



## 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.

November 19, 2017

The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Varys Tone ~ Eothinon 2

*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 (November 19)

The Holy Prophet Abdias (Obadiah); Martyr Barlaam of Antioch; Martyr Azi the wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor and 150 soldiers with him; Martyr Agapios of Caesarea in Palestine; Martyr Heliodoros of Magidum in Pamphylia and Euphemia; Venerable Barlaam and Joasaph, prince of India, and King Abennar, father of Venerable Joasaph; Venerable Abbot Barlaam of the Kiev Caves.

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Varys Tone:** Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the 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 Presentation of the Theotokos – Tone 4:** The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

**Prokeimenon:** The Lord will give strength to His people.

**Verse:** Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

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

(Chapter 2:14-22)

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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

(Chapter 12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God." As he said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Meeting of the Theotokos)  
Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOOD & DRINKS IN CHURCH ARE NOT APPROPRIATE EXCEPT FOR LIFE THREATENING CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, SNACK ITEMS, FRUIT, CHEERIOS, FRUIT SNACKS, SANDWICHES, MEALS, OR DRINK ITEMS OF ANY SORT. IF YOUR CHILD CANNOT WAIT UNTIL LITURGY IS OVER IN ORDER TO EAT, PLEASE TAKE YOU HIM OR HER TO THE CHURCH HALL. THANK YOU.**

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

**Coffee hour:** Team 2. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

The **Advent Fast** begins Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Nov. 19, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Our annual **Cookies with St. Nicholas Party** is scheduled for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. Youngsters of all ages are welcome. Please see **Pam Nugent** for more details.

Our annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents who are interested in having their children participate in the pageant should see **Pam Nugent**.

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

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

As of Nov. 13, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for Oct. 29, 2017, totaled \$3,408.00, the collection for Nov. 5, 2017, totaled \$2,204.00, and the collection for Nov. 12, 2017, totaled \$2,488.05, for a year-to-date total of \$125,523.21, a weekly average of \$2,728.77. As of Nov. 13, 2017, our expenses are \$152,179.41, a weekly average of \$3,308.25.

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

“When virtuous men prosper the city rejoices, there are glad cries, too, when the wicked are ruined.”  
– Proverbs 11:10

### **The Holy Prophet Obadiah**

Obadiah was born in the village of Betharam in the region of Shechem. He lived at the court of King Ahab, but when the king turned away from true worship and bowed down to idols, Obadiah did not follow the king, but continued to serve the one, true God. When the evil Queen Jezebel, in her hatred of Elias, raised a persecution against all the prophets of God, Obadiah gathered a hundred of them, hid them in two caves, and fed them to the end of the persecution (I Kings 18:4). A contemporary of the great Prophet Elias, Obadiah revered him greatly and served him in all things, as his follower and disciple. He lived 900 years before Christ and entered peacefully into rest.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*