



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop
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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

January 27, 2019

The Recovery of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom & the 15th Sunday of Luke

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 2

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 (January 27)

The translation of the relics of John Chrysostom, Marciana the empress; New-martyr Demetrios of Constantinople; Venerable Clement; Peter the Righteous of Egypt.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom – Plagal Tone 4: Grace hath shone forth from thy mouth like fire, illuminating the inhabited world. Thou has treasured for the world the treasures of silver-hating and revealed to us the sublimity of humility. Wherefore, O educator, by thy words, O John the golden-mouthed, intercede 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 Presentation of Christ – Tone 1: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon: My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.

Verse: Hear this all you nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

(Chapter 7:26-28; 8:1-2)

BRETHREN, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man, but by the Lord.

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

(Chapter 19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not on account of the crowd because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house

GOSPEL CONTINUED

today.” So he made haste and came down and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 30th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (3 Hierarchs)
Saturday, Feb. 2nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Presentation of Christ)
Saturday, Feb. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As God so wills, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** shall visit our parish on Feb. 22-24, 2019. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful occasion.

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 24. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

The **Antiochian Men (AMEN)** meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars.

Please call Fr. Peter at 888-8114, or send an email to him, if you want to have your home blessed.

Our **Annual Pledge Drive** is currently underway for the calendar year 2019. All adult members of the parish are encouraged to complete and return a pledge form to the church office. Pledge forms may be found in the narthex of the church building. All pledges are held in strict confidence. Only the total number of pledges and the total pledge amount is made available to the public. Your financial support of our church community is your support of yourself and your contribution to help insure you and your family has a place to worship. Thank you and God bless you.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.campsthekla.org Campers are accepted on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Parish Council** has scheduled a church clean-up day on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 A.M. until 1 P.M. Please join us as we prepare to receive His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS. Thank you.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for February 24, 2019, after Divine Liturgy. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish, are eligible to vote.

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

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Feb. 5 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

As of Jan. 21, 2019, 16 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$42,980. The collection for Jan. 20, 2019, totaled \$2,571.00 for a year-to-date amount of \$12,844.00, a weekly average of \$4,281.33. As of Jan. 16, 2019, our expenses are \$3,432.00, for a year-to-date amount of \$11,879.90, a weekly average of \$3,959.97.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

Ask what you can do for your Parish. At the direction of His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, we changed the next annual Parish Annual meeting to February so that he can join us. At that time, we will be adding new members to the Parish Council. The Council meets once a month after church for about an hour. Please consider serving on the Council. There are three open positions to be elected, two for a 3-year term and one for a one-year term. If you wish to have your name placed in nomination, please let Fr. Peter or me know by January 20. If you do not want to be involved in an election, our Parish Constitution also permits Fr. Peter to appoint one member for a 3-year term and one for a one-year term. Let him know if you would like to be considered for an appointment. We anticipate continued growth in 2019 and need your participation and prayers for the challenges that lie ahead. Thanks and God Bless--Rob

Spiritual Counsels...

“Though the righteous happen to die, yet shall he be in rest; for honorable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that which is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age. He pleased God, and was beloved of Him, so that living among sinners he was translated. Yea, speedily was he taken away, lest that wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul; for the fascination of wickedness doth obscure things that are honest, and the wandering of desire doth undermine the simple mind. He being made perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time; for his soul pleased the Lord; therefore, hasted He to take him away from among the wicked. This the people saw, and understood it not, neither did they lay this up in their minds, that His grace and mercy is with His Saints, and that He doth visit His chosen.” – The Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15)

St. John Chrysostom, The Golden Trumpet of Orthodoxy

The memory of this illuminary of the Church is celebrated on November 13 and January 30 but, on this date, the Church celebrates the translation of his honorable relics from the Armenian village of Comana, where he died in exile, to Constantinople, where earlier he had governed the Church. Thirty years after his death, Patriarch Proculus delivered a homily in memory of his spiritual father and teacher. He so enflamed the love of the people and Emperor Theodosius the Younger toward this great saint that all of them desired that Chrysostom's relics be translated to Constantinople. It was said that the sarcophagus, containing the relics of St. John Chrysostom, did not allow itself to be moved from its resting place until the emperor wrote a letter to Chrysostom begging him for forgiveness (for Theodosius' mother, Eudoxia, was the culprit responsible for the banishment of this saint) and appealing to him to come to Constantinople, his former residence. When this letter of repentance was placed on the sarcophagus, its weight became extremely light. At the time of the translation of his relics, many who were ill and who touched the sarcophagus were healed. When the relics arrived in the capital, then the emperor in the name of his mother as though she herself was speaking over the relics, again, prayed to the saint for forgiveness. “While I lived in this transient life, I did you malice and, now, when you live the immortal life, be beneficial to my soul. My glory passed away and it helped nothing. Help me, father; in your glory, help me before I am condemned at the Judgment of Christ!” When the saint was brought into the Church of the Twelve Apostles and placed on the patriarchal throne, the masses of people heard the words from St. Chrysostom's mouth saying: “Peace be to you all.” The translation of the relics of St. John Chrysostom was accomplished in the year 438 A.D.

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