

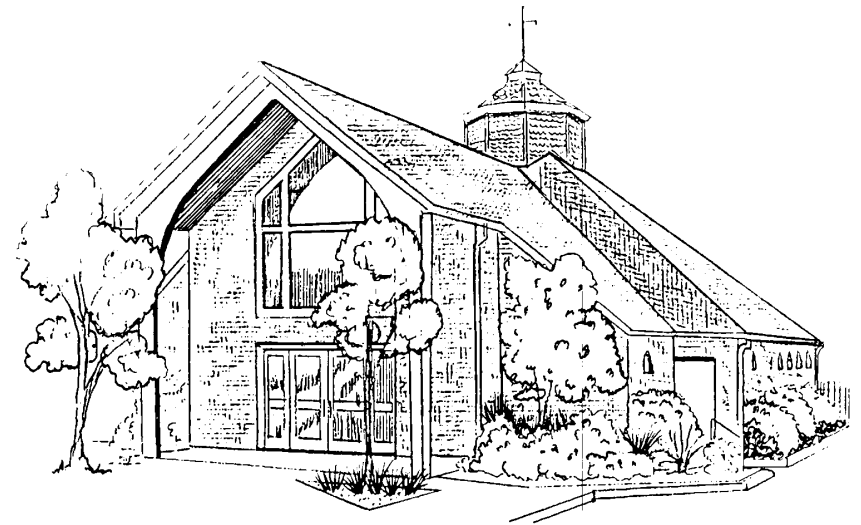
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**The Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom**

Each of these saints have their own feast day. St. Basil the Great, January 1; St. Gregory the Theologian, January 25; and St. John Chrysostom, January 27. This combined feast day, January 30, was instituted in the eleventh century during the reign of Emperor Alexius Comnenus. At one time a debate arose among the people concerning who of the three is the greatest? Some extolled Basil because of his purity and courage; others extolled Gregory for his unequaled depth and lofty mind in theology; still others extolled Chrysostom because of his eloquence and clarity in expounding the Faith. Thus, some were called Basilians, others Gregorians, and the third were called Johannites. This debate was settled by Divine Providence to the benefit of the Church and to an even greater glory of the three saints. Bishop John of Euchaita (June 14) had a vision in a dream: At first, all three of these saints appeared to him separately in great glory and indescribable beauty, and after that all three appeared together. They said to him, "As you see, we are one in God and there is nothing contradictory in us; neither is there a first or a second among us." The saints also advised Bishop John that he write a common service for them and to order a common feast day of celebration. Following this wonderful vision, the debate was settled in this manner: January 30 would be designated as the common feast of these three hierarchs. The Greeks consider this feast not only an ecclesiastical feast but their greatest national school holiday.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

# St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



**January 30, 2022**  
**The Three Hierarchs**  
**The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

# 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 without talking. 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 13:17-21

**Gospel Reading:** St. Luke 19:1-10

## Saints of the Day

The three great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; Hieromartyr Hippolytos, pope of Rome; Virgin-martyr Chrissa of Rome; New-martyr Theodore of Mitylene; Julian, priest of Aegina.

## A Message from the Parish Council on Parish Hall Repairs

Dear Parishioners, the Parish Council has decided to replace the damaged shingle roof on the Parish Hall with a metal roof like the one we have on the church. While a metal roof is more expensive, we believe it will pay off in the long run as we will surely be dealing with more hurricanes in the future. We accepted a bid (the lower of two) from the same contractor who put the metal roof on the church. That roof has served us well. The roof replacement will cost about \$80,000. Insurance, donations from the Archdiocese, the Diocese and other angels will cover most of the cost but we also need to make repairs to the restrooms. We

will, at least temporarily, need to dip into reserve funds. The roof repairs will be done in the spring. Restroom repairs cannot be made until the roof is restored. Please prayerfully consider these financial needs as you make your annual pledge. Thank you and God bless our Parish—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

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

Sunday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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



Our possum family listens carefully to the Liturgy on Sundays from our den underneath the altar. There seem to be a lot of intercessions, or ektenia as they are called. The little possums think they are bit repetitious. In fact, they're all a little different. The first is the "Great Ektenia." We pray for peace, the church, the clergy, our President, our community, good weather and crops, travelers, the sick and to be free from "tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity." The "Ektenia of Fervent Supplication" is also a prayer for clergy but there is now an emphasis on the spiritual welfare of all Orthodox people and for the remission of sins of all the living and the departed. In the "Ektenia of the Prothesis," the prayers are focused on our personal spiritual lives as we ask for "a perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless day, a guardian angel, repentance and a Christian ending to our lives. In the "Ektenia before the Lord's Prayer" we also ask for divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Finally, in the "Ektenia of Thanksgiving," we thank our God for receiving the life-giving body and blood of Christ. Yes, we tell the little ones, there is repetition but, if you listen carefully, these prayers give us a rich and full opportunity to seek God's help and to obtain his mercy---Theo

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***Spiritual Counsels...***

“A troublemaker sows strife, a talebearer divides friend from friend.” –  
Proverbs 16:28

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

**Today's coffee hour:** Team Potluck. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Trisagion prayers** are offered today by **Pam Nugent** for the repose of her parents, **William** and **Lorraine Rihbany**. May their memory be eternal.

Fr. Peter will meet with the inquirers and catechumens next Sunday in the church after coffee hour. The discussion is open to everyone.

Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Meeting of our Lord is scheduled for Feb. 2. Please see the “Worship Schedule” section of the bulletin for details.

Calendars for the year 2022, along with pledge and house blessing forms and donation envelopes are available in the church hall for each person/family in the parish. Please take them home as soon as possible, and throw away any unused donations envelopes from previous years.

**Parish Financial Summary:** The donations through December 2021 totaled \$29,572.63. The expenses through November 2021 are \$37,589.93 (including \$25,000 in disbursements for Hurricane Ida assistance).