



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.

January 13, 2019

The Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

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.

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 (January 13)

Leave-taking of the Theophany of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ; Martyrs Hermilos and Stratonikos of Belgrade; Martyrs Pachomios and Papyrinos of Greece; Venerable Maximos Kafsokalyvitis of Athos; Venerable Eleazar of Anzersk Island; Hilary, bishop of Poitiers; Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos – Mediatrix; Kentigern, Bishop of Glasgow.

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 Theophany – Tone 1: By Thy baptism, O Lord, in the River Jordan, worship to the Trinity hath made its appearance; for the voice of the Lord did come forth to Thee with the testimony, naming Thee beloved Son, and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove, confirming the truth of the word. Wherefore, O Thou, Who didst appear and lighted the world, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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 Theophany – Tone 4: Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord; and Thy light hath been signed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying: Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.
(Chapter 4:7-13)

BRETHREN, unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore, He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet, Isaiah, might be fulfilled, "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (St. Anthony the Great)
Saturday, Jan. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 26th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Jan. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Jan. 30th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (3 Hierarchs)
Saturday, Feb. 2nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Presentation of Christ)
Saturday, Feb. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As God so wills, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** shall visit our parish on Feb. 22-24, 2019. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful occasion.

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

Today's Ushers: Dwight Gillis and Tania Russell. **Next Sunday:** Rose Hrabar and Mihai Leustean.

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

The **Ladies Guild** are scheduled to hold their January meeting today, Jan. 13, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** are scheduled to hold their January meeting next Sunday, Jan. 20, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Our **Annual Pledge Drive** is currently underway for the calendar year 2019. 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.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for February 24, 2019, after Divine Liturgy. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish, are eligible to vote.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.campsthekla.org Campers are accepted on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Please call Fr. Peter at 504-888-8114, or send an email to him, if you want to have your home blessed.

Only a few containers of lentil soup remain. Please purchase your lentil soup today from the Ladies Guild. Thank you!

Russian lessons for beginners started on September 17. The group meets at 12 P.M. on Mondays. Please contact **Oksana Mehecha** for more questions.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Feb. 5 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

As of Dec. 27, 2018, 43 pledges were received for 2018 totaling \$100,750. The collection for Dec. 23, 2018, totaled \$2,227.05, and the collection for Dec. 25, 2018, totaled \$2,431.10, and the collection for Dec. 30, 2018, totaled \$2,608.00 for a year-to-date total of \$135,602.03, a weekly average of \$2,607.73. As of Dec. 28, 2018, our expenses are \$137,918.89, a weekly average of \$2,652.29.

As of Jan. 10, 2019, 11 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$36,680. The collection for Jan. 6, 2019, totaled \$8,285.00 for a year-to-date total of \$8,285.00, a weekly average of \$8,285.00. As of Jan. 1, 2019, our expenses are \$235.55, for a year-to-date total of \$235.55, a weekly total of \$235.55.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

We have a new Parish registration form! It allows you to update your contact information. It's also for visitors who are interested in becoming members of St. Basil. Finally, it's the new pledge form for 2019, not just for your financial support but also for volunteering. Please help the Parish Council plan for the new year by completing this form. It is located in the back of the church, next to the weekly bulletins. The completed form should be returned to the church in a sealed envelope. Thanks and God bless. -- Rob

Spiritual Counsels...

“He keeps his life who guards his mouth, he who talks too much is lost.” – Prov. 13:3

The Holy Martyrs Hermylas and Stratonicus

The Emperor Licinius launched a violent persecution against the Christians. St Hermylas, a Christian and a deacon in one of the churches, was arrested and condemned to death. When he was told that he was being taken out to martyrdom, he rejoiced greatly. The Emperor threatened him in vain; Hermylas openly confessed his faith in Christ and, in reply to the Emperor's threats, said: “*The Lord is my helper, I will not fear what man doeth unto me*” (Ps. 117:6). After harsh torture, Hermylas was flung into prison. But the jailer was one Stratonicus, a secret Christian who was filled with whole-hearted compassion for Hermylas's sufferings. When he too appeared before the Emperor as a Christian, Licinius ordered that they both be thrown into the Danube. So Hermylas and Stratonicus were bound together in one net and cast into the river. After three days the river threw their bodies onto the bank, and fellow-Christians took them and buried them a little way outside Belgrade. These glorious martyrs suffered for Christ and entered into glory in the year 315.

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