



## 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.



May 7, 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Pascha

The Sunday of the Paralytic

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 5

*Christ is risen. Indeed, He is risen.*

### 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 (May 7)***

The commemoration of the apparition of the sign of the Precious Cross in the heavens over Jerusalem (A.D. 351); Martyr Akakios the centurion at Byzantium; Venerable Kodratos; Venerable Neilos the myrrh-streaming of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Neilos of Sora; Venerable-martyr Pachomios of Athos; repose of Venerable John of Beverly, Bishop of York; Priest Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre, confessor and defender of Orthodoxy in America.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3:*** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

***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 Pascha – Plagal Tone 4:*** When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

***Prokeimenon:*** Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

***Verse:*** Clap your hands, all you nations.

***Epistle:*** The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

(Chapter 9:32-42)

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa and many believed in the Lord.

***Gospel:*** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

(Chapter 5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame,

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet and walk.” And at once the man was healed and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, 30 mins after the end of Liturgy

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Dwight Gillis & Terr Mehari. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik & Stephen Zelesnik.

**Coffee hour:** Team 5. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 6.

On May 19-21, 2017, we shall celebrate the **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish**. His Grace Bishop ANTHONY of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest shall preside over our festivities. The Rev. Fr. Mark McNary, pastor of St. Peter Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and The Rev. Deacon Dan Gray and Theresa Gray shall also join us. Activities include Great Vespers at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 20, followed by a catered meal in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$35 per person. Children under 12 eat for free. The menu includes chicken with rice, kibbe, salad, vegetables and dessert, with water, tea or soft drinks. A cash bar will also be available for wine or beer. On Sunday, Orthros is scheduled for 8:30 A.M. followed by an hierarchical divine liturgy. A potluck coffee hour shall be served afterwards.

Please remember to return your Lenten coin boxes. The collection shall be forwarded to Ozanam Inn, a local homeless shelter. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

The **Ladies Guild** will meet on Sunday, May 14. This will be a short meeting as it is Mother's Day and we know so many of our members are mothers with plans. Mainly, we will have a review of our finances since our fundraising started earlier this year and will see what needs to be done before the Bishop's visit on the 20th/21st.

There is no fasting from Pascha until the Feast of the Ascension.

**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 of April 30, 2017, 39 pledges were received totaling \$85,280. The collection for April 30, 2017, totaled \$1,860.00 for a year-to-date total of \$61,931.75, a weekly average of \$3,440.65. As of April 26, 2017, our expenses are \$59,096.62, a weekly average of \$3,283.15.

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

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“The lips of just men silence hatred, he who voices slander is a fool.” – Proverbs 10:18

### **Commemoration of the Appearance of the Honorable Cross over Jerusalem**

During the reign of Emperor Constantius, the son of St. Constantine, and Cyril the Patriarch of Jerusalem, the Honorable Cross appeared about 9:00 A.M. stretching out from Golgotha to above the Mount of Olives. This Cross was brighter than the sun and more beautiful than the most beautiful rainbow. All the people, both believing and unbelieving, left their work and, in fear and amazement, observed this heavenly sign. Many unbelievers converted to the Faith of Christ, and so also did many Arian heretics abandon their evil heresy and returned to Orthodoxy. About this sign Patriarch Cyril wrote a letter to Emperor Constantius [337-361 A.D.] who leaned toward Arianism. This occurred on May 7, 357 A.D. Thus, even on this occasion it was demonstrated that the Christian Faith is not worldly theorizing, according to sensual understanding of man, but rather in God's power, demonstrated through numerous miracles and signs.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*