



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.



October 2, 2016

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost & the 2nd Sunday of St. Luke

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 4 ~ 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 (October 2)

Hieromartyr Cyprian the confessor; Virgin-martyr Justina; Venerable Theophilus the confessor; New-martyr George at Karatzasou; Blessed Andrew of Constantinople, fool-for-Christ; David and Constantine, prince-martyrs of Georgia; Anna, princess of Kashin.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Cyprian – Tone 4: Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Martyr among Bishops Cyprian, 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 Theotokos – Tone 2: O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

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

(Chapter 4:6-15)

BRETHREN, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 6:31-36)

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much again. But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful even as your Father is merciful."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 30th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Dwight Gillis & Helen Merid.

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

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Oct. 2nd, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

In preparation for our festival, the **Parish Council** shall hold a meeting today, Oct. 2nd, after Divine Liturgy. Council members and all parishioners are asked to attend.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Alexa Hamauei** for the repose of **Gladys Chehardy**.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Oct. 9th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

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.

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.

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If you don't have the book, you may order it from Larry Jones. In the meantime, Rob Booms (rtbooms@earthlink.net) can send you a copy of the next chapter to be discussed.

Prizes for kid's activities during the festival are needed. If you have good, clean toys, which you no longer need, please consider donating them to the church. Please bring them to the church hall during the next three weeks. See Khouriyeh Pam for more information.

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 festival workshop schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 8 at 9 A.M.: Pie Day: Spinach, Sfeeha (meat), Zaatar (thyme)

Saturday, Oct. 15 at 9 A.M.: Baklava Day (2)

Saturday, Oct. 22 at 9 A.M.: Grape Leaves Day

Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9 A.M.: Paulina food preparation Day

Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 9 A.M.: Pastries that cannot be frozen: Sfouf, Nammoura; Bake Baklava

Thursday, Nov. 3 at 9 A.M.: Preparation of Salads: Tabboule, Prepare Baba Ghanouj, Cook the Gyros, Put pastries in boxes, Prepare Saj Items (cheese, Sfeeha, Zaatar), Get ready for the First day of the festival!

Friday, Nov. 4 at 9 A.M.: Prepare Maakroun sweets (please let Leila know if someone can help) Everybody be there at 12:00 pm, Heat the food, Finish Salad Preparations, Prepare dough for Saj, Arrange food on food Stations

Saturday, Nov. 5: Everybody arrive at 8:00 am to: Heat the Food, Finish Salad Preparations, Prepare dough for Saj, Arrange Food on Food Stations

Sunday, Nov. 6: Everybody be there after Sunday Service to: Heat the Food, Finish Salad Preparations, Prepare Dough for Saj, Arrange Food on Food Stations

On May 19-21, 2017, we shall celebrate the 40th 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.

The **Ladies Guild** has gathered the school supplies needed to assemble 55 school kits. Thank you to all who contributed items. The canvas tote bags are being purchased. The postage to send the assembled bags to IOCC headquarters will be substantial. If any members of the parish could help us

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cover the cost with a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. On **October 2** the women of the Ladies Guild are asked to stay after coffee hour to assemble the individual tote bags.

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. 18, 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. 25, 2016, totaled \$2,200.00 for a year-to-date total of \$98,477.85, a weekly average of \$2,525.07. As of Sept. 27, 2016, our expenses are \$108,785.74, a weekly average of \$2,789.38.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Proverbs 29:2

The Hieromartyr Cyprian and Justina the Virgin

Cyprian moved from Carthage to Antioch, where Justina lived with her parents, Edesius and Cleodonia. Edesius was a pagan priest, and his entire household was pagan. But when Justina visited a Christian church and learned the true Faith, she converted both her father and mother to the Christian Faith. All three received baptism by Optatus the bishop. Cyprian, however, was a magician, who consorted with impure spirits and practiced sorcery. A certain dissolute pagan youth named Aglaidas was willing to pay any price to charm Justina, for she was beautiful. The holy virgin Justina rejected him adamantly, and he sought help from Cyprian. Cyprian invoked one evil spirit after another, to inflame Justina with impure passion for Aglaidas, but did not succeed. By the sign of the Cross and prayer to God, she drove the evil spirits away. After this futile effort, Cyprian recognized the power of the Cross and was baptized. Eventually, he was made a presbyter, then a bishop. Embittered pagans denounced him and Justina; both were tried in Damascus, tortured, and then beheaded in Nicomedia. They entered into rest at the end of the third century.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid