



## St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop

Of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

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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 30, 2018**

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

**Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 7**

*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 30)***

Hieromartyr Gregory, bishop and enlightener of Greater Armenia; Martyrs Rhipsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia; Michael the wonder-worker, first metropolitan of Kiev; Venerable Gregory of Pelshma River; Martyrs Mardonios and Stratonikos.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1:*** While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

***Apolytikion of St. Gregory of Armenia, the Wonder-worker – Tone 4:*** Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Hieromartyr Gregory, intercede with Christ God to save 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:*** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

***Verse:*** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

***Epistle:*** The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapter 9:6-11)

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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

(Chapter 6:31-36)

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to

### GOSPEL CONTINUED

receive as much again. But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful even as your Father is merciful.”

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – 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:** Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean. **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik.

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 6. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

Trisagion prayers are offered today for **His Grace Bishop ANTOUN** on the one-year anniversary of his repose. May his memory be eternal.

**Parents:** On Sundays, Oct. 7 & 14, Fr. Peter needs to meet with the altar boys after Divine Liturgy. Thank you.

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!

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

**BASKET RAFFLE – proceeds will go towards Cancer Research being done locally (Tulane/LSU).** The Ladies Guild have put together several gift baskets and will be selling the tickets beginning Sept 23 for the next few weeks. Please see any of the Ladies Guild members.

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

***Attention St. Basil’s:** As you know it is that time of year when we start taking inventory of our cold weather gear. Time to pull out our jackets and sweaters to make sure they still fit. What do you do if they don’t? Not to worry. St. Basil’s youth is holding a coat drive. We are looking for coats, jackets and sweaters that are in good condition. Please make sure that buttons and zippers are in good working order. Remember we are trying to keep someone warm this winter. Thank you for all you do. God Bless! (For more information, please see Tania Russell.)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of Sept. 28, 2018, 43 pledges were received totaling \$100,750. The collection for Sept. 23, 2018, totaled \$1,618.00 for a year-to-date total of \$95,037.82, a weekly average of \$2,501.00. As of Sept. 28, 2018, our expenses are \$107,063.81, a weekly average of \$2,817.47. Last week’s second collection for Camp St. Thecla totaled \$282.69 and is being forwarded to the Camp director. On behalf of the kids in our diocese, thank you for your generosity.

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:

In just a few weeks we will receive a visit from His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, our diocesan bishop. He will be meeting with most of us individually. Let each of us review our commitment to St. Basil in this new church year. Our weekly expenses continue to exceed our weekly income and this cannot continue indefinitely. Please pray to our Lord that he may enable all of us to grow and sustain our church, through the intercessions of the Blessed Theotokos and all the Saints.

### Spiritual Counsels...

“The fool shows his displeasure straight away, the discreet man overlooks the insult.” – Prov. 12:16

### **St Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop of Armenia**

Gregory was of a noble family, kin to the imperial house of Persia (to King Artaban) and Armenia (King Khosrov). When these two houses made war between themselves, Gregory withdrew to Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he first came into contact with the Christian faith, received baptism and married. He had two sons of this marriage, Rostanes and Aristanes, and dedicated them both to the service of the Church. After his wife's death, he returned to Armenia and entered the service of King Tiridates. Gregory served his king faithfully, and the king loved him, but, when he discovered that Gregory was a Christian, he was greatly enraged and put pressure on him to reject the Christian faith and worship idols. Having no success whatever in this, Tiridates put Gregory to harsh torture and, after cruel torment, threw him into a deep pit filled with every kind of poisonous reptile, meaning thus to kill him. But God, who is all-seeing, preserved Gregory alive in that pit for 14 whole years. Tiridates continued the persecution of Christians in his kingdom, and attacked a women's monastery of 37 nuns with their abbess, Gaiane. When he had slain them with terrible tortures, Tiridates went mad and was like a monstrous wild boar. A man appeared to the king's sister in a dream and told her that her mad brother would not be restored to sanity until Gregory was taken out of the pit. This being done, Gregory healed and baptised Tiridates. Then Gregory, at the king's desire, became Bishop of Armenia and, with the king's help and, above all, God's help, enlightened the whole of Armenia and the surrounding area with the Christian faith. St Gregory finished his life of great toil in old age, in about 335. In his place, his son Aristanes was consecrated bishop, and he continued his father's work. Aristanes was one of the 318 fathers at the First Ecumenical Council.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*