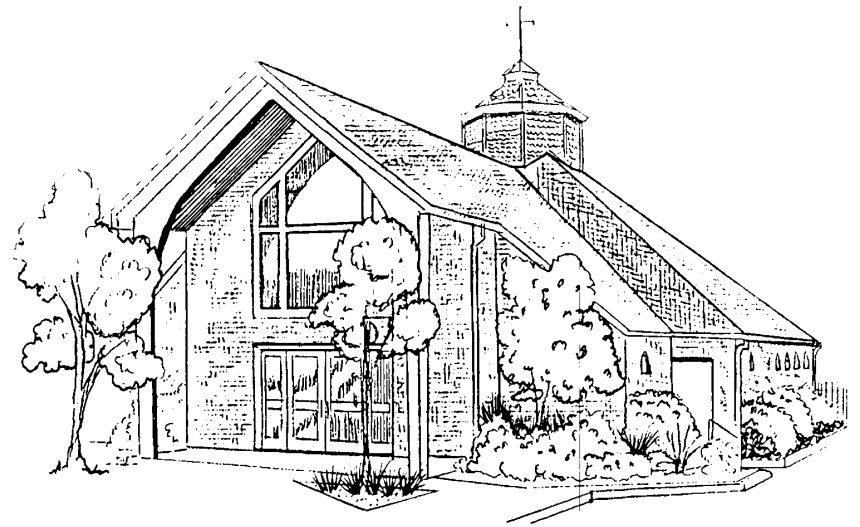


**St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church**  
**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York**  
**And Metropolitan of all North America**  
**His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop**  
**Of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast**  
**The Very Reverend Father Peter Nugent, Pastor**  
**3916 Hudson St., Metairie, LA 70006**  
**504.888.8114**  
[sbno@att.net](mailto:sbno@att.net)  
[www.stbasilneworleans.org](http://www.stbasilneworleans.org)

**The Holy Apostles Archippus, Philemon, and Apphia**

Archippus was one of the Seventy Apostles. The Apostle Paul mentions him in his Epistle to the Colossians: *And tell Archippus, 'See that you fulfill the ministry that you received in the Lord' (Colossians 4:17)*, as well as in his letter to Philemon, calling him *our fellow soldier* (Philemon 1:2). The center of Christianity in the town of Colossae was in the home of Philemon. Here Christians gathered for prayer. In writing to Philemon, the Apostle Paul called this *the church in thy house* (Philemon 1:2). At that time the apostles consecrated their disciples to the bishopric, some of them in permanent dioceses and others as missionaries traveling to various places. Philemon was one of the latter. Apphia, Philemon's wife, hosted and served in the domestic church. At the time of a pagan feast to the goddess Artemis, all the faithful in Colossae, according to their custom, gathered in the home of Philemon for prayer. Learning of this gathering, the pagans rushed in and apprehended all the Christians. As the leaders, Philemon, Apphia and Archippus were first whipped and afterward buried up to their waists and stoned. Thus, they slew Philemon and Apphia. Archippus they removed from the pit barely alive and left him to the amusement of the children. The children stabbed him all over with knives. In such a manner did this "fellow soldier" in battle finish well the course of his earthly path.

# St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



**February 19, 2023**  
**Judgement Sunday**

# 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:** 2 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:31-46

## Saints of the Day

Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Apphias of the Seventy; Venerable-martyr Philothea of Athens; New-martyr Nikita the New of Epiros.

## 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

Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Forgiveness Vespers, (After Divine Liturgy)  
Wednesday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.  
Friday, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.  
Friday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.  
Friday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.

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



Visitors to an Orthodox church are often surprised by how much kissing goes on. When entering and leaving the church, people kiss the icons of Christ, the Theotokos and the patron saint. Before the Liturgy starts, parishioners will be seen to go the front of the church where they kiss large icons of the Lord and his blessed mother. Some will kiss icons of saints who line the walls. Meanwhile, folks are often greeting each other with two or three kisses on the cheeks. At the end of the Liturgy, the priest presents a Hand Cross to be kissed by those who are being blessed for a special occasion and for travelling. This is also when worshippers kiss the right hand of the priest as he distributes the Holy Bread. An Orthodox believer will kiss the priest's right hand when a blessing is given. This is not done out of veneration of the person but rather to the sacred office bestowed upon him. He has been set aside to provide spiritual guidance, to hear confessions, to conduct baptisms, weddings, and burials. It is his hand that consecrates the precious Body and Blood of the Lord. Just as we kiss our loved ones and pictures of deceased family members, the Orthodox church offers the great gift of a Holy Kiss. Let us not be shy or reluctant to use this expression of love and devotion.

Blessings be upon your Lenten season---Theo

\*\*\*

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“When wickedness comes, contempt comes also; and with dishonor comes disgrace.”– Proverbs 18:3

\*\*\*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25<sup>th</sup>) and Palm Sunday (April 9<sup>th</sup>).

February 19th MEAT FARE SUNDAY!!!! Come experience a breakfast FEAST to enter into the GREAT FAST! The Ladies Guild is putting on a breakfast bonanza during coffee hour. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham and fruit. The cost per plate is \$12 for adults 13 and up, \$6 for children 9-12 and 8 and under eat free. HELP us to HELP others!!!!

Our annual **Wine and Cheese Social** shall be held on Cheesefare Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

**The traditional fasting discipline** of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed during the entire Great Fast, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25<sup>th</sup>) and Palm Sunday.

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and

forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then please make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

**Lenten potluck meals** shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Red Carnations.” Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

The Ladies Guild will be collecting donations for Love Moved First during the year of 2023. Love Moved First is a home for woman in crisis to recover and heal. We will have a collection bin set out and a list of needs next to it. There is much needed so even a little is a big help. If you have any questions about Love Moved First, please see Cheryl Pituch or Tania Russell. Thank you for your support.

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.

We fast from meat this week.

**Coffee Hour: This Week:** Team 3     **Next Week:** Team 4

**Ushers: This Week:** Dwight     **Next Week:** Michael Z