

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

August 5, 2018

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost & the 10th Sunday of Matthew The Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 10

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 (August 5)

Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Eusignius the Martyr of Antioch; New-martyr Habakkuk of Thessalonika; Righteous Eugene of Aitola; Euthymios, patriarch of Constantinople; Christos the New-martyr of Prevezis; Martyr Oswald, king of Northumbria.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly pow'rs cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Forefeast of the Transfiguration – Tone 4: Let us, O believers, come forth and welcome the Transfiguration of Christ, joyfully celebrating the Preparation of the Feast and declaring aloud, Verily, the day of divine rejoicing hath arrived and shed forth the radiance of his Godhead.

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 the Forefeast of the Transfiguration – Tone 4: Today doth the whole of human nature glitter in the divine Transfiguration, in a divine manner, shouting with joy, Christ is transfigured, Saviour of all.

Prokeimenon: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. **Verse**: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Epistle: The reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. (Chapter 4:9-16)

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought Him to your disciples and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and

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perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you if you have faith, even as a grain of mustard seed you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting."

As they were traveling together through Galilee Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men and they will kill Him and He will rise on the third day."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Transfiguration of our Lord)
Saturday, Aug. 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Aug. 15th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Dormition)
Saturday, Aug. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Pam Nugent & Emma Nugent. Next Sunday: .

Today's **coffee hour:** Team 24. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

The holy bread is offered tomorrow by **Ghassan Khoury** for the health of the **Khoury family** (many years), and for the repose of **Yousef and all the departed ones** (memory eternal).

The **blessing of the grapes** shall occur during Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration on Aug. 6. Please let Fr. Peter know if you are bringing grapes (or other fruit) to be blessed for the feast. Thank you.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Aug. 12, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

We fast each day this week during the Dormition fast. There is an allowance on Monday, however, for fish, alcohol and oil in celebration of the Transfiguration of our Lord.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of July 30, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for July 15, 2018, totaled \$2,672.00, the collection for July 22, 2018, totaled \$3,114.00, and the collection for July 29, 2018 totaled \$1,121.00 for a year-to-date total of \$75,590.07, a weekly average of \$2,519.67. As of July 30, 2018, our expenses are \$89,889.19, a weekly average of \$2,996.31.

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

With many parishioners traveling during the summer, financial support for the Parish is suffering right now. It takes about \$3,000 a week to pay our bills and we're running short. If you are behind in making your contributions, please catch up. If you have not made a pledge, it's not too late to start. In order to sustain our growth, we do need to support our priest, our facilities and programs. Thanks be to God for all he has given us. Let us respond in gratitude.

We are considering starting an <u>Inquirers Class</u> 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...

"Better a common man who does his own work than one who plays the lord and goes short of bread." – Proverbs 12:9

The Holy Martyr Eusignius

Eusignius served as a soldier under Emperor Maximian, Emperor Constantine the Great and under Constantine's sons. He was present during the torturing of the holy female martyr Basiliscus [May 22]. He saw myriads of angels and the Lord Jesus Himself as He received the soul of this holy martyr from the angels. Eusignius fought under Emperor Constantine and saw the Cross, which appeared to the emperor. He served in the army for 60 full years and during the reign of Constantine's sons resigned from military service and settled in Antioch, the place of his birth. There, he lived a god-pleasing life in fasting, prayer and good works. During the time of Julian the Apostate, two men who were arguing on the street asked him to be their judge. He dispensed justice to the correct one and the man at fault became angry and went to the emperor and accused Eusignius of being a Christian. The emperor summoned Eusignius to court but he strongly denounced the emperor for his apostasy from the Faith and reproached him with the shining example of Constantine the Great. The enraged Julian ordered that he be beheaded. Eusignius was martyred at a ripe old age in the year 362 A.D. and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

