



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.

May 6, 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Pascha – The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 7

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 (May 5)

Righteous Job the long-suffering; Venerable Seraphim of Mount Domvu in Levadia; translation of the relics of Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia.

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 Mid-Pentecost – Plagal Tone 4: In the midst of this feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship for Thou didst call out to all saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, fountain of Life, glory to Thee.

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 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: O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

(Chapter 11:19-30)

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church of Jerusalem and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(Chapter 4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there and so Jesus, wearied as He was with His journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and Who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself and his sons and his cattle?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give to him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come here.” The woman answered Him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband;’ for you have had five husbands and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain and You say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He Who is called Christ); when He comes He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I Who speak to you am He.”

Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do You wish?” or “Why are You talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar and went away into the city and said to the people, “Come see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?’ I tell you, lift up your eyes and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I have sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony, “He said to me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to Him they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman,

GOSPEL CONTINUED

“It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thursday, May 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)
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
Saturday, June 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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?)

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, May 13, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

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.

As of May 1, 2018, 40 pledges were received totaling \$99,150. The collection for April 29, 2018, totaled \$1,927.10, for a year-to-date total of \$47,179.57, a weekly average of \$2,775.27. As of April 22, 2018, our expenses are \$44,574.34, a weekly average of \$2,785.90.

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

The front of our church needs some sprucing up. Do you have a power washer we can borrow for a day or two? We could also use volunteers to help with this important clean-up project. Please contact Rob Booms or Dwight Gillis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

We are considering starting an **Inquirers Class** for adults who would like to have a deeper understanding of what is involved in being Orthodox. Newcomers, future catechumens and even cradle Orthodox will be welcome. Please let Fr. Peter or Rob Booms know if you are interested and, if so, what would be the best time for you to attend such a class.

Spiritual Counsels...

“From the fruits of virtue grows a tree of life; the wicked are carried off before their time.” – Proverbs 11:30

The Holy, Righteous and Long-Suffering Job

Job was a descendant of Esau the grandson of Abraham and lived in Arabia about 2,000 years before Christ. His father's name was Zareth and his mother's name was Bosora. However, his full name was Jobab. Job was an honorable, God-fearing man and very wealthy. In the 79 year of his life, God permitted difficult temptations to befall him through Satan as it is written in detail in the Book of Job. In one day, Job lost all his enormous estates, his sons and his daughters. After that a terrible disease befell him and his entire body was covered with sores from his head to his feet and Job lay on the rubbish heap outside the town and with a piece of potsherd scrapped away the pus from his wounds. Job did not murmur against God, but patiently endured all sufferings to the end. That is why God restored his health, gave him much greater riches than that which he had before and seven sons and three daughters were born to him as many as he previously had. Job lived for a total of 248 years always glorifying and praising God. Job is considered to be the model of patient endurance of every suffering, which God sends upon us, and Job is a prototype of the suffering of the Lord Jesus.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

The Synaxarion

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

Verses

Coming to obtain corruptible water, O woman,
Thou drawest living water, wherewith thy soul's stains thou wastest.

The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob's Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob's Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus. By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.