



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.

July 14, 2019

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 4

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 (July 14)

Apostle Aquila of the Seventy; Joseph the Confessor, archbishop of Thessalonika; Peter, bishop of Crete; Venerable Onesimos of Magnesia and Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain (Hagiorite); Martyr Justus of Rome.

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 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 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: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.

Verse: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus.
(Chapter 3:8-15)

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 5:14-19)

The Lord said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven.

GOSPEL CONTINUED

Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

Saturday, Aug. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Aug. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Transfiguration of our Lord)

Saturday, Aug. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, Aug. 15th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Dormition of Theotokos)

Spiritual Counsels...

“The virtuous man eats to his heart’s content, the belly of the wicked goes empty.” – Prov. 13:25

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

Parish Council: The Parish Council thanks all donors, chefs and helpers who have provided the wonderful food after our liturgies. We had five groups of volunteers. As we prepare for the rest of the church year, we hope to have six groups sharing this ministry. But we need more volunteers to make this happen. Please remember that it is not necessary for any group to prepare a big meal and the groups are not in competition. It's really just about breaking the fast and having fellowship. If you would like to be involved in a group, please contact Tania Russell after church. God bless--Rob Booms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to have their July meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All Ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to have their July meeting next Sunday, July 21, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

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On Thursday, Aug. 6, we shall, God willing have the blessing of the grapes at the end of Liturgy for the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Those of you who wish to bring grapes (or other fruits), please see Fr. Peter.

SAVE THE DATE... **Ice Cream Social** will be Sunday, **August 18** immediately after coffee hour. See any Ladies Guild member for tickets (\$5 donation). Thank you for supporting our projects!

Fr. Peter will, God willing, be out of town July 22-27. 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 July 11, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for June 30, 2019, totaled \$2,050.25, and the collection for July 7, 2019, totaled \$2,756.00, for a year-to-date amount of \$80,197.52, a weekly average of \$2,970.28. As of July 7, 2019, our expenses are \$65,296.78, a weekly average of \$2,461.42.

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 Holy Apostle Aquila

Aquila was one of the Seventy Apostles. As a Jew, he first lived in Italy with his wife Priscilla. When Emperor Claudius decreed that all Jews be driven from Rome and Italy, Aquila settled in Cornith, where the Apostle Paul met him for the first time and remained in his home for a year and a half and baptized him and his wife. Burning with zeal for the Faith of Christ, Aquila and Priscilla escorted Paul to Ephesus and assisted him in his apostolic labors. Paul wrote his first Epistle to the Corinthians from Ephesus in which, toward the end, he says: "Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the Church that is their house" (1 Corinthians 16:19). After the death of Emperor Claudius, the Jews were permitted to return to Italy, and so Aquila and Priscilla returned to Rome. After this the Apostle Paul writing the Epistle to the Romans from Cornith, greets his old friends and his co-laborers: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus; who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles" (Romans 16: 3-4). Later on, we see Aquila in Ephesus where he labors together with St. Timothy the Apostle. Chained in Rome, Paul writes to Timothy in Ephesus: "Salute Priscilla and Aquila" (2 Timothy 4:19). As a bishop, Aquila baptized many and illumined them with the Faith, destroyed idols, built churches, ordained priests and spread the glory of the Incarnate Son of God among men. In the end, he was murdered by the wicked heathens and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Christ.

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