



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 26, 2017

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost & the 13th Sunday of Luke

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 3

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.

Please Note: Food and drinks in church are not appropriate except for life threatening circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to, snack items, cheerios, fruit, 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 him or her to the church hall. 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 26)

Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianople; Nikon the preacher of repentance; Venerable Stylianos of Paphlagonia; New-martyr George of Chios; repose of Innocent, first bishop of Irkutsk.



Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, 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 Preparatory for the Nativity of Christ – Tone 3: Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the pre-eternal Word. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds Him Who shall appear by His Own will as a new Child, the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

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

(Chapter 4:1-7)

BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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

(Chapter 18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, He said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Sunday, Dec. 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, Dec. 22nd – Royal Hours of the Nativity, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Dec. 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, 10:00 A.M. (Christmas)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

The **Advent Fast** began Wednesday, November 15th, 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.

Christmas Angels Project has begun! The **Ladies Guild** is asking for your help to answer Christmas wishes from local needy children. Please bring NEW only and unwrapped gifts to the Church Hall by Sunday, **Dec. 10**. See any Ladies Guild member or **Paulina Kocic** for more information.

Ladies Guild Gift exchange (Dirty Santa) will take place on **DEC. 10**. **All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.** Bring a snack to share and a wrapped gift (please do not spend more than about \$10 on your gift). This is just a time for fun and fellowship!!!

\$350 was raised from the **Ladies Guild** October fundraiser (bracelet/pen sales and raffle) and will be donated to Cancer Crusaders.

Our annual **Cookies with St. Nicholas Party** is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th, 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. 17th. 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.

As of Nov. 20, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for Nov. 19, 2017, totaled \$3,408.00 for a year-to-date total of \$129,176.22, a weekly average of \$2,748.43. As of Nov. 13, 2017, our expenses are \$152,179.41, a weekly average of \$3,237.86.

Spiritual Counsels...

“A city is raised on the blessing of honest men, and demolished by the mouth of the wicked.” – Proverbs 11:11

The Venerable Alypius the Stylite

Alypius was born in Hadrianopolis, a city in Paphlagonia. From childhood, he was dedicated to the service of God. He served as a deacon with Bishop Theodore in the church in that city. But, desirous of a life of solitude, prayer and meditation, Alypius withdrew to a Greek cemetery outside the city. This was a cemetery from which people fled in terror, because of frequent demonic visions seen there. Alypius set up a cross in the cemetery and built a church in honor of St. Euphemia, who had appeared to him in a dream. Beside the church, he built a tall pillar, climbed on top of it, and spent 53 years there in fasting and prayer. Neither the mockery of men nor the evil of the demons was able to drive him away or cause him to waver in his intention. Alypius especially endured countless assaults from demons. Not only did the demons try to terrorize him with apparitions, but stoned him as well, and gave him no peace, day or night, for a long time. The courageous Alypius protected himself from the power of the demons by the sign of the Cross and the name of Jesus. Finally the demons were defeated and fled from him. Men began to revere him and come to him for prayer, consolation, instruction and healing. Two monasteries were built beside his pillar, one on one side for men and one on the other for women. His mother and sister lived in the women's monastery. St. Alypius guided the monks and nuns from his pillar, by example and words. He shone like the sun in the heavens for everyone, showing them the way to salvation. This God-pleaser had so much grace that he was often illuminated in heavenly light, and a pillar of this light extended to the heavens above him. St. Alypius was a wonderful and mighty miracle-worker in life, and also after his repose. He lived for 100 years and entered into rest in the year 640, during the reign of Emperor Heraclius. His head is preserved in the Monastery of Koutloumousiou on the Holy Mountain.

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