ladies Guild also welcomes donations for shipping costs and the purchase of the special backpacks. These items are needed (no substitutions):**

- 70-count spiral or tape-bound notebooks of 8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper totaling 200-210 sheets.

Please **do not** provide loose-leaf or filler paper.

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| • Blunt metal scissors (rounded tip) | 30-centimeter ruler (12")     |
| • Hand-held pencil sharpeners        | New pencils with erasers      |
| • Large erasers, 2-1/2"              | Boxes of 24 crayons (only 24) |

**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 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 Sept. 11, 2016, totaled \$1,912.00 for a year-to-date total of \$91,851.61, a weekly average of \$2,551.43. As of Sept. 7, 2016, our expenses are \$99,427.05, a weekly average of \$2,761.86.

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

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

Proverbs 29:2

### **Saint Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna on Crete**

From his youth, Eumenius wholeheartedly followed Christ, freeing himself of two heavy burdens: the burden of wealth and the burden of the flesh. He freed himself of the first burden by distributing his entire estate to the poor and needy, and the second burden by strict fasting. In this way he first healed himself, and then began to heal others. Passionless and filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Eumenius shone with a light that could not be hidden. As it is written, *A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid* (Matthew 5:14), so the holy Eumenius could not be hidden from the world. Witnessing his goodness, the people chose him as Bishop of Gortyna, and he governed the flock of Christ as a good shepherd. He was a father to the poor, wealth to the needy, consolation to the sorrowful, a healer of the sick and a most wonderful miracle-worker. By his prayers, he worked many miracles: he subdued a poisonous serpent, cast out demons and healed many of the sick-and he did this not only in his own town, but also in Rome and in the Thebaid. In a time of drought in the Thebaid, he obtained rain from God by prayer. There, in the Thebaid, his earthly life ended, and he took up his habitation in the eternal home of his Lord. He lived and labored in the seventh century.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*