

**St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church**  
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**Our Holy Father Agapius**

A novice with a staretz near the monastery of Vatopedi, he was captured by pirates and sold as a slave in Magnesia. After 12 years he was miraculously freed and returned to Vatopedi by the aid of the most holy Mother of God. He baptised his former owner and became his confessor. Spending the rest of his life in asceticism at Vatopedi, he departed this life peacefully in the Lord.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

**St. Basil**  
**Antiochian**  
**Orthodox Church**



**March 1, 2020**  
**The Sunday of Forgiveness**

# 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:** Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

**Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 6:14-21

## Saints of the Day

Venerable-martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis; Venerable Domnina of Syria; Martyrs Markellos and Anthony of Pamphylia; Venerable Agapios of Vatopedi monastery on Athos; Venerable David of Wales, bishop of Menevia.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (1<sup>st</sup> Stasis)

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (2<sup>nd</sup> Stasis)

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

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

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (3<sup>rd</sup> Stasis)

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

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

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (4<sup>th</sup> Stasis)

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

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



Our possum family loves to watch a parade. When St. Basil celebrates Pascha, the little possums are awed by the candlelight procession. We heard Fr. Peter announce that Sunday, March 8, is the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. On that day, the Church commemorates the defeat of the iconoclasts (the opponents of the use of icons in services and private devotions). At the end of the liturgy, church members celebrate the feast by walking around the church three times, chanting, and holding up icons of our Lord, the Theotokos or their patron saints. At St. Basil, in recent years, it's been mostly children who do this. This year, as we start Lent, **we hope that everyone will bring an icon from home** so that all creatures can enjoy this special day as the Orthodox Church has done since 843. We will be joined by His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS, for this special occasion. On that day, let us all sing together in the words of the Troparion:

“We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.” Amen!—Theo, the Orthodox possum

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## **Spiritual Counsels...**

“Fear of the Lord gives good grounds for confidence, in Him His children find a refuge.” – Prov. 14:26

**Today's Ushers:** Ladies Guild. **Next Week:** Ladies Guild.

**Today's coffee hour:** Team 3. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 4.

As of Feb. 24, 2020, 39 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$80,280.00. The collections for January 2020 totaled \$22,506.40, for an

adjusted balance of \$40,989.60. The expenses were \$9,004.32 for an end-of-month balance of \$31,985.28.

### **PLEDGE INFORMATION**

The Parish Council wishes to thank the following persons for their 2020 pledge commitments:

Azeb Abera	David Abramson	Greg Abramson
Mariam Ammari	Marianna Avery	Rob Booms
Cynthia Capobianco	Rabih Chedid	Lilli Colby
Barbara Crane	Simion/Olga Donea	Mark Fleming
Dwight Gillis	Alexa Hamauei	Jim/Sophia Hashek
Phil/Rose Hrabar	Yazmin Incaprera	Elias/Sarah Ioup
Georgette Ioup	Larry Jones	George Khoury
Ghassan/Majeda Khoury	Vlajko/Paulina Kocic	Mihai Leustean
Greg/Diana Lindley	Andy Mahoney	Tefera Milko
Vera Muller	Nazih/Solange Nakhoul	Fr. Peter/Pam Nugent
Gene/Cheryl Pituch	Stephen/April Pituch	Sevin/Tania Russell
Greg/Jane Shamitko	Naheel Rafeedie	Nabil Wakileh
Yordan/Maia Yordanov	Michael Zelesnik	Stephen Zelesnik

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar candle is sponsored today by **Therese Dagher** for the health of **Bruno, Toufic** and **Ayman** (many years), and for the repose of **Marie, Alex, Georges, Lily** and **Tony** (memory eternal).

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Alexa Hamauei** for the repose of her parents, **Mike & Margaret Hamauei**. May their memory be eternal.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Lana Trushyna** for the repose of **Vladimir, Alina** and **Yuriy**. May their memory be eternal.

Lentil soup sales begin today. Support the Ladies Guild charities and eat the BEST lentil soup you will ever have. \$8 each or 2 for \$15 (16 oz container). Thank you.

Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church.

His Grace Bishop **NICHOLAS** shall, God willing, visit us next weekend, March 6-8, the first Sunday of Great Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is postponed until further notice. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

The weekend schedule for our visit with His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS is:

### **Friday, March 6:**

Reception of the Bishop and Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 6:30 P.M.  
Ladies' meeting with His Grace, 7:30 P.M.

### **Saturday, March 7:**

Men's meeting with His Grace, 8:30 A.M.  
Youth meeting with His Grace, 10:30 A.M.  
Teens meeting and lunch with His Grace, 12:30 P.M.  
Young adults meeting with His Grace, 2:30-4:30 P.M.  
Great Vespers, 5:00 P.M.

### **Sunday, March 8:**

Orthros, 8:30 A.M.  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Parish Council meeting with His Grace, 12:30 P.M.