



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

The Very Reverend Father Peter Nugent, Pastor

3916 Hudson St. Metairie, LA 70006

www.stbasilneworleans.org * 504-888-8114 * sbno@att.net

Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



October 30, 2016

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost & the 5th Sunday of St. Luke

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 8 ~ 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 30)

Martyrs Zenobios, bishop of Aegae, and his sister Zenobia in Cilicia; Apostles Cleopas and Artemas of the Seventy; Venerable Joseph and Kyriakos, patriarchs of Constantinople; Therapont and John the wonder-workers; Milutin, Serbian king; Serapion, patriarch of Antioch.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of Ss. Zenobios & Zenobia – Tone 4: Thy martyrs, O Lord, by their struggles have received from Thee, our God, imperishable crowns; because, acquiring Thy strength, they demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through their intercessions, O Christ God, 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: The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

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

(Chapters 11:31-33; 12:1-9)

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who, fourteen years ago, was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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

(Chapter 16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The

GOSPEL CONTINUED

poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things and Lazarus, in like manner, evil things; but now he is comforted here and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.
Mon., Nov. 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Present. of Mary in the Temple)
Saturday, Nov. 26th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Nov. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik & Terr Mehari. **Next Week:** Dwight & Helen Merid.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 5. 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of Oct. 24, 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. 23, 2016, totaled \$2,202.80 for a year-to-date total of \$107,008.20, a weekly average of \$2,488.56. As of Oct. 23, 2016, our expenses are \$123,019.62, a weekly average of \$2,860.92.

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:

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 Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia

They were from the town of Aegea in Cilicia. They inherited the true Faith and great material wealth from their parents. Working zealously for the Faith and with great love, they distributed all their wealth to the poor. Because their hands were so generous, the hand of God shielded them from every evil intent of men and demons. The generous hands of Zenobius, which gave to the poor, were endowed by God with the gift of miracle-working, and Zenobius healed the sick of every kind of infirmity merely by touching them. Zenobius was appointed Bishop of Aegea. During a persecution, the Prefect Lysias arrested him and said: "I offer you two choices: life or death; life if you worship the gods, or death if you do not." St. Zenobius replied: "Life without Christ is not life but death, whereas death for the sake of Christ is not death but life." When Zenobius was subjected to cruel tortures, Zenobia came to the judge and said: "I also want to drink from this cup of suffering, and be crowned with that wreath." After being tortured in fire and in boiling pitch, both were beheaded with the sword in about the year 285. Thus this brother and sister took up their habitation in the Kingdom of the Immortal Christ the King.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid