



## St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York  
And Metropolitan of all North America

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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.

**December 9, 2018**

**The Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna and the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

**Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 6**

*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 (December 9)***

The Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna; Hannah the Righteous, mother of Samuel the Prophet; Narses the Martyr of Persia; Martyr Andrew the General ('Stratelates'), Venerable Theophanes of Docheiariou monastery on Athos; Consecration of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre) in Jerusalem.

**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 Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna – Tone 4:** Today have the bonds of barrenness been loosened, God, having heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna, promised them openly that they should give birth, against hope, to the Maiden of God, from whom He, the infinite One, was to be born, becoming man, commanding the angel to shout to her: Hail, O full of grace, the Lord be with thee.

**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 Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna – Tone 4:** Today the universe celebrateth the conception of Anna which is from God; for she hath given birth to her who gave birth to the Word, in an ineffable manner.

**Prokeimenon:** The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

**Verse:** O God, hear my prayer.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.  
(Chapter 4:22-27)

BRETHREN, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke  
(Chapter 13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her and immediately she was made straight and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the

### GOSPEL CONTINUED

people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed and not the sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?” As Jesus said this all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Royal Hours & Typica, 8:30 A.M.; Vespers Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Tuesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Nativity of our Lord)  
Saturday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Vespers Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (St. Basil the Great)  
Saturday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Theophany)

### 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.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 6. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

The **Advent Fast** began Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Donations for **poinsettias** are currently being accepted. If you would like to make a donation, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Poinsettias.” Donations are a minimum of \$12.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to **St. Basil Ladies Guild**. Thank you.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Jan. 8 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

LENTIL SOUP SALES by the Ladies Guild until they run out. Come early!

The **altar candle** is offered today by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** in memory of Leila’s father, **Milad Chedid**, for the health of **Jamal, Najla, Cesar, Leila, Stephanie, Elia, Milad, Rabi, Maria, Amelia, Nicholas, Christopher, Milad, Yasmine, Lebna, Arzeh, Ghantous, Dolly, Assad, Marlene** and their families (many years), and for the repose of **Milad, Ramzi, Elia, Vagar**, and **Peter Boulos** (memory eternal).

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

Our first **Antiochian Men (AMEN) meeting** is scheduled to meet after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 9. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend. For more information, please speak with **Michael Zelesnik** or **Stephen Zelesnik**.

The **Parish Council** shall hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, Dec. 16, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

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

Our annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parents who are interested in having their children participate in the pageant should see **Kh. Pam Nugent**.

I do not like green eggs and ham but I like my ham in a can if you can bring that can of ham to the canned food drive. Second quote from Wylie Russell

Bring non Perishable food Items to:

3916 hudson street

Metairie, La 70006.

Thank you!

Teen project number one was a huge success. Thank you all for your donations. There is no better feeling than the feeling you get when you are able to help others. Let's keep the momentum as we move into teen project number two. Our canned food drive. This will be going to **Second Harvest Food Bank**. Please bring in non-perishable food items between now and December 16<sup>th</sup> so we can deliver before Christmas. Again thank you for all you do, God bless.

**Russian lessons** for beginners started on September 17. The group meets at 12 P.M. on Mondays. Please contact **Oksana Mehecha** for more questions.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

As of Dec. 5, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Dec. 2, 2018, totaled \$3,257.73 for a year-to-date total of \$122,976.33, a weekly average of \$2,562.01. As of Dec. 1, 2018, our expenses are \$130,140.21, a weekly average of \$2,711.25.

#### ***From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council***

The Parish Council invites all of you to spend some time in prayer during Advent to consider how we can best support St. Basil. In addition to the usual operating expenses, our 2019 budget will need to address deferred maintenance items such as securing our internet line, repairing the storage shed and painting the wrought iron fences. We would also like to improve our sound amplification system, install a handicap railing and purchase accounting software. If your generosity allows, we hope to add additional icons and liturgical bells or chimes. Much of what needs to be done does not require money but only volunteers. Please ask our Lord for guidance on how each of us can meaningfully contribute to our church. God bless--Rob

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

“An impartial arbiter is his won best friend; the way of the wicked leads them astray.” – Prov. 12:26

#### **The Conception of the Most-Holy Theotokos by St. Anna**

The righteous Joachim and Anna were childless for 50 years of their married life. In their old age the Archangel Gabriel appeared to each one of them separately, telling them that God had heard their prayers and that they would give birth to a daughter, Mary. Then St. Anna conceived by her husband and after nine months bore a daughter blessed by God and by all generations of men: the Most-holy Virgin Mary, the Theotokos. (For more details, see September 9.)

***from: The Prologue from Ochrid***

# 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

**REGISTER HERE (includes hotel info): <http://bit.ly/DMC-Winter-Retreat>**

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