



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.



August 13, 2017

The 10th Sunday After Pentecost & the 10th Sunday of Matthew

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ

Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 10

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 (August 13)

Leave-taking of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ; Righteous Maximos the Confessor; Eudokia and Irene (Xenia) the empresses; Venerable Dorotheos of Gaza and his disciple Dositheos; repose of Tikhon, bishop of Voronezh and wonderworker of Zadonsk; uncovering of the relics of Maximos of Moscow, fool-for-Christ.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Transfiguration – Grave Tone: When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration – Grave Tone: Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could bear it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy passion was voluntary and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Prokeimenon: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Epistle: The reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapter 4:9-16)

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

(Chapter 17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought Him to your disciples and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him and the boy was cured instantly.

GOSPEL CONTINUED

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you if you have faith, even as a grain of mustard seed you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.”

As they were traveling together through Galilee Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men and they will kill Him and He will rise on the third day.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Aug. 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (St. John the Baptist)

Saturday, Sept. 2nd – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Sept. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, Sept. 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Michael & Stephen Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Stephen Zelesnik & Mihai Leustean.

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

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Aug. 20th, 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.

Our annual **St. Basil International Food Festival** is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3rd & Saturday, Nov. 4th. Details regarding food workshop dates and times are forthcoming. Please see our **Festival Chairwoman, Alexa Hamauei**, for more information.

As of Aug. 10, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for Aug. 6, 2017, totaled \$2,296.95 for a year-to-date total of \$94,635.35, a weekly average of \$2,957.36. As of July 26, 2017, our expenses are \$105,856.94, a weekly average of \$3,308.03.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

“The virtuous man will never be moved from his own place, but the land will offer no home for the wicked.” – Proverbs 10:30

The Holy Martyr Hippolytus

Hippolytus was a military leader and the overseer of the prisons in Rome. He was born and raised a pagan. When St. Lawrence the archdeacon was thrown into prison, Hippolytus was ordered by the emperor to especially watch over this prisoner. Hippolytus saw with his own eyes how Lawrence restored the sight of the blind man Lucillus and how Lawrence cured many others who were sick and he [Hippolytus] believed in Christ. When Lawrence baptized him, Hippolytus had a heavenly vision and said: "I saw innocent souls in great happiness, i.e., in the heavens." He then took Lawrence into his own home and Lawrence baptized all the members, who with the old governess Concordia, numbered 19. When Lawrence was slain for Christ, Hippolytus took the body of the martyr at night, wrapped it in a winding sheet and honorably buried it. However, this somehow came to the ears of Emperor Decius and on the third day following the death of Lawrence, Hippolytus was arrested, brought before the emperor and refusing to deny the True Faith, he was stuck on the mouth with stones. After that, the emperor ordered Hippolytus to be stripped naked and flogged. Naked before the emperor, he said: "You have not stripped me but rather you have begun to clothe me!" Then they stretched him out on the ground and beat him mercilessly but Hippolytus only cried out: "I am a Christian." The emperor upon hearing that all of Hippolytus' household are Christians, he ordered that they all be brought in. The aged Concordia said: "We desire more to die honorably with our master in the Faith of Christ than to live dishonorably with you, who are unclean." Concordia was the first to be slain and, after her, the remaining 18 were slain, all before the eyes of Hippolytus. Finally, they tied Hippolytus to a wild horse and dragged him here and there until the martyr gave up his soul to God.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid