



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.

November 11, 2018

Great-Martyr Menas the Wonderworker and the 8th Sunday of St. Luke

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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 (November 11)

Great-Martyr Menas of Egypt, the Wonderworker; Martyrs Victor of Damascus, Vincent and Stephanis of Spain; Venerable Theodore the Studite; Blessed Maximos the fool-for-Christ; Martyr Stephen of Dechani, King of Serbia, Stephen Urosh and Princess Milica; Martin the merciful, Bishop of Tours.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Varys Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Menas the Wonderworker – 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 Presentation of the Theotokos – Tone 4: The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.
(Chapter 4:6-15)

BRETHREN, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” And the lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have answered right; do this and you will live.”

But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was and when he saw him he had compassion and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Nov. 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Entry of the Theotokos)

Saturday, Nov. 24th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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

Sunday, Dec. 9th – 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:** Dwight Gillis and Tania or Sevin Russell.

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

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next today, Nov. 11, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The altar candle is offered today by **Naheel Rafeedie** for the health of **Naheel, Steven, Nadeem, Victor, Michael, Helen, Manal, Michael Jr., Matthew, Abby** and **Hayley** (many years); and for the repose of **Basem, Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zahiya, Essa, Richard, Ellen** and **Mary** (memory eternal).

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Nov. 18, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members are asked to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Dec. 4 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

The **Advent Fast** begins Thursday, November 15th, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

***Attention St. Basil’s:** As you know it is that time of year when we start taking inventory of our cold weather gear. Time to pull out our jackets and sweaters to make sure they still fit. What do you do if they don’t? Not to worry. St. Basil’s youth is holding a coat drive. We are looking for coats, jackets and sweaters that are in good condition. Please make sure that buttons and zippers are in good working order. Remember we are trying to keep someone warm this winter. Thank you for all you do. God Bless! (For more information, please see Tania Russell.) Next Sunday is the last day to donate items!!*

Our annual **Cookies with St. Nicholas Party** is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th, from 12:30-2:00 P.M. Youngsters of all ages are welcome. Please see **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent** for more details.

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

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

As of Nov. 8, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Nov. 4, 2018, totaled \$3,269.15 for a year-to-date total of \$111,779.98, a weekly average of \$2,540.45. As of Nov. 4, 2018, our expenses are \$120,509.19, a weekly average of \$2,738.85.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

The Parish Council wishes to thank all who took time to have fellowship with His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS during his visit. Special thanks to Nadia Khashou and the Ladies Guild for the meal, Elena for the pastries, our Ethiopian members for the coffee and the Choir for the wonderful liturgical music. The Bishop thought that our church was very beautiful and was very complimentary about Fr. Peter and all of us. He noted that St. Basil reminded him of the Parish he had before he was a Bishop. Like us, it had a mix of Orthodox Christians of Arab, Eastern European and Ethiopian background as well converts. He commended Fr. Peter and the Parish for new members in the last couple of years and said that we are moving in the right direction. The Parish Council at its October meeting unanimously thanked Fr. Peter for his ministry and our parishioners for welcoming new Orthodox Christians to our Parish family. May God bless the Holy Orthodox Church and our part in it---Rob

Spiritual Counsels...

“Lips that lie are abhorrent to the Lord; dear to Him those who speak the truth.” – Prov. 12:22

The Holy Great-Martyr Menas

Menas was an Egyptian by birth and a soldier by profession. As a true Christian, he was not able to witness the abominable sacrificial offerings to the idols and left the army, the town, the people and everything else, and went to a deserted mountain, for it was easier for him to live among the wild beasts than with pagans. One day Menas clairvoyantly discerned a pagan celebration in the town of Cotyaeus. He descended into the town and openly declared his faith in Christ the Living God. He denounced idolatry and paganism as falsehood and darkness. Pyrrhus, eparch of that town, asked Menas who he was and where he was from. The saint replied: "My fatherland is Egypt, my name is Menas. I was an officer, but witnessing the worship of idols, I renounced your honors. I now come before you all to proclaim my Christ as the true God, that He may proclaim me as His servant in the Heavenly Kingdom." Hearing this, Pyrrhus subjected St. Menas to severe tortures. They flogged him, scraped him with iron claws, burned him with torches, and tortured him by various other means, and finally beheaded him with the sword. They threw his body into a fire so that Christians would not be able to retrieve it, but Christians recovered several parts of his body from the fire nevertheless. They reverently buried those remains, which were later transferred to Alexandria and buried there, where a church was built over them. St. Menas suffered in about the year 304 A.D. and went to the Kingdom of Christ. He was and remains a great miracle-worker, both on earth and in heaven. Whoever glorifies St. Menas and invokes his help with faith, receives his help. The saint has often appeared as a warrior on horseback, arriving to help the faithful or punish the unfaithful.

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Diocese Of Miami & the SouthEast

2019 Winter Retreat

~ Bishop NICHOLAS, presiding, cordially invites you to attend ~



DOMSE 2nd Annual Winter Retreat

Hosted at St. Elias Church in Atlanta, GA

Pastors Only: Jan. 23 - 24, 2019; all Pastors to arrive in Atlanta by Jan. 22

Attached Clergy & Assistant Pastors are strongly encouraged to participate & arrive on the same date!

Clergy, Antiochian Men, Women, & Young Adults: Jan. 25 - 27, 2019

Note: Teen SOYO's part in the Winter Retreat will be moved to the Spring to accommodate for Winter Camp

ALL must register! \$50 fee per person to cover meals & all other retreat expenses

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