



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.



March 19, 2017

The Second Sunday of Great Lent (The Sunday of the Holy Cross)

Plagal Tone 6 ~ Eothinon 6

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 (March 19)

Martyrs Chrysanthos, Daria, Jason, Mauros and Diodoros of Rome; Martyr Pancharios of Nicomedia; New-martyr Demetrios the Joiner of Constantinople; Venerable Innocent of Komel.

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 Holy Cross – Tone 1: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

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 Great Lent – Plagal Tone 4: To thee the champion leader, I thy servant offer thanks for victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast power invincible, free me from every danger that I may cry unto thee: Rejoice, O bride without bridegroom.

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

(Chapters 4:14-16; 5:1-6)

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten thee;" as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order Melchizedek."

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

(Chapter 8:34-38; 9:1)

The Lord said, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation of him will the Son of man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Holy Cross Sunday)
Wednesday, March 22nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 24th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, March 24th – Great Vespers with Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (4th Stasis)
Saturday, March 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Annunciation)
Saturday, March 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (St. John Climacus)
Wednesday, March 29th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 31st – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, March 31st – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (All Stases)
Saturday, April 1st – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, April 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Mary of Egypt)
Wednesday, April 5th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)
Saturday, April 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)
Wednesday, April 12th – Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 13th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 13th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 14th – Royal Hours, 10 A.M.
Friday, April 14th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 14th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 15th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 15th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 16th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 16th – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Naheel Rafeedie & Mariam Ammari. **Next Week:** Helen Merid & Sandy Yazigi.

Coffee hour is provided today by Team 5. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 6.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, March 19, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays in Great Lent.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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.

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 distributed 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 Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

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 \$4,450 in donations. 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 March 12, 2017, 36 pledges were received totaling \$83,150. The collection for March 12, 2017, totaled \$1,643.59 for a year-to-date total of \$26,253.86, a weekly average of \$2,386.72. As of March 14, 2017, our expenses are \$31,875.91, a weekly average of \$2,897.81.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

“The mouth of the virtuous man is a life-giving fountain, violence lurks in the mouth of the wicked.”
– Proverbs 10:11

RED CARNATIONS

Today's red carnations were graciously provided by:

David & Subdeacon Greg Abramson in memory of **Arthur & Toni Abramson** (memory eternal);

Mariam Ammari for the health of **Fouad, Jawdat, Jawad, Mousa & Shaker** & their families (many years), & in memory of **Rakad, Tamam, Fouzy, Akram, Shoufah, & Mousa** (memory eternal);

Rabih Chedid for the health of **Amelia & Rabih, Jasmine, Libnan, Arzeh, Layla, Ghantous, Jamal** & their families (many years), & in memory of **Milad, Ramzi, Vagar, Peter Boulos, Cristobal Jose & Cristobal Raoul** (memory eternal);

Mona & G DiGiovanni for the health of the **Williams, Whittemore, Matthews, DiGiovanni & Butler** families (many years);

Rose & Phil Hrabar for the health of **Rose & Phil** (many years), & in memory of **June Hrabar** (memory eternal);

Philip & Elaine Khoury for the health of the **Philip Khoury family** (many years), and in memory of **Ibrahim, Youssef & Osama** (memory eternal);

The **Kocic** family for the health of **Paulina, Vlajko, Ljiljana, Nikola, Ljubomir, Bella, Maximus & Lauren** (many years), and in memory of the departed members of the **Kocic, Djordjevic, Piskulic, Stevanovic, Pavasovic & Lebedina** families (memory eternal).

Saturday, March 25, 2017

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10 am – Divine Liturgy

11:20 am – Luncheon – Cost: \$10.00

12:00 - 2:00 Lenten Retreat

Balancing Our Lives ... in Christ

How do we find quiet in a world so noisy?

How do find time for a deep relationship with God?

What are some practical ways and ideas to help us find balance to all we must do?

Finding answers to these questions will help us to Balance our Livesin Christ.

Retreat Speaker: Presvytera Harriet Pepps Wilson

Presvytera Harriet was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1978 from the University of Texas in San Antonio in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. She then moved to Boston where she received a Masters of Theological Studies from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology graduating in 1980.

Presvytera Harriet served as a Pastoral Assistant in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1980-1982 and Jacksonville, Florida, from 1982-1989. In 1988 she married George Wilson and soon thereafter returned to the campus of Holy Cross while her husband attended the seminary. She worked as the Executive Secretary to the Director of the Archdiocese Department of Religious Education from 1989-1991.

Father George and Presvytera Harriet have two daughters, Kleoniki (24) who works in Los Angeles, CA and Despina (22) who is studying at Holy Cross Seminary in Boston. Presvytera Harriet's mother, Mary, has lived with them since 1997.

Father George has served four parishes: Jamaica, Queens, New York; Denver, CO; Lexington, KY and now Holy Trinity Cathedral here in New Orleans. Presvytera Harriet enjoys being actively involved in various ministries of the Church.

The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria and the Others with Them

Chrysanthus was the only son of Polemius, a distinguished patrician, who settled in Rome from Alexandria. As the son of wealthy parents, Chrysanthus studied all the secular subjects, having the most learned men for instructors. But secular wisdom confused him and left him in uncertainty as to what is truth. As a result of this, he grieved. But God, who plans all and everything, alleviated his grief. A written copy of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles came into the hands of the young Chrysanthus. Having read them, Chrysanthus was enlightened with the truth, and he desired a teacher and found one in the person of a certain priest, Carpophorus, who taught and baptized him. This did not please his father, who attempted everything in order to dissuade him from believing in Christ. Not succeeding, the wicked father at first tried to corrupt him by placing him alone with an immoral woman. In this, Chrysanthus was victorious over himself and persevered in chastity. His father then coerced him into marrying Daria, a pagan girl. Chrysanthus counseled Daria to embrace the Faith in Christ and to live together as brother and sister, although pretending to be married. When his father died, Chrysanthus began to confess Christ openly and to live as a Christian, both he and his entire household. During the reign of Emperor Numerian, he and Daria were cruelly tortured for their faith. Even the torturer Claudius, witnessing the forbearance of these honorable martyrs and the miracles which were manifested during their agony, embraced the Faith of Christ along with his entire household. For this, Claudius was drowned. Both of his sons were beheaded. His wife, after having recited her prayers, died on the gallows. Daria was so steadfast in her agony that the pagans cried out, "Daria is a goddess!" Finally, it was decreed that Chrysanthus and Daria be buried in a deep pit and covered with stones. Later, a church was erected on this site. There was a cave near this pit where some Christians assembled for prayer and Communion in memory of the Saints Chrysanthus and Daria. Hearing of this, the pagans attacked and sealed off this cave. By such a death, the pagans drove these Christians from this world to a better world where Christ reigns eternally. These glorious martyrs, Chrysanthus and Daria and the others with them, among whom were Diodorus the priest and Marianus the deacon, suffered for Christ in Rome in the year 284 A.D.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid