



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.

October 15, 2017

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

The 4th Sunday of Luke

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 8

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 (October 15)

Hieromartyr Lucian of Antioch; Venerable Euthymios the Younger of Athos; Savvinos, bishop of Catania; Venerable Varsos.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers – Plagal Tone 4: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 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: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

Verse: For You are just in all You have done.

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

(Chapter 3:8-15)

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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

(Chapter 8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the

GOSPEL CONTINUED

thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”

And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 4th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Nov. 5th – Orthros, 9:30 A.M.; No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, Nov. 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Michael & Stephen Zelesnik. **Next Sunday:** Pam & Emma Nugent.

Coffee hour: Team 3. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 4.

God willing, our next **festival workshop** will be on Sat., Oct. 28, at 10:30 A.M. We will continue preparing food & begin setting up for the festival. For more information, please see **Alexa Hamauei**.

Free language classes start in October in the Church Hall. For more information, please see **Marianna Avery**. Thank you.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Oct. 15th, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members are encouraged to attend.

October is breast cancer awareness month and the **Ladies Guild** is again supporting a project to raise money for cancer research at our local universities through Cancer Crusaders. This month, we are selling lovely hand-made crafts. They make great gifts for your future needs. Please support us during October coffee hours. All money we raise goes directly to cancer research.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Next summer, our Archdiocese will host the **Special Olympics Sports Camp** at the Antiochian Village. For this reason, the third Sunday in October is Special Olympics Awareness Day in the Antiochian Archdiocese. Next Sunday, the youth of our parish shall take up a collection to support this worthwhile event. Please support this endeavor and aid the disadvantaged of our society with the opportunity to compete in such events. Checks should be payable to St. Basil Church and earmarked “S.O.A.D.” Our church treasurer shall forward one check to the Archdiocese Chancery for the amount collected. Thank you and God bless you.

Our annual **St. Basil International Food Festival** is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3rd & Saturday, Nov. 4th. Our remaining workshop schedule is as follows:

Sun., Oct. 29th - Prepare parsley and other foods

Mon., Oct. 30th - Thurs., Nov. 2nd - Set up tents, tables, chairs and other needs

Please see our **Festival Chairwoman, Alexa Hamauei**, for more information.

The seminary collection totaled \$317.00 and was forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery. Thank you for your generosity.

As of Oct. 3, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for Oct. 1, 2017, totaled \$3,307.10 for a year-to-date total of \$115,148.66, a weekly average of \$2,878.72. As of Oct. 2, 2017, our expenses are \$129,135.42, a weekly average of \$3,228.39.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

“Their virtuous conduct sets honest men free, treacherous men are imprisoned by their own desires.”

– Proverbs 11:6

The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch

Lucian was born of noble parents in the Syrian city of Samosata. In his youth, he acquired a very broad education, both secular and spiritual. He was a man distinguished in learning, as well as in the austerity of his ascetic life. Having distributed his goods to the poor, Lucian supported himself by compiling instructive works, and thus fed himself by the work of his hands. He performed a great service to the Church in that he corrected many Hebrew texts in Holy Scripture (that heretics, in accordance with their own false teaching, had distorted). Because of his learning and spirituality, he was ordained a presbyter in Antioch. During Maximian's persecution, when St. Anthimus of Nicomedia and St. Peter of Alexandria were tortured, St. Lucian was on the list of those the emperor wanted to kill. Lucian fled the city and hid, but an envious heretical priest, Pancratius, reported him. The persecution was horrible and not even young children were spared. Two boys who did not want to eat food sacrificed to idols were thrown into a boiling bath, where in torments they gave up their holy souls to God. A disciple of Lucian named Pelagia (October 8) preserved her virginal purity from dissolute attackers by praying to God on her roof-top: she gave up her soul to Him, and her body fell from the roof. Lucian was brought to Nicomedia before the emperor. Along the way, his counsels converted 40 soldiers to the Christian Faith, and all died a martyr's death. Following interrogation and flogging, St. Lucian was cast into prison where he suffered starvation. St. John Chrysostom writes of St. Lucian: “He scorned hunger: let us also scorn luxury and destroy the power of the stomach that we may, when the time that requires such courage comes for us, be prepared in advance by the help of a lesser ascesis, to show ourselves glorious at the time of battle.” He received Holy Communion in prison on the Feast of Theophany, and on the following day rendered his soul to God. St. Lucian suffered on January 7, 311.

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