



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.

September 9, 2018

The Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 4

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 9)

The holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; Great-martyr Severian of Sebaste; Theophanes the Confessor; the fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council; Venerable Joseph of Volotsk; uncovering of the relics of Theodosios, archbishop of Chernigov.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone 4: Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

Apolytikion of Ss. Joachim and Anna – Tone 2: As we celebrate the remembrance of Thy righteous ancestors, O Lord our God, through them we beseech Thee to 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: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

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

(Chapter 6:11-18)

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(Chapter 3:13-17)

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but He Who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

Saturday, Oct. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 7th – 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: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Sunday:** Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Nazih** and **Solange Nakhoul** for the repose of the souls of **Labib** (9 yrs) and **Nasri** (1 yr). May their memory be eternal.

The altar candle is offered on Sept. 8 and Sept. 13 by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** for the health of **Jamal, Najla, Cesar, Leila, Stephanie, Elia, Milad, Rabih, Yasmine, Lebnan, Arzeh, Ghantous, Dolly, Marlene, Assad** and their families (many years), and for the repose of **Milad, Ramzi, Elia, Vagar, Peter Boulos** (memory eternal).

The altar candle is offered on Sept. 9 by **Therese Dagher** for the health of **Bruno, Toufic** and **Ayman** (many years), and for the repose of **Alex** and **Mairie** (memory eternal).

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

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 today Sunday, Sept. 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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

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 **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Sept. 16, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please 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.

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 Sept. 2, 2018, totaled \$3,566.00 for a year-to-date total of \$88,649.32, a weekly average of \$2,532.84. As of Sept. 6, 2018, our expenses are \$98,545.53, a weekly average of \$2,815.59.

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...

“His own lips are to blame when the wicked man is entrapped, the virtuous man finds his own way out of misfortune.” – Proverbs 12:13

Ss Joachim and Anna

St Joachim was of the tribe of Judah, and a descendant of King David. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, of the tribe of Levi as was Aaron the High Priest. This Matthan had three daughters: Mary, Zoia and Anna. Mary was married in Bethlehem and bore Salome; Zoia was also married in Bethlehem and bore Elisabeth, the mother of St John the Forerunner; and Anna was married in Nazareth to Joachim, and in old age gave birth to Mary, the most holy Mother of God. Joachim and Anna had been married for 50 years, and were barren. They lived devoutly and quietly, using only a third of their income for themselves and giving a third to the poor and a third to the Temple, and they were well provided for. Once, when they were already old and were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice to God, the High Priest, Issachar, upbraided Joachim: ‘You are not worthy to offer sacrifice with those childless hands.’ Others who had children jostled Joachim, thrusting him back as unworthy. This caused great grief to the two aged souls, and they went home with very heavy hearts. Then the two of them gave themselves to prayer to God that He would work in them the wonder that He had worked in Abraham and Sarah, and give them a child to comfort their old age. God sent them His angel, who gave them tidings of the birth of ‘a daughter most blessed, by whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed, and through whom will come the salvation of the world.’ Anna conceived at once, and in the ninth month gave birth to the holy Virgin Mary. St Joachim lived for 80 years and Anna for 79, and they both entered into the kingdom of God.

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