



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.



July 2, 2017

The 4th Sunday of Matthew

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 4

Glory to Jesus Christ. Glory to God forever.

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 (July 2)

The commemoration of the placing of the Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae; Juvenaly, archbishop of Jerusalem; the New-martyrs of Samothrace; repose of Job, first patriarch of Moscow; Swithun, bishop of Winchester; John Maximovitch, wonder-worker of Shanghai and San Francisco.

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 for the Placing of the Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae – Plagal Tone 4: Thou hast bestowed upon thy city, O ever-virgin Theotokos and shelter of mankind, the robe and the belt of thy pure body, as a secure mantle, which by thy seedless birth-giving have remained without corruption; for by thee are nature and time regenerated. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant thy city safety, and our souls 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 the Placing of the Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae – Tone 4: O Godly shelter that dost cover all mankind, the sacred robe that covered thy sacred body hast thou bestowed on all the faithful graciously, O pure Virgin, as a robe of divine incorruption. As we celebrate with love its august deposition, we cry to thee with faith, O graced of God: Rejoice, O Lady, thou boast of the Christian race.

Prokeimenon: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For He has regarded the humility of His servant.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

(Chapter 9: 1-7)

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 8:5-13)

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and a centurion came forward to Him, beseeching Him and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home in terrible distress.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion answered Him, “Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; but only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard him He marveled and said to those who were following Him, “Truly, I say to you not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; be it done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, July 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Tania & Sevin Russell or Dwight Gillis **Next Week:** Pam Nugent and Ter Mehari.

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

Coffee hour: Team 6. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, July 9, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

As of June 25, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for June 25, 2017, totaled \$4,369.30 for a year-to-date total of \$81,339.18, a weekly average of \$3,128.43. As of June 26, 2017, our expenses are \$95,180.39, a weekly average of \$3,660.78.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

“When the storm is over, the wicked man is no more, but the virtuous stands firm forever.” –
Proverbs 10:25

The Placing of the Girdle of the All-Holy Birth-Giver of God in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople

During the reign of Emperor Leo the Great (458-471 A.D.), Empress Verina and Patriarch Gennadius, two noblemen from Constantinople, Galibus and Candidus, traveled throughout the Holy Land to venerate and to worship before the holy shrines. In Nazareth, they stopped for a while at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the girdle of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing from their sufferings through prayer and by touching the vesture. Galibus and Candidus took this sacred article and brought it to Constantinople and reported it to the emperor and patriarch. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The vesture was solemnly translated and placed in the Church of Blachernae. This church was built by Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria on the shore of an inlet and was called Blachernae after the name of a Scetis commander who was slain there. And in remembrance of the placing of this vesture of the All-Holy Birth giver of God in this Blacheran church, this feast day was instituted.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid