



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York
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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.

December 16, 2018

The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 7

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 16)

Prophet Haggai; Theophania the empress; Hieromartyr Modestos, archbishop of Jerusalem; Nicholas, Patriarch of Constantinople; Memnonus, Archbishop of Ephesus.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Holy Forefathers – Tone 2: Thou hast justified by faith the ancient forefathers and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, 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 Preparatory for the Nativity of Christ – Tone 3: Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the pre-eternal Word. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds Him Who shall appear by His Own will as a new Child, the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

Verse: For You are just in all You have done.

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

(Chapter 3:4-11)

BRETHREN, when Christ, Who is our life, appears then you also will appear with Him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

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

(Chapter 14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a

GOSPEL CONTINUED

wife and, therefore, I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.’”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

Monday, Dec. 24th – Royal Hours & Typica, 8:30 A.M.; Vespers Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, Dec. 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Nativity of our Lord)

Saturday, Dec. 29th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

Monday, Dec. 31st – Vespers Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (St. Basil the Great)

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

Sunday, Jan. 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Theophany)

Sunday, Jan. 6th – Badnjak Service, 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, Jan. 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 13th – 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: Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent. **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik.

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

The **Advent Fast** began 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.

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.

Christmas Angels Project – All gifts are due today. Ladies Guild will be wrapping gifts after coffee hour. Gift card donations to help families purchase food (e.g. Walmart) can still be made until next Sunday, Dec. 23. Please see Paulina, Rose or Bronwen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Only a few containers of lentil soup remain. Please purchase your lentil soup today from the Ladies Guild. Thank you!

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

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

LADIES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL will be January 6 after Liturgy. All ladies are invited. Please bring a snack to share and a gift to exchange (value no more than \$15). We have fun playing a gift exchange game!

NEW YEAR’S BASKET RAFFLE - Ladies Guild has 3 baskets to raffle to help you ring in 2019!! These are Adult only: two with Champagne/glasses and one with the popular Moscow Mule drink!! Raffle will be held DEC 30 at coffee hour. Purchase tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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!

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.

As of Dec. 12, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Dec. 9, 2018, totaled \$3,257.73 for a year-to-date total of \$125,393.88, a weekly average of \$2,559.06. As of Dec. 14, 2018, our expenses are \$133,584.62, a weekly average of \$2,726.22.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

We have a new Parish registration form! It allows you to update your contact information. It’s also for visitors who are interested in becoming members of St. Basil. Finally, it’s the new pledge form for 2019, not just for your financial support but also for volunteering. Please help the Parish Council plan for the new year by completing this form. It is located in the back of the church, next to the weekly bulletins. The completed form should be returned to the church in a sealed envelope. Thanks and God bless. -- Rob

Spiritual Counsels...

“The idle man has no game to roast; diligence is a man’s most precious possession.” – Prov. 12:27

The Holy Prophet Haggai

Haggai was born in Babylon during the time of the captivity of Israel. He was of the tribe of Levi and prophesied about 470 years before Christ. As a youth, he visited Jerusalem. He urged Zerubbabel and Joshua the priest to restore the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem, prophesying for this Temple greater glory than the former Temple of Solomon, *The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts* (Haggai 2:9), for the Lord and Savior was to appear in this new temple. He lived long enough to see one part of the temple built by Zerubbabel. He died in old age and joined his ancestors.

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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