



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.

April 7, 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, The Sunday of St. John Climacus

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 1

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.

*As we move into the summer months, the weather is always very warm. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, "spaghetti" strap garments, sleeveless or "tanktop" type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. 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 (April 7)

Martyrs Kalliopos & Akylina of Cilicia; Venerable George, bishop of Mitylene; repose of Tikhon, patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America; Righteous Father Savvas the New of Kalymnos; Gerasimos the God-bearer of Byzantium.

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 St. John Climacus – Plagal Tone 4: The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John, 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 Great Lent – Plagal Tone 4: To thee the champion leader, I thy servant offer thanks for victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast power invincible, free me from every danger that I may cry unto thee: Rejoice, O bride without bridegroom.

Prokeimenon: The Lord will give strength to His people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.
(Chapter 6:13-20)

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore to Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes and oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, He interposed with an oath, so that through two changeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(Chapter 9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered him, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long

GOSPEL CONTINUED

am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if You can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.”

They went out from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 10th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 12th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Friday, April 12th – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 17th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 19th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 20th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)

Saturday, April 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 21st – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 22nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

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Tuesday, April 23rd – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, April 23rd – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 24th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 24th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 25th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 25th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 26th – Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.

Friday, April 26th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 26th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 27th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 28th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, April 28th – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

You may have noticed new spotlights on our outdoor sign and a new railing for physically challenged parishioners and visitors. Thanks to the volunteers who made these happen. We're also working on painting all metal railings, video cams in the church, an improved sound system, securing our internet cable and sun proofing the windows at the rear of the church. Our kitchen could also use a garbage disposal. We're on a roll! If you're interested in helping or supporting any of these projects, let me Fr. Peter or me know. Thanks and God bless--Rob Booms, Parish Council Chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to **silence your cell phones** before you come into the church temple. Thank you.

Today's Ushers: Sevin & Tania Russell. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

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

Today's altar candle is cosponsored by **Ghassan & Majeda Khoury** and **Philip & Elaine Khoury** for the health of **Ghassan, Majeda, Philip, Elaine, Luna Majdelena, Ghassan & the Khoury family** (many years); and for the repose of **Ibrahim, Yousef, Osama, Kamleh, Wafaa, Evon, Abed & the departed members of the Khoury family** (memory eternal).

The traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed during the entire Great Fast, which lasts from Pure Monday (March 11) through Great and Holy Saturday (April 27). On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 21).

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

An **Easter Egg Hunt** for the little people in our parish shall be held after Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 21st. For more information, please see **Pam Nugent**.

The Diocese of Miami and the Southeast (DOMSE) is hosting a **Cyber Teen Retreat** on Saturday, April 13. The teens of St. Basil Church are invited to gather here at our Church Hall for activities. Please see **Emma Nugent** for more information.

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services. Thank you.

The **Parish Life Conference** for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast (DOMSE) is scheduled for June 12-15, 2019. It is hosted by All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina. Please visit www.antiochianevents.com/miami.html for more information.

LENTIL SOUP – The Ladies Guild is selling soup \$8 each, 2 for \$15. Thank you for your support of our many projects!

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Due to Great Lent, our next gathering is on May 7 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome! Using the text, Beginning to Pray, a series of discussions on prayer will occur after the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies during Great Lent.

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

As of April 2, 2019, 45 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$91,316.00. The collection for March 31, 2019, totaled \$5,201.35 for a year-to-date amount of \$44,935.62, a weekly average of \$3,456.59. As of April 2, 2019, our expenses are \$35,604.54, a weekly average of \$2,927.74.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The wise man’s teaching is a life-giving fountain, for eluding the snares of death.” – Prov. 13:14

DOMSE TEEN SOYO

CYBER SPRING RETREAT!

2019

APRIL 13TH



Guest Speaker: Drew Garrison

Retreat Theme:

“Joy is thankfulness, and when we are joyful, that is the best expression of thanks we can offer the Lord, Who delivers us from sorrow and sin.”

St. George the Confessor

Because of his great virtues, which he attained through a long and difficult mortification, George was chosen and invested as Metropolitan of Mitylene. This saint governed his spiritual flock prudently and zealously to a ripe old age. When a persecution began under Leo V, the Armenian, who, in destroying holy icons, summoned this saintly elder to Constantinople to an assembly of bishops convened by him and, whose intention it was to discontinue the veneration of icons, George not only refused to carry out the wish of the wicked emperor but with other courageous bishops stood up in defense of holy icons. Not only was he ridiculed for that but he was also banished into exile by the emperor to the region of Cherson. Here he endured all sorts of physical afflictions and deprivations for the remaining years of his life. He died and was translated to eternal life about the year 816 A.D. Because of his great sanctity and love for the Lord Jesus, George was a great miracle-worker, both during his life and after his death.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

The Sunday of St. John Climacus

On the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, we remember our godly father, John, the author of The Ladder of Divine Ascent (or Climacus).

Verses

John, dead in the flesh and also living,
Liveth eternally, even though appearing dead and without breath.
Leaving letters, a ladder for the journey upwards,
He showeth forth his pursuit of the journey upwards.

The celebration of his feast on this day arose from the custom prevalent in the honorable monasteries of starting Great Lent with the reading of his lessons. John describes the method of elevating the soul to God as ascending a ladder. He teaches those who seek salvation how to lay a firm foundation for struggles, how to detect and fight every passion, how to avoid demonic snares, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. John of the Ladder came to Mount Sinai at age 16 and remained there, first as a novice under obedience, then as a recluse, and finally as abbot until his eightieth year. One time, his disciple, Moses, fell asleep under the shade of a large stone. John, in prayer in his cell, saw that his disciple was in danger and prayed to God for him. Later, when Moses returned, he fell on his knees and gave thanks to his spiritual father for saving him from certain death. He related how, in a dream, he heard John calling him and he jumped up and, at that moment, the stone tumbled. Had he not jumped, the stone would have crushed him. John Climacus died on March 30, 606.

Through his intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.