



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

**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 30, 2018

The Leave-taking of, and the Sunday after, the Nativity of Christ

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 9

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 30)

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord; Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King, James the brother of God; Virgin-martyr Anysia of Thessalonika; Martyr Philetairos of Nicomedia; Venerable Leondus the Archimandrite; Venerable-martyr Gideon of Karakallou monastery on Athos; Makarios, metropolitan of Moscow.

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 Christ – Tone 4: Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshiped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Sunday after Christmas – Tone 2: Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with Child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God 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 Christ – Tone 3: Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Transcendent in essence. The earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify, and magi, journey with a star; for a new Child hath been born for our sakes, the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

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

(Chapter 1:11-19)

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel, which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 2:13-23)

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.”

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Friday, Jan. 4th – Royal Hours & Typica, 8:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 5th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

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.

Monday, Jan. 7th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Synaxis of St. John the Baptist)

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

Sunday, Jan. 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (St. Anthony the Great)

Saturday, Jan. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 26th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Jan. 27th – 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 3. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 5.

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, Lebnan, Arzeh, Ghantous, Dolly, Assad, Marlene** and their families (many years), and for the repose of **Milad, Ramzi, Elia, Vagar**, and **Peter Boulos** (memory eternal). It is also offered today by **Cesar** and **Leila** for the health of **Dolly, Darine, Charbel, Chantale** and **Anthony** (many years), and for the repose of **Joseph** and **Jamil** (memory eternal).

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.

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!

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. 18, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Dec. 16, 2018, totaled \$2,942.00 for a year-to-date total of \$128,335.88, a weekly average of \$2,566.72. As of Dec. 18, 2018, our expenses are \$133,761.65, a weekly average of \$2,684.63.

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...

“A wise son loves discipline, a mocker will not listen to reproof.” – Prov. 13:1

The Holy Martyr Anysia

Anysia was born in Thessalonica of eminent and wealthy parents and was brought up in the Christian Faith. She was orphaned at an early age and gave herself completely to godly thoughts and prayer in her own home. Fervent in her love for Christ, she often said: “Oh, how false is the life of youth, for you either scandalize or are scandalized. Better is old age; but sorrow overcomes me because of the length of time that separates me from heaven.” She sold all her possessions, distributed the proceeds to the poor, and lived from the labors of her own hands. She kept a strict fast, slept very little, and constantly shed tears at prayer. When sleep overcame her she would say to herself: “It is dangerous to sleep while my enemy keeps vigil.” At that time, the wicked Emperor Maximian issued a decree that anyone could kill Christians when and where he encountered them, without trial or sentence. This holy virgin once went out into the streets to attend church. That day was a pagan feast of the sun. A soldier saw her beautiful countenance, and he approached her with an impure desire, asking for her name. She made the sign of the Cross and said to him: “I am Christ's handmaid, and I am going to church.” When the impudent soldier came closer and began to speak to her insanely, she shoved him away and spat in his face. The soldier struck her with his sword below the ribs and ran her through. This holy virgin suffered in the year 298 A.D. She was honorably buried by Christians and was crowned with the wreath of glory by God in the Heavenly Kingdom. A church was built over her grave.

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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

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

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