



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.



June 3, 2018

The 1ST Sunday after Pentecost ~ The Sunday of All Saints
Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 1

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 (June 3)

Martyrs Lucillian of Byzantium and the children Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius; Martyr Paula the Virgin of Nicomedia; Venerable Athanasios the wonderworker of Cilicia; Clotilde, queen of the Franks; Venerable Kevin of Glendalough; Venerable Othal of Mejdell in Syria.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of All Saints – Tone 4: Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying: Turn with Thy compassion to Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

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 All Saints – Plagal Tone 4: Unto Thee, O Lord, the Author of creation, the universe doth offer the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By whose prayers, through the Theotokos, do Thou preserve in peace profound Thy Church, O most merciful One.

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

(Chapter 11:33-40; 12:1,2)

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated – of whom the world was not worthy – wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

(Chapters 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father, Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father, Who is in heaven. "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not

GOSPEL CONTINUED

worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”

Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed You. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world when the Son of man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last and the last first.

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.

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: Pam and Emma Nugent. **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik.

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

The Apostle’s Fast begins on Monday of this week. It continues until Friday, June 29, at which time we break the fast.

The Ladies Guild are scheduled to hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, June 10. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

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

As of May 29, 2018, 42 pledges were received totaling \$100,550. The collection for May 27, 2018, totaled \$1,980.00, for a year-to-date total of \$55,332.57, a weekly average of \$2,634.88. As of May 29, 2018, our expenses are \$65,239.15, a weekly average of \$3,106.63. 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.

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...

“The good man wins the favor of the Lord, but He condemns the man who is a schemer.” – Proverbs 12:2

The Holy Martyr Lucillian and those with him: Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, Dionysius and the Virgin Paula

Lucillian grew old as a pagan priest and, as a graying elder, recognized the truth of Christianity and was baptized. His conversion to Christianity provoked great anxiety among the heathens in Nicomedia and he was brought to trial. Because he did not want to deny his new Faith Lucillian was violently beaten and, completely bruised, was thrown into prison. In prison he met four young men: Claudius, Hypatius, Paul and Dionysius who, because of their faith in Christ, were also imprisoned. The elder greatly rejoiced in the young men and they in him and together spent all their time in pious conversations, prayers and the chanting of psalms. When they were led out of prison they were tortured by various means and finally sent to Byzantium where the soldiers beheaded Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, Dionysius, and Lucillian was crucified by the Jews. The nefarious Jews pierced Lucillian's entire body with nails. A virgin named Paula openly took the martyr's bodies and honorably buried them. For this, she was accused and, after having been tortured, was beheaded receiving two wreaths from the Lord: the wreath of virginity and the wreath of martyrdom. Their martyrdom occurred during the reign of Emperor Aurelian between the years 270-275 A.D.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

The Synaxarion

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.