



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 23, 2019

The 1st Sunday after Pentecost – The Sunday of All Saints

Plagal 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 (June 23)

Martyrs Agrippina of Rome; Hieromartyrs Aristokleos the presbyter, Demetrios the deacon, and Athanasius the reader, of Cyprus; Hieromartyr Eustochios the presbyter of Pisidia, his nephew Gaius, and his children Lollias, Proba, and Urban; Queen Etheldreda, abbess of Ely; Artemius of Verkola; Joseph Anthony and Joannicius of Vologda; New Hieromartyrs Metrophanes, archbishop of Astrakhan, Leontius, bishop of Yenotaevsk; New Hieromartyr Maximus, bishop of Serpukhov; Venerable Barbaros Pentapolites, translation of the relics of Herman, archbishop of Kazan; Mark, Bishop of Ephesus.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of All Saints – Tone 4: Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying: Turn with Thy compassion to Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls 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 All Saints – Plagal Tone 4: Unto Thee, O Lord, the Author of creation, the universe doth offer the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By whose prayers, through the Theotokos, do Thou preserve in peace profound Thy Church, O most merciful One.

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

(Chapter 11:33-40; 12:1,2)

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated – of whom the world was not worthy – wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapters 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father, Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father, Who is in heaven. “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”

Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed You. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world when the Son of man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last and the last first.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.
Saturday, July 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The poor man’s fallow yields food in plenty; there are some who perish when justice fails.” – Prov. 13:23

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: Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent. **Next Week:** Dwight Gillis and family.

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

We fast Monday through Friday this week.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Gloria Van Zandt** for the repose of her mother, **Mary Bozic Medin** (1 yr.). May her memory be eternal.

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Our new shipment of holy water bottles was donated by **Sandy Yazigi and her family** in honor of her beloved husband and our dear friend, **Dr. Rashid Yazigi**. May his memory be eternal.

Fr. Peter will, God willing, be out of town July 1-5. 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 18, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for June 9, 2019, totaled \$1,204.00 and the collection for June 16, 2019, totaled \$2,141.00, for a year-to-date amount of \$72,953.72, a weekly average of \$3,039.74. As of June 14, 2019, our expenses are \$64,937.21, a weekly average of \$2,705.72. The Food For Hungry People collection totaled \$958.16, and the proceeds are being forwarded to the Archdiocese office. Thank you for your generosity; may God bless you.

The Sunday of All Saints

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;

And let any to come, with them all be numbered.

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

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The Holy Female-Martyr Agrippina

St. Agrippina was born and educated in Rome. From her childhood she trained herself to live an evangelical life, driving away the stench of passions from her heart and filling her heart with the sweet-smelling fragrance of purity, of virginity and chastity. She was betrothed to Christ the Lord and, as the Bride of Christ, suffered during the reign of Emperor Valerian. She endured flogging with rods until her bones were crushed. An angel of God appeared to her and strengthened her. While being tortured, St. Agrippina gave up her soul to God. Her companions, Bassa, Paula and Agathonice, translated her relics to the island of Sicily and honorably buried them there. A church was later built there in St. Agrippina's honor. Countless miracles were wrought from her relics. By the power of her relics, even the Hagarians were turned away from the town where her relics reposed. St. Agrippina rested in the year 275 A.D. and was crowned with glory.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid