



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 14, 2017

The Fifth Sunday of Pascha

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman & the After-Feast of Mid-Pentecost

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 7

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 14)

Martyr Isidore of Chios; Hieromartyr Therapont, bishop of Cyprus; New-martyrs John of Bulgaria and Mark of Crete; Venerable Isidore of Rostov, fool-for-Christ.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Apolytikion of Mid-Pentecost – Plagal Tone 4: In the midst of this feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship for Thou didst call out to all saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, fountain of Life, 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 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: O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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

(Chapter 11:19-30)

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church of Jerusalem and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

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

(Chapter 4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there and so Jesus, wearied as He was with His journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself and his sons and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give to him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband;' for you have had five husbands and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain and You say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He Who is called Christ); when He comes He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He."

Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do You wish?" or "Why are You talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I have sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, May 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, May 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)

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

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

Saturday, June 3rd – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

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

Saturday, May 10th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, May 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik & Stephen Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Tania Russell and Sevin Russell or Dwight Gillis.

The **altar candle** is sponsored today by **Yana Fox** for the health of **Tatyana, Anatoliy, Svetlana, Michael, Vadim, Yana** and **Alisa** (many years), and for the repose of **James, Jamie** and **Jason** (memory eternal).

Coffee hour: Team 6. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Parish Potluck.

Today is the last day of **Church School**. Thank you teachers and kids for a great year. Have a blessed summer.

The **Ladies Guild** will meet on today, 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.

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. 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of May 7, 2017, 40 pledges were received totaling \$86,630. The collection for May 7, 2017, totaled \$2,504.00 for a year-to-date total of \$64,435.75, a weekly average of \$3,391.36. As of May 7, 2017, our expenses are \$60,329.28, a weekly average of \$3,175.23.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

“A flood of words is never without its fault, he who has his lips controlled is a prudent man.” –
Proverbs 10:19

The Holy Martyr Isidore

During the reign of Decius, Isidore was drafted by force from the island of Chios into military service. From childhood, Isidore adhered to the Faith of Christ and spent his entire life in fasting, prayer and good works. But when in the army Isidore declared himself a Christian, the commander seized him, required of him an answer and counseled him to deny Christ and offer sacrifices to the idols. The saint replied: "Even if you kill my body, you have no authority over my soul. I possess the True, Living God, Jesus Christ Who now lives in me and after my death, He will be with me and I am in Him and will remain in Him and I will never cease to confess His Holy Name as long as my soul is in my body." First, the commander ordered that Isidore be whipped with oxen tails and after that they cut out his tongue. Even without his tongue, Isidore, by the Spirit of God, spoke and confessed the Name of Christ. Meanwhile, the punishment of God came upon the commander and he, suddenly, became mute. Finally, the mute commander gave the sign to behead Isidore. Isidore was elated at this sentence and after praising God went to the scaffold where he was beheaded in the year 251 A.D. His companion, Ammon buried his body and following that also suffered and received the martyr's wreath.

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