



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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.

April 29, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Pascha – The Sunday of the Paralytic

Tone 3 ~ Eothinon 5

Christ is Risen. Indeed He is Risen.

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 (April 29)

Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; Martyr Kerkyra of Corfu; John the New Almsgiver, metropolitan of Thebes; New-martyr John of Romania; Basil of Ostrog, metropolitan of Zakhum in Serbia; Martyr Hibat Allah of Damascus.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great 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 Pascha – Plagal Tone 4: When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

(Chapter 9:32-42)

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

(Chapter 5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was

GOSPEL CONTINUED

healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet and walk." And at once the man was healed and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thursday, May 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Ascension of our Lord)
Saturday, May 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, May 27th – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, 30 mins. after the end of liturgy
Saturday, June 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

The altar candle is sponsored today by **Sophia Hashek** for the repose of the soul of **Sophia Manthos** (11 yr.) May her memory be eternal.

In the Antiochian tradition, there is a general dispensation from fasting from Pascha until the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord (May 17). (Remember... Our Lord said as long as the bridegroom was with the disciples they would not fast?)

Please remember to return your **coin boxes** at this time. Next Sunday shall be the last Sunday to return them. The proceeds shall be tallied and forwarded to Ozanam Inn, which assists the homeless population in the New Orleans area. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **2018 Parish Life Conference** for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 – Saturday, June 16, 2018. The Conference is at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel in West Palm Beach, Florida. For more information, please see the flyers in the narthex.

Free English and Russian language classes started in October in the Church Hall. For more information, please see **Marianna Avery**. Thank you.

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

As of April 24, 2018, 40 pledges were received totaling \$99,150. The collection for April 22, 2018, totaled \$3,084.00, for a year-to-date total of \$45,252.47, a weekly average of \$2,828.28. As of April 22, 2018, our expenses are \$44,574.34, a weekly average of \$2,785.90.

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

The front of our church needs some sprucing up. Do you have a power washer we can borrow for a day or two? We could also use volunteers to help with this important clean-up project. Please contact Rob Booms or Dwight Gillis.

We are considering starting an **Inquirers Class** for adults who would like to have a deeper understanding of what is involved in being Orthodox. Newcomers, future catechumens and even cradle Orthodox will be welcome. Please let Fr. Peter or Rob Booms know if you are interested and, if so, what would be the best time for you to attend such a class.

Spiritual Counsels...

"He who misgoverns his house inherits the wind, and the fool becomes slave to the wise." – Proverbs 11:29

Saint Basil of Ostrog

Basil was born in Popova, a village in Hercegovina of simple and God-fearing parents. From his youth, he was filled with love for the Church of God and when he reached maturity, he entered to the Monastery of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Birth-giver of God in Trebinje and there received the monastic tonsure. As a monk, he quickly became renowned because of his genuine and rare ascetical life. Saint Basil took upon himself mortification upon mortification each one heavier and more difficult than the last. Later, against his will, he was elected and consecrated bishop of Zahumlje and Skenderia. As a hierarch, he first lived in the Monastery Tvrdosh and from there, as a good shepherd, strengthened his flock in the Orthodox Faith, protecting them from the cruelty of the Turks and the cunning ways of the Latins. When Basil was exceedingly pressed by his enemies and, when Tvrdosh was destroyed by the Turks, he moved to Ostrog, where he lived an austere ascetical life, protecting his flock by his ceaseless and fervent prayer.(*). He died peacefully in the Lord in the 16th century, leaving behind his incorruptible relics; incorruptible and miracle-working to the present day. The miracles at the grave of St. Basil are without number. Christians and Muslims alike come before his relics and find healing of their most grave illnesses and afflictions. A great people's assembly (pilgrimage) occurs there annually on the Feast of Pentecost.

(*) A new church was built upon the ruins of the old Tvrdosh Monastery in our day by Nikola Runjevac from the village of Poljica near Trebinje. A wonderful and glorious monumental church (Zaduzbina) before God and before His people.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

The Synaxarion

On April 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; Martyr Kerkyra of Corfu; John the New Almsgiver, metropolitan of Thebes; Martyr John of Romania; and Basil of Ostrog, Metropolitan of Zakhum in Serbia.

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

Verses

The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic;
So that this word alone was the man's full healing.

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.