



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.



February 5, 2017

The Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican

Post-Feast of the Meeting of Christ in the Temple

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 11

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

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.

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 (February 5)

Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily; Polyeuktos, patriarch of Constantinople; New-martyr Anthony of Athens; Venerable Theodosios of Scopelos; repose of Theodosios, archbishop of Chernigov.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Presentation of our Lord – Tone 1: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us the resurrection.

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 Presentation of the Lord – Tone 1: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

(Chapter 3:10-15)

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

(Chapter 18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 11th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Feb. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Prodigal Son)
Saturday, Feb. 18th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Saturday of Souls)
Saturday, Feb. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Meatfare Sunday)
Saturday, Feb. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Cheesefare Sunday)
Sunday, Feb. 26th – Forgiveness Vespers, 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 1st – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 3rd – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, March 3rd – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (1st Stasis)
Saturday, March 4th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, March 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Sunday of Orthodoxy)
Sunday, March 5th – Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Dwight Gillis and Terr Mehari. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik and Helen Merid.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Dwight Gillis** and the **Russell family** for the repose of **Dorthie Gillis** and **Dorothy Farris**. May their memory be eternal.

Coffee hour is hosted by Team 6 today. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

There is no fasting this week.

Our Annual Pledge Drive is currently underway for the calendar year 2017. All adult members of the parish are encouraged to complete and return a pledge form to the church office. Pledge forms may be found in the narthex of the church building. All pledges are held in strict confidence. Only the total number of pledges and the total pledge amount is made available to the public. Your financial support of our church community is your support of yourself and your contribution to help insure you and your family has a place to worship. Thank you and God bless you.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Sunday, Feb. 5th, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are welcome to participate.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Feb. 12th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are welcome to participate.

Choir practice is held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. Choir members and other members of the parish should see our choir director, **Andy Mahoney**, for more information.

In an intercommunity event, we shall host Fr. George Wilson and the faithful of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral for the **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers** on Sunday, March 5, at 5:00 P.M. Refreshments shall be served after vespers. Please join us and get to know our Orthodox neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 20. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, Feb. 27, 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, only alcohol. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday, April 9.

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

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 Father expects you to 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. 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.

On May 19-21, 2017, we shall celebrate the 40th anniversary of our parish. His Grace Bishop ANTHONY of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest shall preside over our festivities. As gifts to the parish on this occasion, we are attempting to purchase a decorative chalice and discos set to use for Divine Liturgy during the festive periods of the year and on major feasts of the church. Approximately \$5,000.00 is needed to purchase this new set. To date we have \$800 in donations. An anonymous donor is challenging other members of the parish to match his donation of \$1,000.00. A picture of this chalice and discos set may be seen on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please see Fr. Peter if you wish to make a donation.

As of Jan. 29, 2016, 30 pledges were received totaling \$79,800. The collection for Jan. 29, 2017, totaled \$2,554.00 for a year-to-date total of \$12,649.33, a weekly average of \$2,529.87. As of Jan. 29, 2017, our expenses are \$18,411.01, a weekly average of \$3,682.20.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

“Gathering in summer is the mark of the prudent, sleeping at harvest is the sign of the shameless.” – Proverbs 10:5

The Holy Female Martyr Agatha

Agatha, this glorious virgin and martyr for Christ, was born in the Sicilian town of Palermo of noble and wealthy parents. When Emperor Decius began a persecution against Christians, St. Agatha was arrested and brought to trial before Judge Quintian. The judge, seeing Agatha beautiful in countenance, desired to have her for his wife. When he suggested this, Agatha answered that she is the bride of Christ and cannot be unfaithful to her Betrothed. Quintian subjected her to cruel tortures. Agatha was ridiculed, whipped, bound to a tree and flogged until blood flowed. After that, the judge again tried to persuade her to deny Christ and to avoid any further torture and suffering. To that the bride of Christ replied: "These tortures are very beneficial for me; just as wheat cannot arrive at the granary before it is cleansed from the chaff, so my soul cannot enter into Paradise if my body, beforehand, is not humbled by tortures." Then, the torturer ordered that her breasts be cut off and that she be cast into prison. St. Peter appeared to Agatha in prison and restored her to health and wholeness of body. Again, Agatha was led out for torture and again, cast into prison where she gave up her soul to God in the year 251 A.D. in the town of Catania during the reign of Emperor Decius. After her death, the torturer Quintian departed for Palermo to usurp her estate. However, along the way, his horse and the horses of his soldiers became wild with rage. Quintian was bitten on the face, thrown to the ground and trampled to death. Swift was the punishment of God that reached out for this savage crime perpetrated against St. Agatha.

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