



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.

February 4, 2018

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son and the After-feast of the Presentation of Christ

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 2

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 (February 4)

The Sunday during the After-feast of the Meeting of the Lord is the Synaxis of the Holy Mothers of the Three Heirarchs: Emmelia, Nonna and Anthousa. Venerable Isadore of Pelusium; Venerable Nicholas the Confessor of Studion; New-martyr Joseph of Aleppo; George, prince of Vladimir; Venerable Cyril, wonder-worker of Novoezersk.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Presentation of Christ – Tone 1: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us the resurrection.

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 Christ – 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: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians
 (Chapter 6:12-20)

BRETHREN, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I, therefore, take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin, which a man commits, is outside the body but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which belong to God.

Gospel: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything a great famine arose in that country and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance his father saw him and had compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has received him safe and sound.’ But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead and is alive; he was lost and is found.’”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 10th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
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. (Sunday of Orthodoxy)
Wednesday, Feb. 28th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 2nd – Akathist Hymn (2nd Stasis)
Saturday, March 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (St. Gregory Palamas)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Sunday:** Rose Hrabar & Mihai Leustean.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 1. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 2.

Trisagion prayers are offered by **Dwight Gillis** and **Tania Russell** for the repose of **Dorthie, Dwight’s** wife and, of course, **Tania’s** mother. May her memory be eternal.

Our newly elected **Council members** are **Rob Booms** (2nd term) and **Michael Zelesnik** (1st term). **Mark Fleming** (1st term) was appointed by Fr. Peter to serve on the Council. Beginning their third year on the Council are **Dwight Gillis** (appointed), and **Yazmin Incaprera** and **Kumie Mamo** (elected positions). Beginning their 2nd year on the Council are **Dave Abramson** and **Marianna Avery** (elected), and **Alexa Hamauei** (appointed). Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Need a gift for that special someone for Valentine’s Day? Ladies Guild will have pink bracelets and pens and other items for sale in the Church Hall today and on Sunday, Feb 10. Support the Ladies’ projects!

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.

Please join St. Basil Church and Holy Trinity Cathedral for the **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers** at the Cathedral (1200 Robert E. Lee, NOLA) at 6:00 P.M on Sunday, Feb. 25th. Refreshments shall be served afterwards.

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.

As of Jan. 29, 2018, 28 pledges were received totaling \$83,620. The collection for Jan. 28, 2018, totaled \$1,121.15, for a year-to-date total of \$9,675.80, a weekly average of \$2,418.95. As of Jan. 30, 2018, our expenses are \$15,990.32, a weekly average of \$3,997.58.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The generous man is his own benefactor, a cruel man injures his own flesh.” – Proverbs 11:17

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)

The Venerable Isidore of Pelusium

Isidore was an Egyptian by birth and the son of a prominent family and kinsman of the Alexandrian Patriarchs Theophilus and Cyril. Having studied all the secular disciplines, he renounced worldly riches and glories and devoted himself completely to the spiritual life for the love of Christ. He was a great and ardent defender and interpreter of the Orthodox Faith. According to the statements of Nicephorus the historian, St. Isidore wrote more than 10,000 letters to various individuals in which he reproached some, counseled some, and comforted and instructed others. In one letter St. Isidore writes: "It is more important to teach by a life of doing good than to preach in eloquent terms." In another, he says: "If one desires that his virtues appear great, let him consider them small and they will surely manifest themselves as great." The first and basic rule for St. Isidore was this: "First do, then teach according to the example of our Lord Jesus." At the time of the persecution of St. John Chrysostom when the entire population was divided into two camps; one for and one against, St. Isidore, this great pillar of Orthodoxy, sided with St. John Chrysostom. He wrote to Patriarch Theophilus saying what a great light of the Church Chrysostom is and begged him to avoid hatefulness toward him. Isidore lived long and accomplished much, glorifying Christ the God with his life and his writings. Isidore took up habitation in the kingdom of Christ about the year 436 A.D.

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