



## 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.

September 22, 2019

The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Luke

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 3

*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 (September 22)***

Hieromartyr Phocas of Sinope the wonder-worker; New-martyrs Isaac and Martin; 26 Venerable-martyrs of Zographou monastery on Athos; Venerable Cosmas the Bulgarian of Zographou monastery on Athos.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 1:*** Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

***Apolytikion of St. Phocas – Tone 4:*** Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Martyr among Priests Phocas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

***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:*** You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

***Verse:*** Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

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

(Chapters 1:21-24; 2:1-4)

BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put His seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me – it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love I have for you.

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

(Chapter 5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took

### GOSPEL CONTINUED

nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish and, as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he was astonished and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken, and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers, 6:30 P.M. (Nativity of the Forerunner)  
Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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

“To the man of discretion, wisdom means a watch on his own conduct, but the folly of fools is delusion.” – Prov. 14:8

### ***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

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:** Pam Nugent. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The altar candle is cosponsored today by **Simion** and **Olga Donea** for the health of **Simion, Olga** and **Ksenia** (many years).

The altar candle is cosponsored today by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** in memory of **Milad** and **Ramzi** for the health of **Jamal, Najla, Leila, Cesar, Stephanie, Elia, Milad, Rabih, Maria, Nicholas, Christopher, Milad, Yasmine, Lebnan, Ghantous, Arzeh, Dolly, Assad, Marlene** and their families (many years), and for the repose of **Ramzi, Milad, Elia, Peter Boulos** and **Vagar** (memory eternal).

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Oct. 1 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

As God so wills, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** shall visit our parish this 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 Sept. 17, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for Sept. 15, 2019, totaled \$2,250.55 for a year-to-date amount of \$103,810.18, a weekly average of \$2,805.68. As of Sept. 17, 2019, our expenses are \$92,496.84, a weekly average of \$2,499.92.

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



Although a possum's life is very short, we are very privileged to live under the altar. That's because miracles happen over our heads every time a Liturgy is celebrated. There's always a very quiet time, in the middle of the service, when Father Peter says "Take, eat: this is My Body..." and "Drink ye all of this: this is My Blood..." We wondered when the miracle happens, the point in time when the bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Orthodox believe that it occurs when Father Peter invokes the Holy Spirit when he prays:

"... send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts here spread forth:  
And make this bread the precious Body of Thy Christ;  
And that which is in this cup, the precious Blood of Thy Christ;  
Changing them by Thy Holy Spirit;  
Amen, Amen, Amen."

In some traditions, when they hear the three “Amens”, some Orthodox people kneel or bow from the waist and cross themselves three times. Others do three prostrations. This is because the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is now on the altar. In other traditions, we kneel, bow or make prostrations at certain times during the services during the week. On Sundays, however, we do not kneel because we are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. Sunday is a day of celebration; our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead! We never kneel during the 40 days after Pascha; our Lord is with us. This is the practice of our community. What a great gift we have been given! Thanks be to God--Theo, the Parish Possum

### **The Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope**

Phocas exercised himself in all the Christian virtues from his youth. As bishop in his birthplace, the town of Sinope on the shores of the Black Sea, he strengthened the faith of the true believers by his example and divine words and converted many idol-worshipers to the true Faith. The hard-hearted pagans were filled with rage against holy Phocas. Through a vision granted him by the Lord, he foresaw his martyrdom: Phocas saw a white dove fly down from heaven carrying a beautiful wreath of flowers in its beak, and lowered the wreath onto his head. And Phocas heard a voice, saying: “Your cup is full and you should drink it!” From this vision the God-pleaser realized that he was soon to suffer for Christ. He was not afraid, but with gratitude toward God prepared himself for suffering. Soon after, a certain prince, Africanus, took Phocas for interrogation, and subjected him to harsh tortures. The torturers beat and wounded his whole body, and after a time of imprisonment threw him into boiling water, where this brave soldier of Christ ended his earthly life and settled in the joy of his Lord. Phocas suffered during the reign of Emperor Trajan.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*