



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 8, 2018

The Glorious and Brilliant Feast of PASCHA
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 Pascha – Plagal Tone 1: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by Death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Hypakoe of Pascha – Tone 4: They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, and heard the angels say unto them, “Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, Who dwells in light eternal?” Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

Kontakion of Pascha – Plagal Tone 4: When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon: This is the day, which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
 (Chapter 1:1-8)

IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when He was taken up after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles, whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “You heard from Me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for You to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
 (Chapter 1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony to bear witness to the light that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world and the world was made through Him yet the world knew Him not. He came to His Own and His Own received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him and cried, “This is He of Whom

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I said, ‘He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.’”) And from His fullness have we all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.
Saturday, May 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Sunday:** Pam and Emma Nugent

Today’s **coffee hour:** The Parish. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 4.

In the Antiochian tradition, there is a general dispensation from fasting from Pascha until the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord (May 17). (Remember... Our Lord said as long as the bridegroom was with the disciples they would not fast?)

Please remember to return your **coin boxes** at this time. The proceeds shall be tallied and forwarded to Ozanam Inn, which assists the homeless population in the New Orleans area. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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 April 1, 2018, totaled \$4,235.15, for a year-to-date total of \$36,782.82, a weekly average of \$2,829.45. As of March 31, 2018, our expenses are \$34,764.03, a weekly average of \$2,674.16. Last week’s second collection (for the Patriarchate) totaled \$698 and is being forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery.

Parish Council News from our Parish Council Chairman, Rob Booms:

Our social media team (Stephen Zelesnik and Elias Ioup) is working on updating our social media presence. If you have experience with Facebook page and website development, we could use your time and talents. Please contact Fr. Peter, Rob Booms or Stephen (Facebook) and Elias (Webpage), if you can help.

Please welcome the New Orleans Russian Community Center to our church. They are compensating us for use of the Parish Hall on several days of week. The Center will be offering Russian language instruction and cultural programs. It is part of our outreach to Orthodox people in the New Orleans area. If you are scheduling parish events, please coordinate dates with Fr. Peter so that no conflicts arise.

Many churches have an informal group, which meets for lunch in the community room of a restaurant. We could discuss an Orthodox book we're all reading or just visit about the challenges of being Orthodox in a secular society. If you're interested, please contact Rob Booms.

GREAT LENT, HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA DONATIONS

Donations for Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha were generously provided by:

Subdeacon Gregory & David Abramson in memory of **Arthur & Toni Abramson;**

Mariam Ammari for the health of **Fouad, Jawdat, Jawad, Moussa, Shaker & Raed & their families,** & in memory of **Rakad, Tamam, Fozey, Akram, Shoufah & Vera;**

Ivan Dytyuk & Maria Pulucciu for the health of **Danil, Sofia, Maria, Alex, Svetlana, Viktoria, Evdokia, Sofia, Emilia, Ivan, Liliya, Maria, Nazar, Maria, Suturmin, Andrey, Elena, Milana, & Gorislav,** & in memory of **Ivan, Maria, Vasiliy, Evdokia, Vasiliy, Nikolay, Petro & Dariya;**

Alexa Hamauei for the health of **Albert & John & their families,** & **Alexa,** & in memory of **Mike, Margaret** & the departed members of the **Kyame & Hamauei families;**

Sophia Hashek for the health of **Sopha, Nick Gena, Barbara, Emily, Stefan,** the **Kogos, Athas, Manthos, Hashek, Crane & Centanni families,** & in memory of **Nicholas, Barbara, Beatrice, Sophia, George, George** & the departed members of the **Kogos, Athas, Manthos, Hashek, Crane, Centanni & Holt families;**

Naheel Rafeedie & family for the health of **Naheel, Steven, Nadeem, Victor, Michael, Abby, Michael Jr., Matthew, Hayly, Helen, Manal & Martha,** & in memory of **Basem, Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zakiya, Essa, Richard, Ellen & Mary;**

Nicole Sopko in memory of **Mark & Olga Galagaza;**

The **Yordanov family** for the health of **Iordan Bossev & Jack Fong,** & in memory of **Yordan, Rayko, Boyanka, Dencho, Zhelyazko & Gina.**

Spiritual Counsels...

“The people’s curse is on the man who hoards the wheat, a blessing on him who sells it.” – Proverbs 11:26

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AWO BE-EWUNET ESU TEH-NESTO-AL!

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AL-MASEEH QAM!
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CHRISTOS ANESTI!
ALITHOS ANESTI!

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CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!
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