



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

The Very Reverend Father Peter Nugent, Pastor

3916 Hudson St. Metairie, LA 70006

www.stbasilneworleans.org * 504-888-8114 * sbno@att.net

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

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



September 24, 2017

The Protomartyr Thekla, Equal to the Apostles & Venerable Silouan of Athos

First Sunday of Luke

Varys Tone ~ Eothinon 5

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 through 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 (September 24)

Protomartyr Thekla, equal-to-the-Apostles; Venerable Silouan of Athos; the commemoration of the wonder-working icon of the Theotokos of the Myrtle Tree; New-martyr Ahmed; Venerable Nicander of Pskov; the synaxis of all saints of Alaska.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Varys Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Thekla – Tone 4: O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Silouan – Tone 4: By prayer thou didst receive Christ for thy teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in thy heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of thy memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

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 Theotokos – Tone 2: O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

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 5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish and, as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken, and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers: Tania & Sevin Russell or Dwight Gillis. **Next Week:** Pam Nugent & Terr Mehari's replacement.

Coffee hour: Team 6. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

God willing, our next **festival workshop** will be on Saturday, Sept. 30. We will prepare and organize festival supplies on Sept. 30. The start time is 10:30 A.M. For more information, please see **Alexa Hamauei**.

Free language classes start in October in the Church Hall. Our schedule is:

Monday, October 2 at **1 pm** and **6:30 pm** - Russian
Tuesday, October 3 at **6:30 pm** - English for beginners
Thursday, October 5 at **1 pm** - English for beginners

For more information, please see **Marianna Avery**. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Our annual **St. Basil International Food Festival** is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3rd & Saturday, Nov. 4th. Our remaining workshop schedule is as follows:

Sat., Sept. 30th - Clean up, organize festival supplies, bake Namoura

Sat., Oct. 7th - Pumpkin kibbe

Sat., Oct. 14th - Date & Nut Mamoul, marinate Olives & prepare Turnips

Sat., Oct. 28th - Start set up

Sun., Oct. 29th - Prepare parsley and other foods

Mon., Oct. 30th - Thurs., Nov. 2nd - Set up tents, tables, chairs and other needs

Please see our **Festival Chairwoman, Alexa Hamauei**, for more information.

If **anyone** has the time to volunteer some **manual labor** help to those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, please contact Yazmin or Charles (281-782-5008 or 281-782-0939). Housing will be provided. Thank you!

The current total for the collection for Hurricanes Harvey & Irma is \$1,213.00. As directed, the proceeds of the collection shall be forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery at the end of the month for distribution to the Hurricane victims. Thank you for your generosity.

As of Sept. 21, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for Sept. 17, 2017, totaled \$1,330.00 for a year-to-date total of \$108,933.46, a weekly average of \$2,866.67. As of Sept. 14, 2017, our expenses are \$124,945.99, a weekly average of \$3,376.92.

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

Spiritual Counsels...

"In the day of wrath riches will be of no advantage, but virtuous conduct delivers from death." –
Proverbs 11:4

The Holy Protomartyr Thecla, Equal to the Apostles

Thecla was born in Iconium of eminent but pagan parents. As a girl of 18, she was betrothed to a young man at the same time that the Apostle Paul arrived in Iconium with Barnabas to preach the Gospel. Hearing Paul's testimony for three days and nights, Thecla converted to the Christian Faith, and vowed to live in virginity. Her mother, seeing that she was now ignoring her betrothed and no longer thought of marriage, tried to dissuade her, and then beat her and tortured her by starvation. Finally, this wicked mother turned Thecla over to the judge and demanded that Thecla be burned. The judge threw her into the fire, but God preserved her unharmed. Then, Thecla followed the Apostle Paul, and went to Antioch with him. Attracted by Thecla's external beauty, a certain elder of the city wanted to take her for himself by force, but Thecla escaped his grasp. The pagan elder accused her to the eparch as a Christian who disdained marriage. The eparch condemned her to death, and had her thrown to wild beasts, but the wild beasts did not touch the body of this holy virgin. Amazed by this, the eparch asked her: “Who are you and what kind of power is in you, that nothing can harm you?” Thecla replied: “I am a servant of the Living God.” The eparch then released her, and she departed to preach the Gospel. She succeeded in converting many to the true Faith, among whom was Tryphena, a prominent and honorable widow. Then, having received the blessing of the Apostle Paul to do so, Thecla withdrew to a secluded place near Seleucia. There she lived a life of asceticism for a long time and, by healing the sick with wonderworking power, she converted many to Christianity. The doctors and soothsayers in Seleucia were envious of her, and sent some young men to defile her, hoping that the loss of her virginity would also mean the loss of her miraculous power. Thecla fled from these arrogant young men, but as they were about to catch her, she prayed to God for help. A large rock opened up and hid this holy virgin and bride of Christ. This rock was her refuge and her tomb. St. John Chrysostom says of this wonderful Christian heroine and saint: “It seems to me that as I see this blessed virgin, in one hand she offers Christ virginity, and in the other hand, martyrdom.”

from: The Prologue from Ochrid