

## St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York
And Metropolitan of all North America
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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 28, 2019** 

The Glorious and Brilliant Feast of PASCHA
Tone: Of the Feast ~ Eothinon: Of the Feast

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

#### **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.

*Apolytikion of Pascha – Plagal Tone 1:* Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by Death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Hypakoe of Pascha – Tone 4: They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, and heard the angels say unto them, "Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, Who dwells in light eternal?" Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

*Kontakion of Pascha – Plagal Tone 4:* When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**Prokeimenon:** This is the day, which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Verse:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

**Epistle:** The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. (Chapter 1:1-8)

IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when He was taken up after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles, whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for You to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (Chapter 1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony to bear witness to the light that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world and the world was made through Him yet the world knew Him not. He came to His Own and His Own received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him and cried, "This is He of Whom

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me."") And from His fullness have we all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## Spiritual Counsels...

"A malicious messenger means a fall into misfortune, a trusty envoy heals." – Prov. 13:17

### From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on our spiritual father Peter, and through his holy prayers forgive our sins. --Rob Booms, Parish Council Chairman.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.

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

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

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Mid-Pentecost)

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – 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: Dwight Gillis & Michael Zelesnik. Next Week: Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean.

Today's **coffee hour:** The Parish. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 6.

There is no fasting until Friday, June 6.

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 holy oblation is offered by **Cynthia Capobianco** for the health of **Ted**, **Frank** and **Deloris** (many years), and for the repose of **Olga** (memory eternal).

Please remember to return your **Food For Hungry People** coin boxes. The proceeds shall be forwarded to the Archdiocese office for distribution. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Antiochian Men** (AMEN) are scheduled to hold their May meeting next Sunday, May 5, after Divine Liturgy. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

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 <a href="www.antiochianevents.com/miami.html">www.antiochianevents.com/miami.html</a> 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!

Our annual **St. Basil Birthday Party** is scheduled for Sunday, May 26, after Divine Liturgy. Please see the list posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen if you are interested in bringing St. Basil Church a birthday gift. The A-Men will be cooking the meat. Ladies Guild, please bring salads, starches, desserts or drinks. Thank you.

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, <u>Beginning to Pray</u>, 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 23, 2019, 47 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,116.00. The collection for April 21, 2019, totaled \$2,706.50 for a year-to-date amount of \$53,443.21, a weekly average of \$3,340.20. As of April 15, 2019, our expenses are \$37,285.36, a weekly average of \$2,330.34. Last week's second collection (for the Patriarchate) totaled \$522.00. The proceeds are being forwarded to the Archdiocese office. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you.

## **Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha Donations...**

Were also graciously provided by:

the Donea family for the health of Simon, Olga and Xenia (many years);

Charles and Yazmin Incaprera for the health of Charles, Yazmin and the Kiam and Incaprera families (many years), and for the repose of Mary, Henry, Habous, Kamel, Ruth, Namer, David and Hubert (memory eternal).

ARABIC

AL-MASEEH QAM! HAQAN QAM!

ENGLISH

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

GREEK

CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!

SLAVONIC

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!