



**St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church**  
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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



**May 19, 2019**  
**The Sunday of the Paralytic**  
**Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 5**

*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.

***Saints du Jour (May 19)***

Hieromartyr Patrick, bishop of Prussa; Martyrs Akaklos, Menander and Polyainos; Venerable Cornelios of Komelsk; Grand Prince Dimitry Donskoy of Moscow; Righteous Memnonus the Wonderworker; Martyrs Theotima and Kyriake.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3:*** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

***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 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:*** Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

***Verse:*** Clap your hands, all you nations.

***Epistle:*** The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.  
(Chapter 9:32-42)

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa and many believed in the Lord.

***Gospel:*** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John  
(Chapter 5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was

### **GOSPEL CONTINUED**

healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet and walk.” And at once the man was healed and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“Desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul; fools are loth to turn from evil.” – Prov. 13:19

### ***From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council***

It takes a lot of hard work for Lent and Pascha services to be truly inspiring and spiritually nourishing. As Orthodox people we sometimes fail to thank people for things that always get done somehow. So here’s thanks to Father Peter, Gene Pituch, Andy Mahoney, the choir, the food preparers, the gardeners, the decorators and all who served at the altar for making this a very special and beautiful time. Thanks be to God for all of you and our church! --Rob Booms, Parish Council Chairman.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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.

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Pentecost)

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, 30 min after the end of liturgy

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Ushers:** Dwight Gillis and family. **Next Week:** Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent.

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

There is no fasting until Friday, June 6.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

Please remember to return your **Food For Hungry People** coin boxes. The last day to return your coin boxes is next Sunday, May 26. The proceeds shall be forwarded to the Archdiocese office for distribution. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold its May meeting today, May 19, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

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/grilling meat. Ladies Guild, please bring salads, starches, desserts or drinks. Thank you.

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

A new supply of **Holy Water bottles** is needed. If you are interested in donating part or all of these bottles in honor or in memory of a loved one, please see Fr. Peter.

As of May 15, 2019, 47 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,116.00. The collection for May 12, 2019, totaled \$1,049.00, for a year-to-date amount of \$61,150.26, a weekly average of \$3,218.43. As of May 15, 2019, our expenses are \$46,627.90, a weekly average of \$2,454.10.

### **The Sunday of the Paralytic**

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

#### **Verses**

The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic;

So that this word alone was the man's full healing.

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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### **The Holy Priestly-Martyr Patrick [Patricios], Bishop of Brussa along with 3 Presbyters: Acacius, Menander and Polyenus**

They suffered for the Faith of Christ during the reign of Julian the Apostate in Asian Brussa. Junius, the imperial deputy, brought these saints to a hot spring and asked Patrick: "Who created these curative waters if not our gods Aesculapius and others whom we worship?" St. Patrick replied: "Your gods are demons and these waters, as everything else, were created by Christ the Lord, our God." Then the deputy asked: "And will your Christ save you if I toss you into this boiling water?" The saint replied: "If He wants. He is able to preserve me whole and unharmed, even though I desire that in these waters I become separated from this temporary life to live with Christ eternally; but let His Holy will be done on me, without which not even a hair does not fall from the head of men!" Hearing this, the deputy ordered that Patrick be tossed into the boiling water. Drops of boiling water splashed on all sides and bitterly scalded many of those present but the saint of God, on whose lips were continually in prayer, remained unharmed as though he were standing in cold water. Seeing this, the deputy became enraged out of embarrassment and ordered Patrick and his remaining three presbyters be beheaded with an ax. Then the innocent followers of Christ recited their prayers and placed their heads under the ax of the executioner. When they were beheaded, their joyful souls ascended into the illuminating kingdom of Christ to reign forever.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*