



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop
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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

September 16, 2018

The Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Varys Tone ~ Eothinon 5

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.

Please Note: Food and drinks in church are not appropriate except for life threatening circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to, snack items, cheerios, fruit, fruit snacks, sandwiches, meals, or drink items of any sort. If your child cannot wait until liturgy is over in order to eat, please take him or her to the church hall. 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 16)

Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised; Martin the bishop; Sebastiana, disciple of St. Paul the Apostle; Newmartyrs Isaac and Joseph of Georgia; Martyr Ludmilla, grandmother of Wenceslaus prince of the Czechs; Venerable Prokopios of Sazava in Bohemia; Dorotheos the hermit of Egypt; Melitina the Martyr; Ninian, enlightener of Scotland; Edith, nun of Wilton Abbey.

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 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. Euphemia the Greatmartyr – 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. 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 Holy Cross – Tone 4: Do Thou, Who of Thine Own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation, which is called by Thy name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Prokeimenon: The Lord will give strength to His people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

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

(Chapter 2:16-20)

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things, which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(Chapters 8:34-38; 9:1)

The Lord said, “If any man 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 of 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 He 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, Sept. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 30th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to **silence your cell phones** before you come into the church temple. Thank you.

Today’s Ushers: Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent. **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 3. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 5.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Sept. 16, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Russian lessons for beginners will start again on September 17. We will have two groups - at 12 pm and at 6:30 pm. Please contact **Marianna Avery** for more questions.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month starting Oct. 2. A potluck meal shall be offered at 6:30 pm, followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

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

As of Sept. 13, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Sept. 9, 2018, totaled \$2,470.10 for a year-to-date total of \$91,119.42, a weekly average of \$2,531.10. As of Sept. 14, 2018, our expenses are \$103,009.61, a weekly average of \$2,861.38.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Please note that His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast, our diocesan bishop, shall visit our parish Oct. 19-22, 2018.

In a recent phone conversation with him last week, he told me, "Tell them these are my exact words. I want to meet with each member of the parish personally. I want to get to know them and I want them to get to know me." Therefore, please try to be available this weekend.

With this in mind, he has set the following schedule for his visit:

On Friday evening (Oct. 19), he wants to have dinner with the Parish Council at 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. at a local seafood restaurant.

On Saturday (Oct. 20), the schedule is as follows:

10 A.M. – 12 P.M.: Meeting with youth
12 – 1 P.M.: Lunch with youth and teens
1 – 3 P.M.: Meeting with the teens
3 – 5 P.M.: Meeting with the young adults
5 – 6 P.M.: Great Vespers
6 – 7 P.M.: Parish-wide dinner with His Grace
7 – 9 P.M.: Meeting with the ladies

On Sunday (Oct. 21), the schedule is:

8:30 – 9:30 A.M.: Orthros
9:30 – 11 A.M.: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
11 A.M. – 12 P.M.: Coffee Hour
12 – 2 P.M.: Meeting with the men

Parish Council News from our Parish Council Chairman, Rob Booms:

With many parishioners traveling during the summer, financial support for the Parish is suffering right now. It takes about \$3,000 a week to pay our bills and we're running short. If you are behind in making your contributions, please catch up. If you have not made a pledge, it's not too late to start. In order to sustain our growth, we do need to support our priest, our facilities and programs. Thanks be to God for all he has given us. Let us respond in gratitude.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When a man is filled with good things, it is the fruit of his own words, each man’s labor brings its own return.” – Proverbs 12:14

RED CARNATIONS

The red carnations used for the **Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross** were graciously provided by:

Laurie and Alex Bolanos for the repose of **Emma K. Arena** (memory eternal);

Therese Dagher (many years);

Ivan Dytyuk and **Maria Pulucciu** for the health of **Danil Sofia, Eudokia, Svetlana, Maria, Ivan, Sofia, Victoria, Aleksandr, Andrey, Emiliya** and **Liliya** (many years), and for the repose of **Ivan, Maria, Vasiliy, Eudokia, Vasiliy, Nikolay** and **Olga** (memory eternal);

Mark Fleming for the health of **Dorcie, Norma** and **Mariam** (many years);

Alexa Hamauei for the health of **Alexa**, and **Albert** and **John** and their families (many years), and for the repose of **Mike, Margaret** and the departed members of the **Hamauei** and **Kyame** families (memory eternal);

Phil and **Rose Hrabar** for the health of **Jane, Philip, John, Rose, Phil** and the **Hrabar, Duddish, Goff, Do, Campbell** and **Lieberman** families (many years);

The **Kocic** family for the health of **Paulina Vljako, Nikola, Ljubomir, Ljiljana, Bella, Maximus, Lauren**, and **Karen** and family (many years), and for the repose of the departed members of the **Kocic, Djordjevic, Piskulic, Stevanovic, Pavasovic** and **Lebedina** families (memory eternal);

Diana Lindley for the health of **Andrei, Sergiy, Lydia, Edith, Tatiana, Ilia, Nikolai, Brenda, Eugene, Gregory, Anna, Irina, Vadim, Tracy, Ashlyn, Skylar, Christopher, Lawrence, Raisa, Svetlana, Lubov, Nikolai, Constantin, Tatiana, Svetlana, Lubov** and **Boris** (many years), and for the repose of **Fyodor, Ivan, Glikeria, Fyodor, Maria, Maria, Dora, Domna, Nikolai, Ivan, Nikolai, Yuriy, Alexander, Evgenia, Evgenia** and **Evgenia** (memory eternal);

Kumie Mamo for the repose of **Fetene Gebremeskel** (memory eternal);

Yordan and **Maia Yordanov** for the health of **Danny** (many years), and the repose of **Yordan** and **Boyanka** (memory eternal).

The Holy and Great Martyr Euphemia

Born in Chalcedon, her father was the senator Philophronus and her mother's name was Theodorisia, both devout Christians. Euphemia was a girl beautiful in both body and soul. When the Proconsul, Priscus, celebrated a festival of sacrifice to Ares in Chalcedon, 49 Christians absented themselves from the festivities and hid themselves. But they were discovered and brought before Priscus, holy Euphemia being among them. When the furious Priscus asked them why they had not carried out the imperial command, they replied: 'Both the Emperor's commands and yours must be obeyed if they are not contrary to the God of heaven. If they are, they must not only not be obeyed; they must be resisted.' Then Priscus put them to various tortures for 19 days, from day to day. On the 12th day, he held Euphemia apart from the others and began to flatter her beauty, hoping to bring her thus to idolatry. When all his flattery proved fruitless, he ordered that she be tortured. First, she was put on a wheel, but an angel of God appeared and broke it. Then he had her thrown into a fiery furnace, but she was preserved by God's power. Seeing this, two soldiers, Victor and Sosthenes, came to faith in Christ, for which they were thrown to the wild beasts and thus finished their earthly course with glory. After that, Euphemia was thrown into a pit filled with water and all kinds of poisonous reptiles, but she made the sign of the Cross over the water as she went into the pit, and remained unharmed. She was finally thrown to the wild beasts and, with a prayer of thanksgiving, gave her soul into God's hands. Her parents buried her body. She suffered in the year 303, and entered into eternal joy. (St Euphemia is also commemorated on July 11th).

from: The Prologue from Ochrid