



## 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 22, 2017

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 9

*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 22)

Averkios, the wonder-worker, equal-to-the-apostles and Bishop of Hieropolis; Seven youths ('Seven Sleepers') martyred in Ephesus; Bishop Eulalios.

**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 of St. Averkios – Tone 4:** Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Averkios. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty, riches. Intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

**Apolytikion of the Seven Ephesian Youths – Tone 4:** Thy martyrs, O Lord, by their struggles have received from Thee, our God, imperishable crowns; because, acquiring Thy strength, they demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

**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:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

**Verse:** Clap your hands, all you nations.

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

(Chapter 1:11-19)

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke  
(Chapter 8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house, but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech You, do not torment me.” For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion;” for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he, who had been possessed with demons, was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them for they were seized with great fear; so He got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home and declare all that God has done for you.” And he went away proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:30 A.M.; No Divine Liturgy  
Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Pam & Emma Nugent. **Next Sunday:** Dwight Gillis & Tania or Sevin Russell.

**Coffee hour:** Team 4. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 5.

**Trisagion prayers** are offered by **Nazih** and **Solange Nakhoul** for the repose of **Nazih’s** brother, **Nasri**. May his memory be eternal.

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**.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

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

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.

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

**Sun., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Prepare parsley and other foods

**Mon., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - Thurs., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Set up tents, tables, chairs and other needs

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

Last week’s Special Olympics collection totaled \$90.00 and was forwarded to the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

As of Oct. 16, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for Oct. 15, 2017, totaled \$2,651.50 for a year-to-date total of \$117,800.16, a weekly average of \$2,804.77. As of Oct. 2, 2017, our expenses are \$133,880.27, a weekly average of \$3,187.63.

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

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

“The hope of the wicked perishes with death, the expectation of the godless is frustrated.” – Proverbs 11:7

### **Saint Abercius, Equal to the Apostles**

During the reigns of Emperor Antoninus and his son, Marcus Aurelius, St. Abercius was the bishop of the city of Hierapolis in Phrygia. The great majority in this city were pagans, and St. Abercius governed his sparse flock, sorrowing in his heart because of the great number of pagans and idolaters, and diligently praying to God that He would bring them to the light of truth. During a boisterous idolatrous festival, Abercius became inflamed with God's zeal and entered the idolatrous temple, smashing all the idols. When the enraged pagans sought to kill him, three young madmen, foaming at the mouth and howling, fell down before this man of God, and he drove the demons from them. The young men became sane and calm. This turned the pagans' anger into amazement at the wonderworker of Christ, and 500 of them immediately desired baptism. Little by little, all of Hierapolis came to believe in Christ and were baptized. The proconsul of the province, Publius, had a mother who was blind. Abercius restored her sight by prayer, and Publius, his mother and many others believed in Christ. In old age, Abercius was summoned to Rome, where he healed the emperor's daughter of insanity. The Lord Jesus Christ appeared several times to His faithful follower. People from near and far came to him for miraculous help when they suffered from incurable illnesses. The demons not only feared him, but also served him at his command. At the guidance of the Lord Himself, Abercius preached the Gospel throughout Syria and Mesopotamia. In great old age, St. Abercius presented himself to his beloved Lord in Hierapolis, at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*