



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.



January 14, 2018

The Leave-taking of, and the Sunday after, the Theophany of Christ
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Christ is in our midst. He is and ever shall be.

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 (January 14)

Leave-Taking of, and Sunday after, the Theophany of Christ; Holy fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu; Virgin-martyr Agnes; Venerable Theodoulos, son of Neilos the Wise of Sinai; Nina, equal-to-the-Apostles and enlightener of Georgia; Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Varys or Grave 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 Theophany – Tone 1: By Thy baptism, O Lord, in the River Jordan, worship to the Trinity hath made its appearance; for the voice of the Lord did come forth to Thee with the testimony, naming Thee beloved Son, and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove, confirming the truth of the word. Wherefore, O Thou, Who didst appear and lighted the world, 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 of Theophany – Tone 4: Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord; and Thy light hath been signed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying: Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.
 (Chapter 4:7-13)

BRETHREN, unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore, He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
 (Chapter 4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet, Isaiah, might be fulfilled, "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (St. Anthony the Great)
Saturday, Jan. 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Friday, Feb. 2nd - Orthros, 9:00 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Presentation of Christ)
Saturday, Feb. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today’s **coffee hour:** (Arabic Luncheon). Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 5.

The trisagion prayers are offered today by **Naheel Rafeedie** for the repose of **Basem** and **Essa**. May their memory be eternal.

The trisagion prayers are offered today by **Natalia Sidorovskaia** for the repose of **Svetlana, Nina, Ivan, Sergey, Ulyana, Nicolaj, Lyudmila, Anna, Lilia Elias George, Angeline, George & Jean**. May their memory be eternal.

The **Ladies Guild** are scheduled to hold their monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

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

An **Arabic luncheon** shall be served after Divine Liturgy today. Tickets are \$10/person. No charge for children 10 years of age and under. For tickets and information, please see **Alexa Hamauei**.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.campstthekla.org Campers are accepted on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible. Please see Fr. Peter for camper scholarship information.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for January 28, 2018, after Divine Liturgy and shall convene in the Church. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Only those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish may vote.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Our **Annual Pledge Drive** is currently underway for the calendar year 2018. All adult members of the parish are encouraged to complete and return a pledge form to the church office. Pledge forms may be found in the narthex of the church building. All pledges are held in strict confidence. Only the total number of pledges and the total pledge amount is made available to the public. Your financial support of our church community is your support of yourself and your contribution to help insure you and your family has a place to worship. Thank you and God bless you.

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

As of Jan. 7, 2017, 14 pledges were received totaling \$54,190. The collection for Jan. 7, 2018 totaled \$2,192.00, for a year-to-date total of \$2,192.00, a weekly average of \$2,192.49. As of Jan. 10, 2018, our expenses are \$12,192.65, a weekly average of \$12,192.65.

Spiritual Counsels...

“A gracious woman brings honor to her husband, she who has no love for justice is dishonor enthroned.” – Proverbs 11:16

If You Would Like Your Home Blessed,
Please Provide the Following Information And Return This To The Church Office:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

After Theophany (Jan. 6), When Would You like Your Home Blessed?

Morning Afternoon Evening
(Circle one)

Weekday or Weekend
(Circle one)

Saint Sava [Sabas], Archbishop of the Serbs

Sava was born in 1169 A.D. He was the son of Stephen [Stefan] Nemanja the Grand Zupan of the Serbs. As a young man, Sava yearned for the spiritual life for which he fled to the Holy Mountain [Mt. Athos] where he was tonsured a monk and with rare zeal lived according to the ascetical rule. Stefan Nemanja followed the example of his son and came to the Holy Mountain where he was tonsured a monk and died as Simeon, the monk. Sava obtained the independence of the Serbian Church from the [Byzantine] emperor and patriarch and became the first Archbishop of the Serbs. Together with his father, he built the Monastery Hilendar and, after that, many other monasteries, churches and schools throughout the Serbian lands. On two occasions, he made a pilgrimage to the sacred places in the Holy Land. He restored peace between his two brothers who were estranged because of a struggle for power. He restored peace between the Serbs and their neighbors. In establishing the Serbian Church, he was, through that, establishing the Serbian State and culture. He instilled peace between all the Balkan peoples and worked for the benefit of all for which he was loved and respected by all the Balkan peoples. To the Serbian people he gave a Christian soul, which did not perish with the collapse of the Serbian State. Sava died in Trnovo, Bulgaria, during the reign of Emperor Asen, having become ill following the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany on January 12, 1236 A.D. King Vladislav translated his body to the Milieshevo Monastery from which Sinan Pasha removed it and burned it on Vracar in Belgrade, April 27, 1595 A.D.

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