



**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 13, 2018**

**The Sixth Sunday of Pascha – The Sunday of the Blind Man**  
**Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 8**

*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 13)***

Virgin-martyr Glykeria of Heraklea; Sergios the Confessor, father of Photios the Great; Venerable Euthymios the New, founder of Iviron monastery on Athos; His father, John the Iberian (Georgian), and their kinsman, George; Venerable Gabriel the Iberian; Venerable-martyrs of Iviron manstery.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 1:*** Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

***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:*** You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

***Verse:*** Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

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

(Chapter 16:16-34)

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them they threw them into prison charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John  
(Chapter 9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing He saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent Me while it is day; night comes when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.” As He said this He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with clay, saying to him, “Go wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he,” others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash,’ so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes and I washed and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him and it is He Who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him.

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Dwight Gillis & Tania or Sevin Russell. **Next Sunday:** Rose Hrabar & Mihai Leustean.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 2. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

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?)

**Happy Mother’s Day** to all of the wives and mothers in our parish. Thank you for all you do. God bless you.

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

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, May 20, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please 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 May 6, 2018, totaled \$2,273.00, for a year-to-date total of \$49,452.57, a weekly average of \$2,747.37. As of May 6, 2018, our expenses are \$51,056.18, a weekly average of \$2,836.45.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

#### **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.

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...***

“If here on Earth the virtuous man gets his due, how much more the wicked, how much the sinner!”

– Proverbs 11:31

### **The Holy Female Martyr Glyceria**

Glyceria was the daughter of a Roman governor. Becoming impoverished after her father's death, Glyceria settled in Trajanopolis in Thrace. During the reign of the nefarious Emperor Antoninus, Glyceria was taken to offer sacrifices to the idol of Jupiter [Zeus]. She traced the sign of the cross on her forehead and when the Prefect Sabinus questioned her concerning her lamp, (for all of them carried lamps in their hands), Glyceria pointed to the cross on her forehead and said: "This is my lamp." As a result of her prayer lightning struck the idol and smashed it to pieces. The prefect became angry and ordered her flogged and thrown into prison. The prefect sealed the doors to the prison, determined to starve the virgin to death. However, an angel of God appeared to Glyceria and administered heavenly food to her. After a period of time, when the prefect thought that the virgin must have died from hunger, he opened the doors of the prison and was astonished when he saw her healthy, radiant and joyful. Witnessing this miracle, Laodicius, the jailer confessed Christ the Lord and was immediately beheaded. After that Glyceria was thrown into a fiery furnace but remained unharmed by the fire. Standing in the midst of the fire and, remembering the miracle of the three youths in the Babylonian furnace, Glyceria praised the Lord. Finally, she was thrown to the lions and, praying to God, this holy virgin gave up her soul to the Lord for Whom she bravely endured many tortures. She suffered honorably in the year 177 A.D. A healing oil [myrrh] emitted from her relics, which healed the sick of the gravest diseases.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

### **The Synaxarion**

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth.

#### **Verses**

O Light of Light most perfect, and Light-provider,  
On the blind from birth, O Word, eyes Thou bestowest.

The Savior met this man, born blind and incurable after every human effort, while leaving the Temple on the Sabbath. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus teach that the man was born without eyes. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.