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The Holy Martyr Peter Apselamus

Peter was born in Eleutheropolis in Palestine. In his youth, Peter suffered for the Faith of Christ in 311 A.D., during the reign of Emperor Maximian. After much torture, he was condemned to death. Upon hearing his death sentence, he rejoicefully cried out: "That is my one wish; to die for my God!" Peter was crucified in the same manner as our Lord Himself and expired on the cross.

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St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



January 12, 2020 The Sunday after the Theophany 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:** Ephesians 4:7-13 **Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 4:12-17

Saints of the Day

Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those with her; Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine; Virgin-Martyr Euthasia; Martyr Mertios of Mauretania.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, Jan. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. Saturday, Jan. 25th – No Great Vespers & Confessions Sunday, Jan. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. Saturday, Feb. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, Feb. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. Saturday, Feb. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M. Sunday, Feb. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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.

Spiritual Counsels...

"The poor man is detestable even to his neighbor, but the rich man has friends and to spare." – Prov. 14:20

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. Next Week: Tania or Sevin Russell.

Today's coffee hour: Team 5. Thank you. Next Sunday: Team 1.

As of Dec. 31, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for Dec. 25, 2019, totaled \$3,132.85, and the collection for Dec. 29, 2019, totaled \$1,262.00, for a year-to-date amount of \$146,322.81, a weekly average of \$2,813.90. As of Dec. 30, 2019, our expenses were \$126,307.55, a weekly average of \$2,428.99.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The holy bread is offered by Naheel Rafeedie in memory of Basem, Essa and Mary and for the health of Naheel, Nadeem, Victor, Michael, Steven, Helen, Manal, Martha, Abby, Michael Jr., Matthew and Hayley (many years), and for the repose of Basem, Essa and Mary (memory eternal).

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Natalya Kremaveva** for her mother, **Nadezhda** (1 year). May her memory be eternal.

Ladies Guild activities:

TODAY, January 12, is our Annual **Christmas Gift Exchange** to be held immediately after our BRIEF meeting. Bring a gift valued at no more than \$10 to \$15 and a snack or drink to share. (If you don't have a gift just come to socialize).

Saturday, Feb 8 LENTIL SOUP production: Meet in the kitchen of the Church Hall around 2pm we will make lentil soup for our next fundraiser. Please let Yazmin know if you can be there and if you can bring items needed.

Note: All Ladies of St. Basil are members of the Ladies Guild and are welcome to meetings/social, those who pay Annual dues have voting privileges.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their January meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

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.

Please contact Fr. Peter if you wish to have your home blessed.

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!

Our Annual General Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2020, after Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.