



## 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.

August 19, 2018

The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew

Tone 3 ~ 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 (August 19)***

Martyr Andrew the General ('Stratelates') & his 2,593 soldiers; Holy Martyrs Timothy, Agapius and Thecla; Venerable Theophanes of Docheiariou monastery on Athos; Afterfeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary; Martyrs Eutychianos and Strategios.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3:*** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

***Apolytikion of the Dormition – Tone 1:*** In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

***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 Dormition of the Theotokos – Tone 2:*** Neither the grave nor death had power over the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercession and whose protection is an unchanging hope; for being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

***Prokeimenon:*** Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

***Verse:*** Clap your hands, all you nations.

***Epistle:*** The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapter 15:1-11)

BRETHREN, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast – unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is within me. Whether it was I or they, so we preached and so you believed.

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

(Chapter 19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came to Jesus, kneeling before Him and saying, "Good teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? There is no good but One and that is God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Jesus, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Jesus, “All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Nativity of the Theotokos)

Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please remember to **silence your cell phones** before you come into the church temple. Thank you.

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

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

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Yazmin** and **Charles Incaprera** for the repose of the souls of **Mary** and **Henry Kaim**, **Habous** and **Kamel Nacim**, **Namer Nacim**, and **Yamel** and **David Nacim**. May their memory be eternal.

The **Parish Council** are scheduled to hold their monthly meeting today, Aug. 19, after Divine Liturgy. All council members are asked to attend.

Divine Liturgy celebrating the feast of the beheading of St. John the Baptist shall be concelebrated by Fr. George and Fr. Peter at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 9:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month starting Sept. 4. A potluck meal shall be offered at 6:30 pm, followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Church School teachers and parents please note that **Church School**, God willing, shall begin on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Approximately 2 dozen **Red Carnations** are needed for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross next month. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Red Carnations.” Include your commemorations and donation, and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

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

As of July 30, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Aug. 12, 2018, totaled \$2,835.25, for a year-to-date total of \$80,903.32, a weekly average of \$2,528.23. As of Aug. 14, 2018, our expenses are \$94,918.67, a weekly average of \$2,966.21.

### **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.

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“He who tills his land shall have bread and to spare, he who chases fantasies has no sense.” – Proverbs 12:11

### **The Holy Martyr Andrew, Stratelates [The Tribune The Commander]**

Andrew was an officer, a tribune, in the Roman army during the reign of Emperor Maximian. He was a Syrian by birth and served in Syria. When the Persians menaced the Roman Empire with there military, Andrew was entrusted with the army to battle against the enemy. During this occasion, Andrew was promoted as a commander - Stratelates. Secretly a Christian, even though he was not baptized, Andrew trusted in the living God and, of the many soldiers, he chose only the best and entered into battle. He said to his soldiers before the battle that if they would call upon the help of the one, true God, Christ the Lord, their enemies will scatter as dust before them. Truly, all the soldiers filled with enthusiasm at Andrew and his faith invoked Christ for assistance and made an assault. The Persian army was utterly destroyed. When the victorious Andrew returned to Antioch some, who were envious, accused Andrew of being a Christian and the imperial deputy summoned him to court. Andrew openly confessed his unwavering faith in Christ. After bitter tortures, the deputy threw Andrew into prison and wrote to the emperor in Rome. Knowing Andrew's respect among the people and in the army, the emperor ordered the deputy to free Andrew to freedom and to seek another opportunity and another reason (not his faith) and then to kill him. Through God's revelation, Andrew learned of the emperor's command and, taking with him his faithful soldiers, 2,593 in number, departed with them to Tarsus in Cilicia and there, all were baptized by Bishop Peter. Persecuted even there by the imperial authorities, Andrew with his detachment withdrew farther into the Armenian mountain Tavros. Here, in a ravine while they were at prayer, the Roman army caught up with them and all to the last one were beheaded. Not one of them even wanted to defend themselves but all were desirous of a martyr's death for Christ. On this spot, where a stream of the martyr's blood flowed, a spring of healing water erupted which cured many from every disease. Bishop Peter came secretly with his people and, on the same spot, honorably buried the bodies of the martyrs. Dying honorably, they were all crowned with the wreath of glory and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Christ our Lord.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*