



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



May 28, 2017

The Sunday of the After-Feast of the Ascension

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 10

Glory to Jesus Christ. Glory to God forever.

To Our Guests:

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. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. 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. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*As we move into the summer months, the weather is always very warm. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, “spaghetti” strap garments, sleeveless or “tanktop” type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

The Mission of St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church...

We love and worship God, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith, and serve those in our parish, our larger community, and God's people everywhere through worship, prayer, fellowship, education, charity, and outreach.

The Vision of St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church...

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church is committed to growth: growth of our members spiritually, and growth of our members in the participation of parish life. We are committed to the education in the faith of our members and non-members. We will identify and initiate strategies to increase the involvement of the teens and the 20-40 age group of the parish. We will reach out to the larger community with invitations and messages about the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith and St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church. We will identify and implement strategies to enhance our financial stability.

Saints du Jour (May 28)

Hieromartyr Eutychios, bishop of Melitene; Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica; Venerable Andrew of Constantinople, fool-for-Christ; Germanos, bishop of Paris; Ignatius the wonderworker, bishop of Rostov; Nikita of Corinth.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Ascension – Tone 4: Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers – Plagal Tone 4: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Ascension – Plagal Tone 2: When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, in no way parted from those who love Thee but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you.

Prokeimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are just in all You have done.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Chapter 20:16-18, 28-36)

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them, “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to care for the church of God which He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you so that by toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(Chapter 17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy Own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were and Thou gavest them to me and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world, but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one even as We are one. While I was with them I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 3rd – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, June 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, June 4th – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, 30 mins after the end of Liturgy

Saturday, June 10th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, June 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 17th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, June 18th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Stephen Zelesnik & Mihai Leustean **Next Week:** Rose Hrabar & Michael Zelesnik

Coffee hour: Team 1. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 2.

Many thanks to **Gene Pituch**, who has graciously volunteered to serve as **Interim Choir Director** beginning today.

Fr. Peter would like to meet briefly with the choir after Divine Liturgy today. Thank you.

The **Parish Council**, God willing, shall hold their monthly meeting today, May 28, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Ladies Guild, and all the faithful of our parish, Fr. Peter wishes to thank to everyone who helped with our 40th Anniversary Celebration. It was a memorable occasion because of your prayers and hard work. Thank you.

God willing, Fr. Peter will attend the Diocesan **Parish Life Conference** this June. He will be out of town from June 15-18. Should you need the assistance of a priest during this time, please call Fr. George Wilson at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

As of May 21, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The proceeds from the 40th Anniversary Dinner and the collection for May 21, 2017, totaled \$4,059.49 for a year-to-date total of \$70,236.24, a weekly average of \$3,344.58. As of May 24, 2017, our expenses are \$70,876.30, a weekly average of \$3,375.06.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell Fr. Peter if you would like to receive it.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The lips of the virtuous man nourish a multitude, but fools die in poverty.” – Proverbs 10:21

Saint Nicetas, Confessor and Bishop of Chalcedon

In his youth, he renounced the world and withdrew to a life of monastic asceticism. Shining with virtues as the sun, he was noticed by the elders of the Church and was elevated to the episcopal throne of Chalcedon. As a bishop, he was especially merciful toward the less fortunate and greatly concerned himself about orphans, widows and the poor. When the evil Leo the Armenian rose up against icons Nicetas courageously stood up in defense of icons denouncing the emperor and explaining the meaning of icons. Consequently, he endured great humiliation, calumny and imprisonment. Finally, he was banished into exile for his confession of faith and in his labors and sufferings presented himself to the Lord to receive the wreath of glory in the kingdom of God.

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