



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 9, 2016

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost & the 3rd Sunday of St. Luke

Varys Tone ~ Eothinon 5 ~ 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 through 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 9)

Apostle James, son of Alpheos; Venerable Andronikos and Athanasia of Egypt; Venerable Poplia the confessor of Antioch; Righteous Forefather Abraham and his nephew the Righteous Lot; Stephen the Younger, king of Serbia; Dionysios, bishop of Paris.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Varys or Grave Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of St. James the Apostle – Tone 3: O holy Apostle James, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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: The Lord will give strength to His people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

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

(Chapter 6:1-10)

BRETHREN, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, and yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

(Chapter 7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Na'in, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and

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touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.
Saturday, Nov. 5th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Nov. 6th – Orthros, 8:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 8:15 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Stephen Zelesnik & Mihai Leustean. **Next Week:** Tania & Sevin Russell.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 2. Thank you.

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

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

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) 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 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 Oct. 2, 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 Oct. 2, 2016, totaled \$2,492.00 for a year-to-date total of \$100,969.85, a weekly average of \$2,524.25. As of Oct. 2, 2016, our expenses are \$108,935.74, a weekly average of \$2,723.39.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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 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.

The festival workshop schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 15 at 9 A.M.: Baklawa 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 Baklawa

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

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Ladies Guild is supporting the fight to end cancer by holding a **Pink Basket Raffle** in October. The basket contains office equipment and supplies worth more than \$140. Raffle tickets are \$5.00. You can view the basket and its contents, and buy a ticket during coffee hour. The money from the sale of the raffle tickets will be given to Cancer Crusaders, a New Orleans based group that supports local cancer research.

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 replat 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.

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.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

The Holy Apostle James

James, the son of Alphaeus, was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was the blood-brother of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. He was a witness of the true words and miracles of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and a witness of His suffering, Resurrection and Ascension. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the lot fell to James to preach the Gospel of Christ in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding areas, and then in Egypt, where he suffered for his Savior. With great power in word and in deed, James disseminated the saving news of the incarnate Word of God, destroying idolatry, driving demons out of men, and healing every infirmity and disease in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. His labor and zeal were crowned with great success. Many pagans came to believe in Christ, churches were built and organized, and priests and bishops were ordained. James suffered in the Egyptian town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans. Thus, this great and wonderful apostle of Christ took up his abode in the Heavenly Kingdom, to reign eternally with the King of Glory.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid