



## 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 25, 2019

The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew

Tone 1 ~ 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 (August 25)

Apostle Titus of the Seventy; recovery of the relics of Apostle Bartholomew; John the Cappadocian, Epiphanius, Gennadios and Menas, patriarchs of Constantinople; John of Carpathia; Ebba, First Abbess of Coldingham.

***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 powers 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 Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone 4:*** By thy holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of Life.

***Prokeimenon:*** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

***Verse:*** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

***Epistle:*** The reading from Saint 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 is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(Chapter 17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought Him to your disciples and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here

### GOSPEL CONTINUED

to Me.” And Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you if you have faith, even as a grain of mustard seed you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.”

As they were traveling together through Galilee Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men and they will kill Him and He will rise on the third day.”

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros & Divine Liturgy-CANCELED-(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)

Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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

“The truthful witness tells no lies, the false witness lies with every breath.” – Prov. 14:5

### ***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.

Parish Library. Yes, we do have a Parish library. It's on the left wall of the Parish Hall across from the bookstore. Unfortunately, it has not been kept up. Several folks have volunteered to inventory and catalog the books but we need more help. We are also soliciting Orthodox book donations and may acquire some books from the Parish bookstore. If you would like to help or donate books, please see me after church.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Ushers:** Dwight Gillis. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

**Today's coffee hour:** Team 6. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

At the end of liturgy this morning we shall, with God's help, have the blessing of children for the beginning of 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. The schedule for his visit is: Monday, Sept. 23: Vespers, 6:30 P.M. followed by a potluck meal and parish-wide meeting with His Grace.

As of August 20, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for August 18, 2019, totaled \$2,160.00, for a year-to-date amount of \$92,117.16, a weekly average of \$2,791.43. As of Aug. 15, 2019, our expenses are \$82,367.59, a weekly average of \$2,495.99.

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



Our possum family came to live under the altar at St. Basil around 2003, according to the stories passed on by our elders. Fourteen years ago, in late August 2005, Hurricane Katrina came along and we were flooded out. The church was flooded and the possum family had to move to the hospital parking lot for a while. When we came back, a lot of people had left and things were mighty quiet on Sundays. We were amazed to find that the floodwater never damaged the large icons in the church. The icon of our Lord that sits on the stand in the entrance area had swelled up with water from a roof leak. Father Peter laid it aside to dry and, when he had almost forgotten about it, it had completely returned to its original size and appearance! Thanks be to God that all was restored and that the possum family can still join you in singing ALLELUIA in our beautiful church. Peace to you, Theo, the Orthodox possum.

### **The Holy Apostle Bartholomew**

Today commemorates the translation of the relics of St. Bartholomew, although his main feast is celebrated on June 11. When this great apostle was crucified in Albanopolis [Derbend] in Armenia, Christians removed his body and honorably buried it in a lead sarcophagus. When numerous miracles occurred over the grave of the apostle, especially healings of the sick, because of which the number of Christians increased, the pagans then took the sarcophagus containing the relics of Bartholomew and tossed it into the sea. At the same time they also threw four more sarcophagi into the sea containing the relics of four martyrs: Papian, Lucian, Gregory and Acacius. However, by God's providence, the sarcophagi did not sink but were carried by the current and floated: Acacius to the town of Askalon, Gregory to Calabria, Lucian to Messina, Papian to the other side of Sicily and Bartholomew to the island of Lipara. By some mysterious revelation Agathon, the Bishop of Lipara, learned of the approaching relics of the holy Apostle Bartholomew to Lipara. Agathon, with the clergy and people, came to the shore to receive the sarcophagus with great joy. On that occasion, many healings of the sick occurred from the relics of the holy apostle. The relics were placed in the church of St. Bartholomew and there they reposed until the time of Theophilus the Iconoclast about the year 839 A.D. and since the Muslims threatened Lipara, the relics of the apostle were translated to Benevento. Thus, the Lord glorified His apostle by miracles both during his life and after his death.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*