



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.

July 1, 2018

Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs in Rome & the 5th Sunday of Matthew

Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 5

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 (July 1)

Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, martyrs in Rome; Newmartyr Constantine; translation of the relics of Venerable John of Rila from Trnovo to Rila.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Apolytikion of Ss. Cosmas & Damian – Tone 3: O ye silver-hating, wonder-working saints, visit our sicknesses. Freely received ye, freely give unto us.

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: Among the saints who are in the earth the Lord has been wondrous.

Verse: I beheld the Lord ever before me.

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

(Chapters 12:27-31; 13:1-8)

BRETHREN, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; Love is not jealous of boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

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

(Chapters 8:28-34, 9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have You to do with us, O Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If You cast us out,

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send us away into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled and going into the city they told everything and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.
Sunday, July 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Ushers: Dwight Gillis & Tania or Sevin Russell. **Next Sunday:** Michael Zelesnik.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL after coffee hour on July 15 (sponsored by the Ladies Guild): proceeds to go towards the **Children’s Relief Fund**. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased starting today by seeing any Ladies Guild member. Thank you!

Today’s **coffee hour:** Team 3. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 4.

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

As of June 26, 2018, 42 pledges were received totaling \$100,550. The collection for June 24, 2018, totaled \$2,950.25 for a year-to-date total of \$63,728.07, a weekly average of \$2,549.12. As of June 26, 2018, our expenses are \$78,874.38, a weekly average of \$3,154.98.

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

With many parishioners traveling during the summer, financial support for the Parish is suffering right now. It takes about \$3,000 a week to pay our bills and we're running short. If you are behind in making your contributions, please catch up. If you have not made a pledge, it's not too late to start. In order to sustain our growth, we do need to support our priest, our facilities and programs. Thanks be to God for all he has given us. Let us respond in gratitude.

All hands on deck on Saturday, July 28 for a **Parish Clean Up day**. Please mark you calendar! We need all women, men and children to pitch in to clean the Church and Parish Hall. We will have pizza and have some fun together. Watch for a sign up poster. More details later.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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...

“The plans of virtuous men are honest, the intrigues of the wicked are nothing if not deceit.” – Proverbs 12:5

The Holy Martyrs Cosmas and Damian

Cosmas and Damian were unmercenary physicians and miracle-workers. These two saints were brothers, were born in Rome and as children were baptized and brought up in the Christian spirit. They possessed abundant grace from God to heal men and livestock from every disease and suffering, usually by the laying on of hands. They sought no reward for their efforts. They only required of the infirm to believe in Christ the Lord. Inheriting a large estate, they charitably distributed it to the needy and to those in want. At that time, Emperor Galerius reigned in Rome. As a persecutor of Christianity, he summoned these two holy brothers before him shackled in chains. After a prolonged interrogation the emperor ordered them to deny Christ and to offer sacrifices to the idols. Cosmas and Damian not only did not heed the emperor but also counseled him to abandon the dead idols and to recognize the One True God. "Our God is not created but He is the Creator of all, but your gods are the imaginations of man and the work of the hands of artists. If you did not have artists to make your gods, you would have no one to worship." After working a miracle upon the emperor himself-for they miraculously cured him from a grave infirmity - the emperor proclaimed his faith in Christ and released the holy brothers in peace. Cosmas and Damian continued to glorify God and to heal the sick and were themselves, glorified by the people on all sides. Envious of their glory, a certain doctor who, at one time was their teacher, and with the pretext to gather healing herbs, led them into the mountain and stoned them to death. They suffered honorably for the Faith of Christ in the year 284 A.D. Their memory remains eternal in the Church on earth and their souls took up habitation in the Kingdom of the Lord to live eternally in glory and in joy.

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