



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.



April 1, 2018

The Glorious and Brilliant Feast of Palm Sunday

Tone: Of the Feast ~ Eothinon: Of the Feast

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.

Apolytikion of St. Lazarus – Tone 1: O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like babes, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Apolytikion of Palm Sunday – Tone 4: O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in baptism, we became deserving of Thy resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion of the Theotokos – Tone 2: O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.
 (Chapter 4:4-9)

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, "Rejoice." Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
 (Chapter 12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus, who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there they came, not only on account of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who

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comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass’ colt!”

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 1st – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 2nd – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 3rd – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 4th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 5th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 5th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 6th – Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.

Friday, April 6th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 6th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 7th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 7th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 8th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, April 8th – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, April 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, April 23rd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (St. George)

Saturday, April 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Dwight Gillis & Tania Russell. **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik

Today’s **coffee hour:** The Ladies Guild. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Pascha/The Parish.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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.

Parents and Church School Teachers, please note there is no Church School today and on April 8.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish shall be held after Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 1st. For more information, please see **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent**.

The flowers for the bier on Great and Holy Friday are donated in loving memory of **Dr. George Ioup** by his wife, **Juliette**, and the **Ioup family**. May his memory be eternal.

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services. 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.

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

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

As of March 28, 2018, 40 pledges were received totaling \$99,150. The collection for March 25, 2018, totaled \$1,599.05, for a year-to-date total of \$32,547.67, a weekly average of \$2,712.31. As of March 25, 2018, our expenses are \$33,876.61, a weekly average of \$3,122.59.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The generous soul will prosper, he who waters, will be watered.” – Proverbs 11:25

Synaxarion

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Verses

He Who stretcheth out the firmament and sat on the foal,
Seeketh to release mortals from un-reason.

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!” The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ’s victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of “Hosanna” is, “We pray Thee, save.” The donkey’s colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ’s sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.