



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.



April 22, 2018
The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women
Pious Joseph of Armathaea & Righteous Nicodemus
The Great-martyr George the Trophybearer
Tone 2 ~ Eothinon4

Christ is Risen. Indeed He is Risen.

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 (April 22)

Theodore Sykeote, bishop Anastasiopolis; Apostle Nathanæl; Martyr Nearchos; Vsevolod, prince of Pskov; Martyr Epipodios of Lyons

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 Ss. Joseph & Nicodemus – Tone 2: The pious Joseph, having brought down thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise, after three days, O Lord, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of the Myrrh-bearers – Tone 2: Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. George the Trophy-bearer – Tone 4: As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

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: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Verse: Hear my voice, O Lord.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
 (Chapter 12:1-11)

ABOUT THAT TIME, Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James, the brother of John, with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church.

The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first

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and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him; And Peter came to himself, and said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(Chapters 15:43-47; 16:1-8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side dressed in a white robe and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go tell his disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb for trembling and astonishment had come upon them and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

Saturday, May 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, May 27th – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, 30 mins. after the end of liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 5. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, April 22, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

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 April 17, 2018, 40 pledges were received totaling \$99,150. The collection for April 15, 2018, totaled \$2,442.65, for a year-to-date total of \$42,168.47, a weekly average of \$2,811.23. As of April 15, 2018, our expenses are \$39,867.23, a weekly average of \$2,657.86. The second collection (for the Patriarchate) totaled \$698 and was 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.

Spiritual Counsels...

“He who trusts in riches will have his fall, the virtuous will flourish like the leaves.” – Proverbs 11:28

The Synaxarion

On April 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Theodore of Sykeon, bishop of Anastasiopolis; Apostle Nathanael (Simon the Zealot); Martyr Nearchos; Martyr Epipodios of Lyons; and Vsevolod, prince of Pskov.

On this day, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr George the Trophy-bearer.

Verses

George, the cutter-down of all his foes in battles, is gladly cut down of his foes by beheading.

On the twenty-third, George's neck was seized by the brazen blade.

George was born in Cappadocia the son of wealthy and virtuous parents. His father suffered for Christ and his mother then moved to Palestine. When George grew up, he entered the military, where in his twentieth year, attained the rank of a Tribune and was in the service of the Emperor Diocletian. The most famous George's miracles are depicted in iconography. Near Mount Lebanon was a large lake, inhabited by an enormous dragon-like serpent. Coming out of the lake, it devoured people, and the breath from its nostrils poisoned the air. George rode up on his horse with spear in hand, and signed himself with the Sign of the Cross. He rushed at the serpent saying, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." George pierced the throat of the serpent with his spear and trampled it with his horse. Twenty-five thousand men, not counting women and children, were then baptized. Diocletian eventually had George and his wife, Alexandra, beheaded in 303. Though he was a talented officer who amazed the world by his military exploits, George is known as the Victory-bearer, or Trophy-bearer, not only for his military achievements, but for successfully enduring martyrdom.

On this day, the third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the holy Myrrh-bearing women. And we also commemorate Joseph of Arimathea, the secret disciple, and Nicodemus, the disciple by night.

Verses

Christ is brought myrrh by the wise women disciples;

And to them, I bring a hymn as myrrh in offering.

The women went to Christ's tomb on Holy Pascha to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. We know the names of only eight of these women: Mary the Theotokos, the "mother" of James and Joses, who were the sons of Joseph the Betrothed from his previous marriage (Matt. 27:56 and Mark 15:40); Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; Joanna the wife of Chuza; Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Susanna; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. Joseph was a rich and noble man, and a member of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. He dared to ask Pilate for the undefiled body of our Savior, which he took and buried in his own new tomb. Accompanying Joseph to the sepulcher was Nicodemus, a Jerusalemite who was one of the leaders of the Pharisees. Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes to scent and embalm the body of Christ.