



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 23, 2016

The Holy Apostle James the Brother of God & the 6th Sunday of St. Luke

Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 7 ~ 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 23)

Apostle James the brother of God; Ignatios, patriarch of Constantinople; James of Borovichi, wonder-worker of Novgorod.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of St. James, the Brother of God – Tone 4: Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous one, and since thou art a Martyr, thou art never rejected, and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thine to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou 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: Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

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

(Chapter 1:11-19)

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

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

(Chapter 8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house, but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech You, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.) Jesus then

GOSPEL CONTINUED

asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion;” for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he, who had been possessed with demons, was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them for they were seized with great fear; so He got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home and declare all that God has done for you.” And he went away proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.
Saturday, Nov. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Emma Nugent & Someone Else. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik & Terr Mehari.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 4. Thank you.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

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.

As of Oct. 20, 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. 9, 2016, totaled \$2,091.00; the collection for Oct. 16, 2016, totaled \$1,744.55 for a year-to-date total of \$104,805.40, a weekly average of \$2,495.37. As of Oct. 18, 2016, our expenses are \$118,542.89, a weekly average of \$2,822.45. The second collection for the seminaries was \$481.00; the collection for Special Olympics was \$192.00. Thank you. Both collections were forwarded to the Archdiocese.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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

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.

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.

We want to increase the Internet visibility of our festival. If you have a Facebook page, please **“Like” and “Share”** our St. Basil International Food Festival page with your friends on Facebook. Thank you.

The festival workshop schedule is as follows:

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

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.

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 Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

James is called the Lord's brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos. When the righteous Joseph was near death, he divided his estate among his sons, and wanted to leave a portion to the Lord Jesus, the son of the Most-holy Virgin, but all the other brothers opposed this, not regarding Jesus as their brother. James greatly loved Jesus and declared that he would include Jesus in his share. That is why he is called the Lord's brother. From the beginning, James was devoted to the Lord Jesus. According to tradition, he traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. Later, as soon as he heard Christ's teaching, James lived by it. It is said of him that he never ate fat or oil, but lived on just bread and water, and was a virgin to the end of his life on earth. He often kept vigil at night and prayed to God. The Lord numbered him among His Seventy Apostles. Following His glorious Resurrection, the Lord appeared to him especially, as the Apostle Paul testifies (I Corinthians 15:7). He was Bishop of Jerusalem for 30 years and zealously governed the Church of God. At the instruction of the Lord, James compiled the first Liturgy, which seemed very long for later Christians, and St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom shortened it. He converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith, and even the unbelieving Jews were amazed at his righteousness, referring to him as “James the Just.” When Ananias became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James for being a preacher of Christ. Once, during the feast of Passover, when many people had gathered in Jerusalem, the elders forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple, and tried to make him speak against Christ. He climbed up and spoke to the people of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, of His Resurrection and His eternal glory in the heavens. The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof; he fell and was severely injured, but was still alive. Then, one man ran up and struck him on the head with a fuller's club with such force that his brains spilled out. Thus, this most glorious apostle of Christ died a martyr's death, and went to live eternally in the Kingdom of his Lord. James was 66 years old when he suffered for Christ.

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