



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

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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 28, 2018

The Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican

Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 1

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 21)

Venerable Ephraim the Syrian; Venerable Palladios of Antioch; Martyr Charita; Venerable Theodosios of Totma in Vologda; Isaac the Syrian, bishop of Nineveh.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

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: 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 Second Letter to Timothy.
(Chapter 3:10-15)

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 31st – Daily Vespers, 6:30 P.M. (Ecumenical Prayer Service)
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. (Meatfare Sunday)
Saturday, Feb. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Cheesefare Sunday)
Sunday, Feb. 18th – Forgiveness Vespers, 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Feb. 23rd – Akathist Hymn (1st Stasis)
Saturday, Feb. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Dwight Gillis & Tania or Sevin Russell. **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik.

Today's **coffee hour:** Team 6. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Fr. Peter** and **Pam Nugent** for the repose of Pam's mother, **Lorraine**. May her memory be eternal.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for today 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.

Our annual **Wine & Cheese Social** is on Sunday, Feb. 18th, (Cheesefare Sunday) this year. Please bring some cheese, crackers and wine (or one of your other favorite libations) to share with one another during coffee hour.

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.

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of Jan. 23, 2017, 23 pledges were received totaling \$72,550. The collection for Jan. 21, 2018, totaled \$1,796.65.00, for a year-to-date total of \$8,554.65, a weekly average of \$2,851.55. As of Jan. 10, 2018, our expenses are \$12,192.65, a weekly average of \$4,064.22.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The indolent lack resources, men of enterprise grow rich.” – Proverbs 11:16b

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 (Circle one)	Afternoon	Evening
Weekday (Circle one)	or	Weekend

Venerable Maximus, the Confessor

Maximus was a Constantinopolitan by birth and, at first, a high-ranking courtier at the court of Emperor Heraclius and, after that, a monk and abbot of a monastery not too far from the capitol. He was the greatest defender of Orthodoxy against the so-called Monothelite heresy which proceeded from the heresy of Eutyches. That is to say: As Eutyches claimed that there is only one nature in Christ [Monophysitism], so the Monothelites claimed that there is only one will in Christ [Monothelitism]. Maximus opposed that claim and found himself as an opponent of the emperor and the patriarch. Maximus did not frighten easily but endured to the end in proving that there were two wills as well as two natures in Christ. Because of his efforts, a council was held in Carthage and another in Rome. Both councils anathematized the teachings of the Monothelites. The suffering of Maximus for Orthodoxy cannot be described: he was tortured by princes, deceived by prelates, spat upon by the masses of the people, beaten by soldiers, exiled, imprisoned, until finally, with a severed tongue and hand, he was condemned to exile for life in the land of Skhemaris [near Batum on the Black Sea] where he spent three years in prison and gave up his soul to God in the year 666 A.D.

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