



## 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.



August 4, 2019

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew

Plagal Tone 2 ~ 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.

*As we move into 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 (August 4)***

The Seven Youths of Ephesus; Recovery of the Relics of Martyr Eudokia of Persia.

***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 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 Transfiguration – Grave Tone:*** Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could bear it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy passion was voluntary and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

***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 Romans.

(Chapter 15:1-7)

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on me.” For whatever was written in the former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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

(Chapter 9:27-35)

At that time, when Jesus was passing by, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud and saying, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When He entered the house the blind men came to Him and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then Jesus touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread His fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Jesus. And when the demon had been cast out the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity of the people.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Transfiguration of our Lord)  
Saturday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Thursday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Dormition of Theotokos)  
Saturday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Thursday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Beheading of St. John)  
Saturday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“He whose course is honest fears the Lord, he whose paths are crooked scorns Him.” – Prov. 14:2

### ***From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council***

The Parish Council thanks all donors, chefs and helpers who have provided the wonderful food after our liturgies. We had five groups of volunteers. As we prepare for the rest of the church year, we hope to have six groups sharing this ministry. But we need more volunteers to make this happen. Please remember that it is not necessary for any group to prepare a big meal and the groups are not in competition. It's really just about breaking the fast and having fellowship. If you would like to be involved in a group, please contact Tania Russell after church. God bless--Rob Booms

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today's Ushers:** Michael Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Rose Hrabar.

**Today's coffee hour:** Team 24. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to have their August meeting next Sunday, Aug. 11, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

We fast each day this week in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of our Lady, except on Aug. 6 when we may eat fish and wine and oil for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord.

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, we shall, God willing have the blessing of the grapes at the end of Liturgy for the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Those of you who wish to bring grapes (or other fruits), please see Fr. Peter.

**SAVE THE DATE...****Ice Cream Social** will be Sunday, **August 18** immediately after coffee hour. See any Ladies Guild member for tickets (\$5 donation). Thank you for supporting our projects!

As of July 11, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for July 14, 2019, totaled \$1,028.00 for a year-to-date amount of \$81,225.52, a weekly average of \$2,900.91. As of July 15, 2019, our expenses are \$69,421.19, a weekly average of \$2,479.33.

### **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**

As we live under the Church, my possum family and I really appreciate the breadcrumbs Father Peter tosses out of the side door on Sundays after he cuts the loaves of bread for Liturgy. Later he blesses this bread and consecrates part of it for the Communion. The



bread that is not consecrated is called the Antidoron and is placed in a bowl in the front of the church. It is intended for you, after you receive Communion, to break the fast. It is also for those who are unable to receive communion that Sunday and for visitors. Since it is blessed bread, us possums are not supposed to eat it. Please take a piece of bread from the bowl (one for yourself and as many as you need for others) and carefully eat it while you return to your pew. Otherwise, we will be tempted to eat the crumbs and create a mess! Peace be to you--Theo, the Parish Possum

### **The Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus**

There was a great persecution of Christians during the reign of Decius. The emperor himself came to Ephesus and there arranged a boisterous and noisy celebration in honor of the lifeless idols as well as a terrible slaughter of Christians. Seven young men, soldiers, refrained from the impure offering of sacrifices and they earnestly prayed to the one God to save the Christian people. They were the sons of the most influential elders of Ephesus and their names were Maximilian, Jamblichus, Martin [Martinian], John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus, and Antonin [Antoninus]. When they were accused before the emperor, they retreated to a hill outside Ephesus called Celion and there they hid in a cave. When the emperor learned of this, he commanded that the cave be sealed off. However, God according to His far-reaching Providence caused a miraculous and long-lasting sleep to fall upon the young men. The imperial courtiers, Theodore and Rufinus, secret Christians, built in that wall a copper sarcophagus with lead plaques on which were written the names of these young men and their martyr's death during the reign of Emperor Decius. More than 200 years then passed. During the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450 A.D.), there was a great dispute about the resurrection. There were some that doubted the resurrection. Emperor Theodosius was in great sorrow as a result of this dispute among the faithful and prayed to God that He, in some way, would reveal the truth to men. At that time of turmoil in the Church some shepherders of Adolius, who owned the hill Celion began to build folds for the sheep and removed stone after stone from that cave. The youths then awakened from their sleep young and healthy, the same as when they fell asleep. The news of this miracle was spread abroad on all sides so that even Theodosius himself came with a great entourage and with delight conversed with the youths. After a week, they again fell into the sleep of death to await the general resurrection. Emperor Theodosius wanted to place their bodies in gold sarcophagi but they appeared to him in a dream and told him to leave them in the earth as they were laid out.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*