



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 16, 2016

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

The 4th Sunday of St. Luke

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 6 ~ 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.

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 16)

Martyr Longinos the centurion who stood at the Cross of the Lord; Gall, enlightener of Switzerland.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers – Plagal Tone 4: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

Verse: For You are just in all You have done.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus.

(Chapter 3:8-15)

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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

(Chapter 8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the

GOSPEL CONTINUED

word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.
Saturday, Nov. 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Tania & Sevin Russell. **Next Week:** Emma Nugent & Someone Else.

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

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

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.

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 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 festival workshop schedule is as follows:

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 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.

Spiritual Counsels...

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

Proverbs 29:2

The Holy Martyr Longinus

The divine Matthew the Evangelist, in describing the passion of the Lord Jesus Christ, says: *Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God* (Matthew 27:54). That centurion was this blessed Longinus, who with two other of his soldiers came to believe in Jesus, the Son of God. Longinus was chief of the soldiers who were present at the Crucifixion of the Lord on Golgotha, and was also the chief of the watch that guarded the tomb. When the Jewish elders learned of the Resurrection of Christ, they bribed the soldiers to spread the false news that Christ did not resurrect, but rather that His disciples stole His body. The Jews also tried to bribe Longinus, but he did not allow himself to be bribed. Then the Jews resorted to their usual strategy: they decided to kill Longinus. Learning of this, Longinus removed his military belt, was baptized with his two companions by an apostle, secretly left Jerusalem and moved to Cappadocia with his companions. There, he devoted himself to fasting and prayer and, as a living witness of Christ's Resurrection, converted many pagans to the true Faith by his witness. After that, he withdrew to a village on the estate of his father. Even there, however, the malice of the Jews did not leave him in peace. Due to the calumnies of the Jews, Pilate dispatched soldiers to behead Longinus. St. Longinus foresaw in the spirit the approach of his executioners and went out to meet them. He brought them to his home, not telling them who he was. He was a good host to the soldiers, and soon they lay down to sleep. But St. Longinus stood up to pray, and prayed all night long, preparing himself for death. In the morning, he called his two companions to him, clothed himself in white burial clothes, and instructed the other members of his household to bury him on a particular small hill. He then went to the soldiers and told them that he was that Longinus whom they were seeking. The soldiers were perplexed and ashamed, and could not even contemplate beheading Longinus, but he insisted that they fulfill the order of their superior. Thus, Longinus and his two companions were beheaded. The soldiers took Longinus's head to Pilate, and he turned it over to the Jews. They threw it on a dung heap outside the city.

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