



## 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.

October 1, 2017

The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 6

*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 (October 1)

The Protection of the Theotokos; Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, first bishop of Damascus; Righteous Father Romanos the Melodist; Martyr Domninos of Thessalonica; Venerable John Koukouzelis; Gregory the Domestikos of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Sabbas of Vishera in Russia; Venerable Balai of Beroea in Syria.

**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 St. Ananias the Apostle – Tone 3:** O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**Apolytikion of St. Romanos the Melodist – Plagal Tone 4:** In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Father; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Romanos, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

**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:** Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

**Verse:** God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

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

(Chapter 6:16-18; 7:1)

BRETHREN, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of 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 receive as much again. But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return;

### GOSPEL CONTINUED

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. 7<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today’s Ushers:** Pam Nugent & Terr Mehari’s replacement.

**Coffee hour:** Team 1. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 2.

God willing, our next **festival workshop** will be on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 A.M. We will prepare pumpkin kibbe. 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.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

October is breast cancer awareness month and the **Ladies Guild** is again supporting a project to raise money for cancer research at our local research universities through Cancer Crusaders. This October we will be selling lovely hand made crafts all month. These are crafts you will love for yourself and they make great gifts for your future needs. Please support us during October coffee hours. All money we raise will go directly to cancer research.

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

**Sat., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Date & Nut Mamoul, marinate Olives & prepare Turnips  
**Sat., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Start set up  
**Sun., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Prepare parsley and other foods  
**Mon., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - Thurs., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Set up tents, tables, chairs and other needs

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The current total for the collection for Hurricanes Harvey & Irma is \$1,213.00. As directed, the proceeds of the collection were forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery at the end of September for distribution to the Hurricane victims. Last week’s collection for earthquake relief totaled \$352.00 and was forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery. Thank you for your generosity.

As of Sept. 26, 2017, 41 pledges were received totaling \$87,180. The collection for Sept. 24, 2017, totaled \$2,908.10 for a year-to-date total of \$111,841.56, a weekly average of \$2,867.73. As of Sept. 15, 2017, our expenses are \$125,603.55, a weekly average of \$3,220.60.

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

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

“The virtues of the blameless man smooth the way before him, the wicked man founders in his own wickedness.” – Proverbs 11:5

### **The Protection of the Most-holy Theotokos**

From time immemorial, the Church has celebrated the Most-holy Theotokos as the patroness and protectress of the Christian people, who, by her intercessory prayers, implores God's mercy for us sinners. The help of the Most-holy Mother of God has been clearly shown numerous times, to individuals and to nations, in peace and in war, in monastic deserts and in densely populated cities. The event that the Church commemorates and celebrates today confirms the Theotokos' consistent protection of Christian people. On October 1, 911, during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise, there was an All-night Vigil in the Blachernae Church of the Mother of God in Constantinople. The church was full of people. St. Andrew the Fool-for-Christ was standing in the rear of the church with his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Most-holy Theotokos appeared above the people, holding her omophorion outstretched as a protective covering for the faithful. She was clothed in gold-encrusted purple, and shone with an ineffable radiance, surrounded by apostles, saints, martyrs and virgins. St. Andrew said to Blessed Epiphanius: "Do you see, brother, the Queen and Lady of all praying for the whole world?" Epiphanius replied: "I see, Father, and am struck with amazement!" The Feast of the Protection was instituted to commemorate this event, and to remind us that we can prayerfully receive the unceasing protection of the Most-holy Theotokos in any time of difficulty.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*