

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 30, 2019

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – The Synaxis (Gathering) of the 12 Apostles
Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 2

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.



The synaxis of the Twelve Apostles; Martyr Meliton; Martyr Peter of Sinope; New-martyr Michael the gardener; Martial, first bishop of Limoges; Erentrude the abbess of Salzburg; Andrew, prince of Bogoliubovo; Gelasius of Remit, archbishop.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly pow'rs cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Apostles – Tone 3: O holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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 Theotokos – Tone 2: O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon: Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (Chapter 4:9-16)

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapters 9:36-38; 10:1-8)

At that time, when Jesus saw the great crowds He had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

GOSPEL CONTINUED

And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, who is called Thaddaeus; Simon, the Cananaean; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go, rather, to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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. Saturday, July 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, July 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. Saturday, July 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, July 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Spiritual Counsels...

"The man who fails to use the stick hates his son; the man who is free with his correction loves him." – Prov. 13:24

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: Dwight Gillis and family. Next Week: Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean.

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

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As of June 26, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for June 9, 2019, totaled \$2,437.55 for a year-to-date amount of \$75,391.27, a weekly average of \$3,015.65. As of June 26, 2019, our expenses are \$65,296.78, a weekly average of \$2,682.47.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

Greetings in the Lord. I am Thelonious (Theo), an Orthodox possum. I live under the church with my family. I hear things down there and, from time to time, would like to share some thoughts about Orthodox living. I have noticed many small icons along the walls of the church. They are the patron saints of present and former parishioners who were named for those saints at Baptism or Chrismation. If Father Peter knows your saint's name, he will call you by that name when you receive the Eucharist. Please consider having your saint's icon added if she or he is not there. Father Peter has a list of the current cloud of witnesses. Always remember to venerate your saint's icon when you pass by! God bless--Theo

The Sunday of the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

On June 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Synaxis of the holy, glorious, and all-lauded Twelve Apostles.

Verses

The friends of Christ and twelve God-seers do I honor, Whom I dare call heroes and gods, and do rightly. The thirtieth gathereth the Twelve glorious Initiates.

Even though each one of the Twelve has his own special day of celebration throughout the year, the Church has set aside this day as a festal assembly of all the apostles together and with them, Paul. These are the names and the separate celebration days of the Holy Apostles; and how each one of these most holy and beneficial men in world history ended their earthly life: Peter (June 29, January 16) was crucified upside down. Andrew (November 30) was crucified. James, the son of Zebedee (April 30) was beheaded. John the Theologian (September 26) died in a miraculous, peaceful manner, the only one of "The Twelve" to do so. Philip (November 14) was crucified. Bartholomew (June 11, August 25) was crucified, scraped and beheaded. Thomas (October 6) was pierced with five spears. Matthew the Evangelist (November 16) was burned alive. James, the son of Alphaeus (October 9) was crucified. Thaddeus [Jude] (June 19), the Brother of James was crucified. Simon the Zealot (May 10) was crucified. Matthias (August 9) was stoned and then was beheaded after death. Paul (June 29) was beheaded.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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The Assembly of the Holy Glorious and Praise Worthy Apostles

Even though each one of the Twelve Great Apostles has their own special day of celebration throughout the year, nevertheless the Church has set aside this day as a festal assembly of all the apostles together and with them, Paul. These are the names and the separate days of the celebrations of the Holy Twelve:

- ST. PETER June 29 and January 16
- ST. ANDREW November 30
- ST. JAMES, THE SON OF ZEBEDEE April 30
- ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN September 26 and May 8
- ST. PHILIP November 14
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW June 11 and August 25
- ST. THOMAS October 6
- ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST November 16
- ST. JAMES, THE SON OF ALPHAEUS October 9
- ST. THADDEUS OR JUDE, THE BROTHER OF JAMES June 19
- ST. SIMON THE ZEALOT May 10
- ST. MATTHIAS August 9
- ST. PAUL June 29

from: The Prologue from Ochrid