



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church
His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York
And Metropolitan of all North America
His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop
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.



February 18, 2018

The Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 4

Forgive Me, a Sinner.

God Forgives and I Forgive. May God Forgive Us All.

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 18)

Leo the Great, pope of Rome; Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia; Venerable Colman, bishop of Lindisfarne.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

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 Sunday of Cheesefare – Plagal Tone 2: Teacher of Wisdom, Bestower of virtue, who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor: Strengthen and enlighten my heart, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father, for behold my lips will not be restrained from crying to thee: Have mercy on me, the transgressor, O merciful Lord.

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

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

(Chapters 13:11-14; 14:1-4)

BRETHREN, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

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

(Chapter 6:14-21)

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

And when you fast do not look dismal like the hypocrites for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast anoint your head and wash your face that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly.

GOSPEL CONTINUED

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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)
Wednesday, March 7th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 9th – Akathist Hymn (3rd Stasis)
Saturday, March 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Sunday of the Holy Cross)
Wednesday, March 14th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 16th – Akathist Hymn (4th Stasis)
Saturday, March 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy (Saturday of Souls)
Saturday, March 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (St. John Climacus)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: ?. **Next Sunday:** Dwight Gillis & Tania or Sevin Russell.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 3 & Church Community. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 4.

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.

Meatfare Week began on Monday, Feb. 12. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, Feb. 19, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through and including Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday, April 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and donated to Ozanam Inn, a New Orleans-based shelter for the homeless. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

On Feb. 25th, a **Lenten red beans & rice dinner** shall be served in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. The menu includes red beans & rice, potato kibbe, salad, Lenten apple spice cake and soft drinks or coffee. Tickets are \$10 each; children 10 and under eat for free. The proceeds from these dinners are earmarked for the completion of the iconography in the church. Please see **Alexa Hamauei** for more information

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 11. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Red Carnations.” Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

Parents and Church School Teachers, please note there is no Church School on Feb. 18 & 25, April 1 & April 8.

Our annual **Wine** and **Cheese Social** shall be held on today, Feb. 18th, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

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.

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

The **2018 Parish Life Conference** for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 – Saturday, June 16, 2018. The Conference is at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel in West Palm Beach, Florida. For more information, please see the flyers in the narthex.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of Feb. 14, 2018, 33 pledges were received totaling \$93,920. The collection for Feb. 11, 2018, totaled \$3,039.01, for a year-to-date total of \$16,591.81, a weekly average of \$2,765.30. As of Feb. 4, 2018, our expenses are \$20,833.91, a weekly average of \$3,480.65.

Spiritual Counsels...

“A virtuous man may count on life, the pursuer of evil on death.” – Proverbs 11:19

Saint Leo I, Pope of Rome

Leo was born in Italy of devout parents. At first, he served as archdeacon under Pope Sixtus III and following the death of Sixtus was elevated against his will to the throne of the Pope of Rome. When Attila, with his Huns, drew near to Rome was prepared to destroy and to set fire to the city, Leo came out before him in his episcopal vestments mitigated the wrath of the leader of the Huns and averted the destruction of Rome. As much as Attila allowed himself to be counseled by this holy man so also had he to be afraid of the vision of the Apostles Peter and Paul who stood along side Leo and with flaming swords threatened him. Not only did St. Leo save Rome, but he also contributed much to save Orthodoxy from the heresy of Eutyches and Dioscorus. This heresy consisted in the merging of the divine and human natures of Christ into one and following this, in the denial of the two wills in the person of the Lord Savior. Because of this, the Fourth Ecumenical Council [Chalcedon 451 A.D.] was convened at which time the Epistle of St. Leo was read. St. Leo had written this epistle and placed it on the tomb of St. Peter, who corrected it. Before his death, Leo spent 40 days in fasting and prayer at the tomb of St. Peter, beseeching him to tell him whether his sins are forgiven. The Apostle Peter appeared to him and said that all of his sins are forgiven except the sins of ordaining priests when it is evident how grave a sin it is to ordain one who is unworthy. The saint again fell into prayer until he was told that even those sins were forgiven. He peacefully gave up his soul to the Lord. St. Leo died in the year 461 A.D

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