

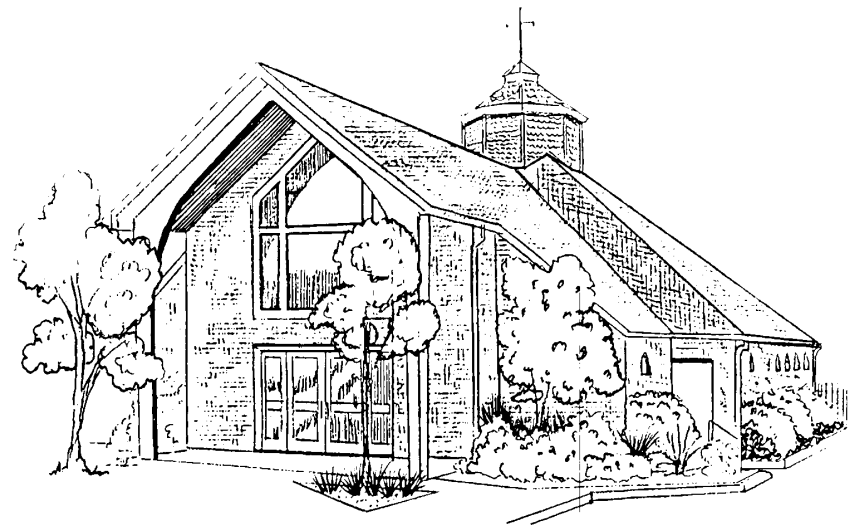
St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church
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St. John Damascene

John was first the chief minister to Caliph Abdul-Malik and later a monk in the Monastery of St. Sava the Sanctified. Because of his ardent defense of the veneration of icons during the reign of the iconoclastic Emperor Leo the Isaurian, John was maligned by the emperor to the Caliph, who cut off his right hand. John fell down in prayer before the icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, and his hand was rejoined and miraculously healed. Seeing this miracle the Caliph repented, but John no longer desired to remain with him as a nobleman. Instead, he withdrew to a monastery, where, from the beginning, he was a model to the monks in humility, obedience and all the prescribed rules of monastic asceticism. John composed the Funeral Hymns and compiled the *Octoechos* the (The Book of Eight Tones), the *Irmologion*, the *Menologion* and the Paschal Canon, and he wrote many theological works of inspiration and profundity. A great monk, hymnographer, theologian and soldier for the truth of Christ, Damascene is numbered among the great Fathers of the Church. He entered peacefully into rest in about the year 776 A.D. at the age of 104.

from: The Prologue of Ochrid

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December 4, 2022
10th Sunday of 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: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 13:10-17

Saints of the Day

Great-martyr Barbara of Heliopolis in Syria; Venerable John of Damascus; Martyr Juliana; New-hieromartyr Seraphim, bishop of Phanar in Greece; Hieromartyr Alexander Hotovitsky, missionary in America.

A Message from the Parish Council

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Orlando, Florida, had substantial property damage during Hurricane Ian. That Parish donated to us, through the Archdiocese, after Hurricane Ida. On December 18, there will be a second collection for St. George's. You are encouraged to give. Any donations will be matched by our parish. In addition, St. Basil is contributing \$500 to the Second Harvest Food Bank. These donations are part of our parish's annual outreach to those in need. Thank you--Rob Booms for the Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



St. John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.) is remembered every year on November 13. “Chrysostom” means the “golden mouthed one” as he was one of the great preachers and theologians of the Orthodox Church. He is also referred to as “our father among the saints.” At St. Basil Church, you will find his icon on the right behind the altar table. Blunt and outspoken, he once said “If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find him in the chalice.” John was born in Antioch. As a young monk, he spent four years in prayer and fasting followed by two years of standing continuously in a cave. He memorized both the Old and the New Testaments. After many years in parish ministry, he was called to serve as Patriarch of Constantinople where he preached his greatest sermons. He was not afraid to criticize his Empress for her profligate lifestyle. As a result, he was ordered into exile where he died. He is the author of the Divine Liturgy which we have used for more than 1600 years. His last words were “Glory be to God for all things.” Blessed John Chrysostom, we thank you for your wisdom and ministry.

Pray for us sinners---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“A man of understanding sets his face toward wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth” – Proverbs 17:24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **Christmas Craft/Decorating Cookie Party** will be held in the Church Hall for the little people in our parish after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 4, at 12:30 P.M. For more information, please see **Pam Nugent**.

Our annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held in the Church after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 18. Parents, please see **Pam Nugent** if your child is interested participating in the pageant.

The **Advent Fast** begins Tuesday, November 15th, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil, and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday

To offset the team members expenses for coffee hour, the team leaders are asking for one-dollar donations from adults for each coffee hour to cover the expenses for plates, bowls, forks, spoons, knives, cups, etc.,. They continue to generously provide us with snack/lunch items at no expense to us. Donations by check should be made payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Thank you for your assistance in making this happen. God bless you.

Coffee Hour: This Week: Team 1 **Next Week:** Team 2

Ushers: This Week: Pam Nugent **Next Week:** Yordan Yordanov

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through June 2022 totaled \$16,386.75. The expenses through June 2022 are \$98,118.08.

Christmas Angels Project

Christmas is coming and the Ladies Guild will sponsor children, from five families, who attend Bissonet Plaza Elementary School, as our traditional Christmas Angels Project. Those are children identified by the school's staff to be in great need.

This year has been extremely difficult for many, and we hope that St. Basil Parish will again generously support these local families whose needs are greater than ever. Your donation will bring joy, smiles, and happiness to them all.

Please:

- Only **Monetary Donations** will be accepted.
- Make checks out to **St. Basil Ladies Guild. Please write "2022 Angels Project" in memo line.**

Donations will be accepted from **now** until **Sunday, December 11, 2022.**

If you are attending church services, please give your donation (check) to Ms. Tania Russell, Ms. Yazmin Incaprera, or Ms. Paulina Kocic.

If you are NOT attending church services on regular bases and would like to participate, please mail the check to the church address or drop it in the church's mailbox.

Thank you for your always great generosity. God bless.