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**Holy Martyr Theodota with her three children**

Being left a young widow with three children, Theodota gave herself completely to the service of God and the rearing of her children in devout faith. St. Anastasia lived with her when she was in Macedonia, and together they visited the Christian prisoners in the jails. Brought to trial, Theodota boldly confessed Christ the Lord. Then she was sent to Nicetas, the proconsul of Bithynia. When a shameless pagan tried to touch her body, he immediately saw an angel of God beside her and was struck by the angel. Condemned to death and cast into a fiery furnace together with her three children, St. Theodota honorably ended her earthly life and entered into the Kingdom of Eternal Glory.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

# St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



**December 22, 2019**  
**The Forefeast of, and the Sunday before,**  
**the Nativity of Christ**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

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. In our tradition, **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.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**In our tradition...** *the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

**Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 1:1-25

## Saints of the Day

Great-martyr Anastasia of Rome, and her teacher the Martyr Chrysogonos; Martyr Theodota of Bithynia and her children; Martyr Zoilus.

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Royal Hours, 8:30 A.M.; Vespertal Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Vespertal Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Badnjak Service, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## 10 Good Reasons to Support St. Basil with your Giving and Talent:

### The Must Haves:

1. Provide a church home for Orthodox Christians regardless of their national origin.
2. Appropriate compensation and benefits for our priest.
3. Upkeep of the church, the parish hall and grounds including:
  - sound system improvements
  - air conditioning unit replacements
  - up-grade bath rooms in the Parish Hall
  - cleaning, kitchen and office supplies
  - utilities and insurance
4. Music, bookstore, liturgical and church-school supplies.
5. Beautification of the church including new icons.
6. Assistance, as needed, to enable adults and youth to attend Diocesan conferences and camps.
7. Mandatory contributions to Archdiocese and Diocese.

### The Wish List:

8. A part-time secretary to assist the priest.
9. A part-time cleaning service.
10. Outreach gifts to the needy in the community and the world.

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### Spiritual Counsels...

"Simpletons have folly for their portion, men of discretion knowledge for their crown." – Prov. 14:18

**Today's Ushers:** Mihai Leustean. **Next Week:** Dwight Gillis.

**Today's coffee hour:** Team 2. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 4.

As of Dec. 17, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for Dec. 8, 2019, totaled \$2,898.40 and the collection for Dec. 15 totaled \$2,781.70, for a year-to-date amount of \$137,978.86, a weekly average of \$2,759.58. As of Dec. 15, 2019, our expenses are \$122,380.27, a weekly average of \$2,447.61.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar candle and holy bread are sponsored by **Jim and Sophia Hashek** for the health of the **Hashek, Kogos, and Crane** families, **James, Sophia, Nick, Barbara, Gena, Stefan, Emily, and Cynthia** (many years), and for the repose of **Nicholas** (Dec. 19), **Barbara, Beatrice, William, Sophia, George, George, Dan, Ted, Olga, Joseph, Peter, Charles and Philip** (memory eternal).

Church calendars and pledge forms for 2020 are available in the Church Hall for each family of the parish. Should you need additional calendars or more information, please see Fr. Peter.

The youth Christmas Pageant is scheduled for today. Please see Pam Nugent for more information.

The Royal Hours of the Nativity are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 8:30 A.M., followed by the Vespertal Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.

Orthros for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M. on Dec. 25.

A Vespertal Divine Liturgy is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 6:30 P.M. for the Feast of St. Basil the Great. Fasting (if you wish to receive Holy Communion during the Liturgy) should begin no later than 12:30 P.M. that day.

Our **Diocesan Winter Retreat** is scheduled for January 24-26, 2020. Please see the flyer in the Church Hall or check your email for more information.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Feb. 4 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!