



**St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church**  
**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York**  
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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 21, 2018**

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**  
**Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 11**

*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)***

Venerable Maximos the Confessor; Martyr Neophytos of Nicaea; Venerable Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse in Sicily; Virgin-martyr Agnes of Rome; Venerable Maximos the Greek of Russia.

***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. Maximos the Confessor – Plagal Tone 4:*** Thou hast shown thyself, O God-inspired Maximos, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity, O star of the universe and companion of the Bishops, O wise one. Through thy light thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Therefore, intercede with Christ God to 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 Presentation of the Lord – Tone 1:*** Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

***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 Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy.  
 (Chapter 4:9-15)

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

***Gospel:*** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke  
 (Chapter 19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not on account of the crowd because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

of anything I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – Daily Vespers, 6:30 P.M. (Ecumenical Prayer Service)

Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Orthros, 9:00 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Presentation of Christ)

Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 18<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.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 5. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 6.

The altar candle is offered today by **Ghassan** and **Majeda Khoury** for the health of **Ghassan & family** and **Philip Khoury & family** (many years), and for the repose of **Issa, Ibrahim, Youssef, Osama, Philip, Bahya, Fareh & Rahmeh** (memory eternal).

Please welcome officials from **Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office**. They are here today to discuss church safety and security issues with us.

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

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.campstthekla.org](http://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 **Diocesan Winter Retreat** is scheduled for this Jan. 25-28, in Atlanta, Georgia. If you are interested in attending this retreat, please see Fr. Peter.

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. 18, 2017, 19 pledges were received totaling \$62,280. The collection for Jan. 14, 2018, totaled \$4,566.00, for a year-to-date total of \$6,758.00, a weekly average of \$3,379. As of Jan. 10, 2018, our expenses are \$12,192.65, a weekly average of \$6,096.33.

### ***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)

### **Venerable Ephrem the Syrian**

Ephrem was born in Syria of poor parents during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. He spent his young life rather tempestuously; but all at once a change took place in his soul and he began to burn with love for the Lord Jesus. Ephrem was a disciple of St. James Nisibis (January 13). From the enormous Grace of God, wisdom flowed from his tongue as a brook of honey and ceaseless tears flowed from his eyes. Industrious as a bee, Ephrem continually either wrote books or orally taught the monks in the monastery and the people in the town of Edessa or he dedicated himself to prayer and contemplation. Numerous are his books and beautiful are his prayers. The most famous is his prayer recited during the Honorable Fast Season, which reads:

Lord and Master of my life,  
Give me not a spirit of sloth,  
Vain curiosity, lust for power and idle talk.  
But give to me, your servant, a spirit  
Of soberness, humility, patience and love.  
O Lord and King, grant me to see  
My own faults and not to condemn  
My brother: for blessed are you  
To the ages of ages. Amen.

When they wanted to appoint him a bishop by force, he pretended to be insane and began to race through the city of Edessa dragging his garment behind him. Seeing this, the people left him in peace. Ephrem was a contemporary and friend of St. Basil the Great. Saint Ephrem is considered mainly to be the Apostle of Repentance. Even today his works soften many hearts hardened by sin and return them to Christ. He died in extreme old age in the year 378 A.D.

***from: The Prologue from Ochrid***