



## 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.

August 11, 2019

The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew

Varys Tone ~ Eothinon 8

*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 (August 11)***

Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania; Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople; Commemoration of the Miracle of Spyridon the wonder-worker on Kerkyra; New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios of Lesvos; Blane, bishop of Bute.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Varys Tone:*** Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

***Apolytikion of the Transfiguration – Varys Tone:*** When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, 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 Transfiguration – Varys Tone:*** Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could bear it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy passion was voluntary and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

***Prokeimenon:*** The Lord will give strength to His people.

***Verse:*** Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

***Epistle:*** The reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapter 1:10-17)

BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

***Gospel:*** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

(Chapter 14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore He saw a great throng; and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. When it was evening the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a lonely place and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

### GOSPEL CONTINUED

Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And Jesus said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven and blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side while He dismissed the crowds.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Dormition of Theotokos)  
Saturday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Thursday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Beheading of St. John)  
Saturday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Nativity of the Theotokos)

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“The fool’s mouth contains a rod of pride, the wise man’s lips watch over him.” – Prov. 14:3

### ***From Rob Booms, Chairman of 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

Diocesan Fall Spiritual Retreat. Please consider attending the Diocesan Fall Spiritual Retreat on September 6 and 7. It's going to be held in Franklin, Tennessee, about 20 miles south of Nashville. If you drive it will take about 7 hours to cover a little over 500 miles, mostly on interstate highway. The conference registration fee is \$40 per person but that covers all your meals. Flight connections are good and not expensive. However, if you need help with expenses for travel, hotel and registration, please let Father Peter know and we will try to help.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today’s Ushers:** Rose Hrabar. **Next Week:** Mihai Leustean.

**Today’s coffee hour:** Team 3. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 5.

We fast each day this week in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of our Lady.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to have their August meeting today, Aug. 11, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to have their August meeting next Sunday, Aug. 18, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

**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!

At the end of liturgy on Sunday, Aug. 25, we shall, with God’s help, have the blessing of children for the beginning of Church School.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Sept. 3 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Approximately 2 dozen **red carnations** are needed for the **Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross** on Saturday, Sept. 14. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Red Carnations.” Include your commemorations and donation, and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

As God so wills, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** shall visit our parish on Sunday afternoon and Monday, Sept. 22 & 23. (A schedule of his visit is forthcoming.)

As of August 7, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for July 21, 2019, totaled \$2,519.03, the collection for Sunday, July 28, 2019, totaled \$2,719.56 and the collection for Sunday, August 4, 2019, totaled \$1,871.05, for a year-to-date amount of \$88,335.16, a weekly average of \$2,849.52. As of July 31, 2019, our expenses are \$77,959.67, a weekly average of \$2,514.83.

### **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



As we live under the Church, my possum family and I really appreciate the breadcrumbs Father Peter tosses out of the side door on Sundays after he cuts the loaves of bread for Liturgy. Later he blesses this bread and consecrates part of it for the Communion. The bread that is not consecrated is called the Antidoron and is placed in a bowl in the front of the church. It is intended for you, after you receive Communion, to break the fast. It is also for those who are unable to receive communion that Sunday and for visitors. Since it is blessed bread, us possums are not supposed to eat it. Please take a piece of bread from the bowl (one for yourself and as many as you need for others) and carefully eat it while you return to your pew. Otherwise, we will be tempted to eat the crumbs and create a mess! Peace be to you--Theo, the Parish Possum

### **The Holy Martyr Euplus**

Euplus was a deacon in Catania, Sicily. Emperor Diocletian dispatched Commander Pentagurus to Sicily to exterminate any Christians he found there. Pentagurus did not find a single Christian, for the few that were there, hid from the persecutor and did not reveal themselves. Then someone accused St. Euplus of taking a book to secret Christians and reading to them. This book was the Holy Gospel. They soon brought him to court, hung that book around his neck and led him to prison. After seven days of imprisonment and hunger Euplus was handed over for torture. While they were beating him with iron rods, Euplus, mockingly said to the torturing judge: “O ignorant one, do you not see that because of God's help, these tortures are for me as a cobweb? If you can, find other harsher tortures, for all of these are as toys.” Finally, they led the martyr of Christ out to the scaffold. Then St. Euplus opened the Holy Gospel and read from it to the people for a long time. Many converted to the Faith of Christ. St. Euplus was beheaded in the year 304 A.D. and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven. His miracle-working relics repose in a village near Naples called Vico della Batonia.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*