



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.



June 9, 2019

The Sunday of the Blind Man

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 10

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 (June 9)

Cyril, patriarch of Alexandria; Pelagia and the three Virgin-martyrs of Chios; Venerable Cyril of Beloczersk; Venerable Columba, enlightener of Scotland; Five Nuns beheaded in Persia: Thecla, Mariamne, Martha, Mary, and Enmatha; Hieromartyr Alexander, bishop of Prusa; Martyr Ananias; Hieromartyr Vincent the deacon of Agen in Gaul; John of Shavtel-Gaeneti in Georgia; Alexander of Kushta.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow’rs shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Ascension – Tone 4: Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers – Plagal Tone 4: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 the Ascension – Plagal Tone 2: When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, in no way parted from those who love Thee but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you.

Prokeimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are just in all You have done.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
 (Chapter 20:16-18, 28-36)

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them, “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to care for the church of God which He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you so that by toiling one must help the weak,

EPISTLE CONTINUED

remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(Chapter 17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy Own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were and Thou gavest them to me and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world, but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one even as We are one. While I was with them I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 15th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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.

Saturday, June 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, July 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The good man bequeaths his heritage to his children’s children, the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the virtuous.” – Prov. 13:22

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

Your financial support of the Parish has been good this year. We’re paying the bills with a little to spare. Thanks be to God for enabling us to do this. However, giving usually lags during the summer. As you travel and vacation, please remember that our expenses roll on and we still need your regular gifts. God bless—Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Tania and Sevin Russell. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 5. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 6.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

The **Ladies Guild** are scheduled to hold their June meeting today, June 9, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Fr. Peter will, God willing, attend the Diocese of Miami Parish Life Conference from June 12-15. Should you have a pastoral emergency and need the assistance of an Orthodox priest, please call Fr. George Wilson at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 504-282-0259.

As of June 6, 2019, 47 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,116.00. The collection for June 2, 2019, totaled \$3,772.00, for a year-to-date amount of \$69,608.72, a weekly average of \$3,164.03. As of June 2, 2019, our expenses are \$58,855.80, a weekly average of \$2,675.26.

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Verses

O ye light-bearing stars of the spiritual firmament, enlighten my mind with your rays.

Verses Against Arius

Calling the Son a stranger to the Father’s essence, Arius proved to be a stranger to God’s glory.

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith—“The Creed”—which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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St. Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria

Cyril was of noble birth and a close relative of Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, after whose death he was consecrated as patriarch. During his lifetime, he led three bitter struggles: with the Novatian heretics, with the heretic Nestor and with the Jews in Alexandria. The Novatianists had their origin in Rome and were named after Novatian the presbyter and leader of the heresy. They took pride in their virtues, walked about dressed in white garments, forbade a second marriage, held that prayers should not be said for those who committed a mortal sin, nor to receive back into the Church those who, at one time, had fallen away from the Church even though they bitterly repented. Cyril defeated them and drove them out of Alexandria together with their bishop. The struggle with the Jews was more difficult and bloodier. Since Alexander the Great founded that city, the Jews from the beginning, became strong in Alexandria. Their hatred toward Christians was vicious and insane. They killed Christians by treachery, by poisoning and by crucifying them on a cross. After a long and difficult struggle, Cyril succeeded with Emperor Theodosius the Younger to drive the Jews out of Alexandria. However, his struggle against Nestor, the Patriarch of Constantinople, was resolved at the Third Ecumenical Council [Ephesus 431 A.D]. Cyril himself presided at this Council and, at the same time, represented Celestine the Pope of Rome at his request who was unable to attend the Council because of old age. Nestorius was condemned, anathematized and was banished by the emperor to the eastern boundary of the empire where he died a horrible death (for worms consumed his tongue by which he had blasphemed the Birth-giver of God calling her the Birth-giver of Christ). After the completion of this struggle, Cyril lived in peace and zealously tended Christ's flock. He presented himself to the Lord in the year 444 A.D. It is said that he composed the prayer: “Rejoice, O Virgin Birth-giver of God, Mary full of grace!” [The Hail Mary].

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