



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop

Of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

September 2, 2018

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost & the 14th Sunday of Matthew

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 3

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 (September 2)

Martyr Mamas and his parents, Martyrs Theodotos and Rufina; John the Faster, patriarch of Constantinople; Paul, patriarch of Constantinople; Ammon and Aeithalas, martyrs of Thrace; Cosmas the hermit.

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. Mamas – Tone 4: Thy martyr, O Lord, by his struggle hath received from Thee, our God, the imperishable crown; because, acquiring Thy strength, he demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

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 Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone 4: By thy holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of Life.

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 St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapters 1:21-24; 2:1-4)

BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put His seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me – it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love I have for you.

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

(Chapter 22:2-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast."' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business,

GOSPEL CONTINUED

while the rest seized his servants, treating them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it he was angry and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.”

“But when the king came in to look at the guests he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 13th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Elevation of the Holy Cross)

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 30th – 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: Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean. **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 1. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 24.

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.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Sept. 9, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Russian lessons for beginners will start again on September 17. We will have two groups - at 12 pm and at 6:30 pm. Please contact **Marianna Avery** for more questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

As God so wills, His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS shall visit our parish on the weekend of Oct. 19-21. Please make plans to be with His Grace this weekend as he requests. More information at the schedule is forthcoming.

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

As of Aug. 31, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Aug. 19, 2018, totaled \$1,794.00, and the collection for Aug. 26, 2018, totaled \$2,386.00, for a year-to-date total of \$85,083.32, a weekly average of \$2,502.45. As of Aug. 19, 2018, our expenses are \$95,447.40, a weekly average of \$2,807.28.

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...

“The desires of the godless are sickly, the roots of the devout are firmly set.” – Proverbs 12:12

The Holy Martyr Mamas

He was born in Paphlagonia of eminent Christian parents, Theodotus and Rufina, who were thrown into prison for the name of Christ. In the prison, Theodotus was the first to die, and Rufina, after giving birth to a son, soon followed her husband, and the newborn child was left in the prison beside the bodies of his parents. God the Provider sent His holy angel to a noble widow, Ammia, whom the angel told in a dream to go to the prison and take the child. Ammia asked the city governor's permission to bury the dead and take the child into her own home. The child was dumb until the age of five, and then his first word was 'Mama', because of which he was given the name Mamas. At school, he showed an unusual brightness, and, being brought up at home in a Christian spirit, did not conceal his faith but confessed it before his contemporaries, mocking at the idols. In the time of the Emperor Aurelian, there was a vicious persecution of Christians, and the pagans did not spare even Christian children. Mamas was 15 years old when he was taken before the Emperor. The Emperor told him to deny Christ only with his lips. To this Mamas replied: 'I shall not deny my God and King Jesus Christ either in my heart or with my lips.' The Emperor ordered that he be beaten, burned with torches and finally thrown into the sea, but an angel of God saved him and took him to a high mountain near Caesarea. There he lived in solitude and prayer, and fierce wild beasts were tamed by his holiness. He was eventually found there by the persecutors and put again to torture. Overcoming both the power of fire and the fierceness of wild beasts, holy Mamas was stabbed with a trident by a pagan priest. He thus gave his holy soul to the God to whom he had remained faithful in all his sufferings. Many of the sick have been healed by his relics.

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