



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 26, 2019

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman & the After-Feast of Mid-Pentecost
Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 7

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 26)

Apostles Karpos and Alphaios of the Seventy; Sinesios, bishop of Carpasia in Cyprus; New-martyr Alexander of Thessalonika; Augustine of Canterbury, evangelizer of England; George the New of Sofia.

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 Mid-Pentecost – Plagal Tone 4: In the midst of this feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship for Thou didst call out to all saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, fountain of Life, glory to Thee.

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: O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
 (Chapter 11:19-30)

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church of Jerusalem and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

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

(Chapter 4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there and so Jesus, wearied as He was with His journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself and his sons and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give to him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband;' for you have had five husbands and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain and You say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He Who is called Christ); when He comes He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He."

Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do You wish?" or "Why are You talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I have sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Spiritual Counsels...

"Make the wise your companions and you grow wise yourself; make fools your friends and suffer for it." – Prov. 13:20

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

Saturday, June 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thursday, June 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)
Saturday, June 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Pentecost)
Sunday, June 16th – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, 30 min after the end of liturgy
Saturday, June 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent. **Next Week:** Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean.

Today's **coffee hour:** Team 24. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

There is no fasting until Friday, June 6.

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

Our annual **St. Basil Birthday Party** is scheduled for today, May 26, after Divine Liturgy. Please join us for good food and great fellowship.

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

As of May 21, 2019, 47 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,116.00. The collection for May 19, 2019, totaled \$1,892.00, for a year-to-date amount of \$63,042.26, a weekly average of \$3,152.11. As of May 21, 2019, our expenses are \$54,355.92, a weekly average of \$2,717.80.

The Sunday of the Samaritan Women

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

Verses

Coming to obtain corruptible water, O woman,

Thou drawest living water, wherewith thy soul's stains thou wastest.

The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob's Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob's Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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The Holy Apostle Carpus

Carpus was one of the Seventy Apostles. He was a follower and companion of the Apostle Paul by whom he was appointed as bishop of Varna in Thrace. He also preached the Gospel on Crete where he received St. Dionysius the Areopagite in his home. St. Dionysius testifies that Carpus was a man with an exceptionally pure mind, meekness and innocence and that the Lord Jesus, with His angels, appeared to him in a vision and that he never began the Divine Liturgy that he did not have a heavenly vision beforehand. Enduring many assaults for the Name of Christ, he finally suffered at the hands of the unbelieving Jews and was killed and, with his soul, took up habitation in the kingdom of God to delight eternally gazing upon the Lord in glory.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid