



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 21, 2019

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost and the 5th Sunday of St. 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.

*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 (July 21)

Venerable Simeon of Homs, fool-for-Christ and his fellow faster John; Parthenios, bishop of Radovizlios; Martyr Victor of Marseilles.

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 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: O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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

(Chapter 10:1-10)

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified.

Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness, which is based on the law, shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith, which we preach) because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

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, 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

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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 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Aug. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Transfiguration of our Lord)

Saturday, Aug. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, Aug. 15th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Dormition of Theotokos)

Saturday, Aug. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Spiritual Counsels...

“Wisdom builds herself a house; with her own hands Folly pulls it down.” – Prov. 14:1

From Rob Booms, Chairman of Parish Council

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: Tania and Sevin Russell. **Next Week:** Pam Nugent and Emma Nugent.

Today's **coffee hour:** Haddad family, in memory of Issa Haddad. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to have their July meeting today, July 21, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by the **Haddad** family for the repose of **Issa Wadi Haddad**.

May his memory be eternal.

On Thursday, 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.

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Fr. Peter will, God willing, be out of town July 22-27. Should you have a pastoral emergency and need the assistance of an Orthodox priest, please call Fr. George Wilson at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 504-282-0259.

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

Greetings in the Lord. I am Thelonious (Theo), an Orthodox possum. I live under the church with my family. I hear things down there and, from time to time, would like to share some thoughts about Orthodox living. I have noticed many small icons along the walls of the church. They are the patron saints of present and former parishioners who were named for those saints at Baptism or Chrismation. If Father Peter knows your saint's name, he will call you by that name when you receive the Eucharist. Please consider having your saint's icon added if she or he is not there. Father Peter has a list of the current cloud of witnesses. Always remember to venerate your saint's icon when you pass by! God bless--Theo

The Holy Prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel was the son of a priest from the town of Sarir. He was taken to Babylon into captivity with King Jeoiachim along with many other Israelites. Living in captivity, Ezekiel prophesied for 27 years. He was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah. While Jeremiah taught and prophesied in Jerusalem, so Ezekiel taught and prophesied in Babylon. The prophecies of Jeremiah were known in Babylon and the prophecies of Ezekiel were known in Jerusalem. Both of these holy men agreed in the prophecies of each other. Both were mistreated and tortured by the unbelieving Jewish people. St. Ezekiel had frightening and unimaginable visions. By the river Chebar, Ezekiel saw the heavens open, “a great cloud and a fire infolding itself and a brightness was about it” ([Ezekiel 1:4](#)) and four wild creatures like molten copper [burnished brass]. One creature had the face of a man, the second the face of a lion, the third the face of a calf [ox], the fourth the face of an eagle [[Ezekiel 1:10](#)]. The face of the man signifies the Lord Incarnate as a man, the face of the lion, His divinity, the face of the calf, His sacrifice and the face of an eagle, His resurrection and ascension. At another time he was shown the vision of the resurrection of the dead. The prophet saw a valley full of dry dead bones and when the Spirit of God descended upon them, they came to life and rose to their feet [[Ezekiel 37:1-10](#)]. He also saw the most terrible destruction of Jerusalem when the wrath of God mowed down all, except those who were earlier marked with the Greek symbol called Tau [[Ezekiel 9: 1-7](#)]. This mark is like our letter T, which is also the sign also of the Cross. The evil of the Jews did not even spare this holy man. Infuriated at him because he rebuked them, the Jews tied him to the tails of horses and ripped him in two. He was buried in the same sepulchre with Shem, the Son of Noah.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid