



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.



September 17, 2017

The After-Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Plagal Tone 2 ~ 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 through 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 (September 17)

Martyrs Sophia and her daughters Faith, Love and Hope; Martyr Agathokleia; Hieromartyrs Herakleidos of Cyprus and Myron, bishops of Tamasus in Cyprus; Venerable Anastasios, peristeron of Cyprus; Euxiphios of Cyprus, the bishop.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Holy Cross – Tone 1: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

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 Holy Cross – Tone 4: Do Thou, Who of Thine Own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation, which is called by Thy name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried O my God.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

(Chapter 2:16-20)

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things, which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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

(Chapters 8:34-38; 9:1)

The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed when He comes in

GOSPEL CONTINUED

the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Michael Zelesnik & Emma Nugent. **Next Week:** Tania & Sevin Russell or Dwight Gillis.

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

The red carnations used for the feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross were graciously provided by **Ghassan & Majeda Khoury** and **Philip & Elaine Khoury** for the health of **Philip, Elaine, Luna, Ghassan & Majdelena** (many years); and for the repose of **Ibrahim & Yousef** (memory eternal).

God willing, our next **festival workshop** will be on Saturday, Sept. 30. We will prepare and organize festival supplies on Sept. 30. The start time is 10:30 A.M. For more information, please see **Alexa Hamauei**.

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.

If **anyone** has the time to volunteer some **manual labor** help to those affected by Hurrican Harvey in Houston, please contact Yazmin or Charles (281-782-5008 or 281-782-0939). Housing will be provided. Thank you!

The current total for the collection for Hurricanes Harvey & Irma is \$1,213.00. As directed, the proceeds of the collection shall be forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery at the end of the month for distribution to the Hurricane victims. Thank you for your generosity.

As of Sept. 14, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for Sept. 10, 2017, totaled \$2,843.00 for a year-to-date total of \$107,603.46, a weekly average of \$2,908.20. As of Sept. 14, 2017, our expenses are \$124,945.99, a weekly average of \$3,376.92.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

“Honest men have their own honesty for guidance, treacherous men are ruined by their own perfidy.” – Proverbs 11:3

The Holy Martyrs Vera, Nada and Lyubov (Faith, Hope and Love) & their Mother, Sophia (Wisdom)

They all lived and suffered in Rome during the reign of Emperor Hadrian. Sophia was wise, as her name implies. She was left a widow, and had established herself and her daughters well in the Christian Faith. When the persecuting hand of Hadrian extended even over the virtuous home of Sophia, Vera was only 12 years old; Nada, 10 years old; and Lyubov, nine years old. Brought before the emperor, these four held each other's hands “like a woven wreath,” humbly but steadfastly confessed their faith in Christ the Lord and refused to offer sacrifices to the pagan idol Artemis. Before their suffering, the mother encouraged her daughters to endure to the end: “Your heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, is eternal health, inexpressible beauty and eternal life. When your bodies are slain by torture, He will clothe you in incorruption and the wounds on your bodies will shine in the heavens as stars.” One by one the torturers inflicted cruel torments, first on Vera, then on Nada, and then on Lyubov. They beat them, slashed them, cast them into fire and boiling pitch, and finally beheaded them with the sword one after another. Sophia took the dead bodies of her daughters outside the town and honorably buried them. She remained at their grave for three days and three nights, praying to God. Then she gave her spirit to God, flying off to Paradise, where the blessed souls of her glorious daughters awaited her.

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