



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 27, 2018

The Sunday of the Great Feast of Pentecost
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.

Saints du Jour (May 27)

Hieromartyrs Helladios and Therapont, bishop of Sardis; Martyr Alypios; uncovering of the relics of Neilos the Younger, stylite of Seliger Lake; John the Russian, the Confessor.

Apolytikion of Pentecost – Plagal Tone 4: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of Pentecost – Plagal Tone 4: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

Prokeimenon: Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Chapter 2:1-11)

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together and they were bewildered because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(Chapters 7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirst let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now He said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the

GOSPEL CONTINUED

Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.”

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

Saturday, June 16th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, June 17th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, June 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ss. Peter & Paul)

Saturday, June 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 1st – 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:** Team 4. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 5.

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.

We do not fast this week.

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

As of May 20, 2018, 42 pledges were received totaling \$100,550. There was no collection for May 13, 2018. The collection for May 20, 2018, totaled \$3,900.00, for a year-to-date total of \$53,352.57, a weekly average of \$2,667.63. As of May 20, 2018, our expenses are \$53,779.27, a weekly average of \$2,688.96. The collection for Ozanam Inn totaled \$1,004.50 and is being forwarded to the Inn. Thank you for your generosity in assisting those less fortunate than us.

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...

“He who loves discipline, loves knowledge, stupid is the man who hates correction.” – Proverbs 12:1

The Priestly-Martyr Therapontus, Bishop of Sardis

Therapontus converted many Hellenes [Greeks] to the Faith of Christ and for that he was cruelly tortured by the pagans through starvation, imprisonment and flogging. Naked, they placed him on the ground and tied him to four dry stumps and whipped him unmercifully until his flesh was ripped from his bones. But the martyr remained alive and those four stumps turned green and grew into tall trees from which many who were ill received healing. Finally, St. Therapontus was slaughtered like a lamb during the reign of Valerian about 259 A.D. and with his soul took up habitation in the kingdom to behold the glory of God in eternity. He suffered honorably in the year 259 A.D.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

The Synaxarion

On this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate Holy Pentecost.

Verses

In a mighty wind Christ distributeth the Divine Spirit

In the form of fiery tongues unto the Apostles.

In one great day, the Spirit was poured out on the Fishermen.

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord’s promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles