



## 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 9, 2017

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 5

*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 9)*

Hieromartyr Pankratios, bishop of Taormina in Sicily; Methodios, bishop; New-martyr Michael; Venerable Photios; Martyrs Andrew and Probus; Venerable Dionysios the Orator, first settler of Small St. Anne skete on Athos, and his disciple Venerable Metrophanes.

*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 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:* 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 St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.  
(Chapter 10:1-10)

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified.

Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness, which is based on the law, shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will descend into the abyss'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith, which we preach) because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(Chapters 8:28-34, 9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have You to do with us, O Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If You cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the

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waters. The herdsmen fled and going into the city they told everything and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Pam Nugent & Ter Mehari. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik & Tania Russell.

**Coffee hour:** Team 1. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 2.

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

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, July 16, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

**The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God** is on Tuesday, Aug. 15. **St. Basil Church** and **Holy Trinity Cathedral**, as God so wills, shall hold a joint service at the cathedral (1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd./NOLA). Orthros shall begin at 9 A.M.; Divine Liturgy shall begin at 10 A.M. Please join us as your schedules permit.

As of July 2, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for July 2, 2017, totaled \$2,725.00 for a year-to-date total of \$84,064.18, a weekly average of \$3,113.49. As of July 6, 2017, our expenses are \$95,180.39, a weekly average of \$3,525.20.

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

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

“As vinegar to the teeth, smoke to the eyes, so the sluggard to the one who sends him.” – Proverbs 10:26

### **The Priestly-Martyr Pancratius [Pancras] the Bishop of Taormina**

This saint was born in Antioch during the time when the Lord Jesus Christ walked as a man among men on earth. Hearing about the miracles of Christ, the parents of Pancratius desired to see the Lord, the miracle-worker. Together with Pancratius, they traveled to Jerusalem where they saw Jesus, heard His words and witnessed His miracles. It was in Jerusalem that Pancratius became acquainted with the Apostle Peter. After the Ascension of the Lord, both parents and Pancratius were baptized in Antioch. Pancratius withdrew to a cave in Pontus where the Apostle Peter found him and in agreement with the Apostle Paul he was appointed as the Bishop of Taormina in Sicily. In Taormina, St. Pancratius worked many miracles, destroyed the idols, baptized the unbaptized, strengthened the baptized and governed well the Church of God. A heathen commander by the name of Aquilinus heard that the entire city of Taormina became Christian and set out with an entire army against this city in order to destroy it. St. Pancratius encouraged the faithful not to be afraid and he, alone, with the clergy went outside the city carrying in his hands the invincible weapon, the Honorable Cross. When the army approached the city, darkness befell them and the soldiers were overcome with great fear. A great confusion then began among them and the attackers turned against one another and pierced and slaughtered each other with their swords. Thus Pancratius, the chosen one of God, saved the city and his flock by the power of his prayer before the Lord. In the end, Pancratius was stoned to death by envious and evil heathens and found rest in the Lord. His holy relics repose in Rome.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*