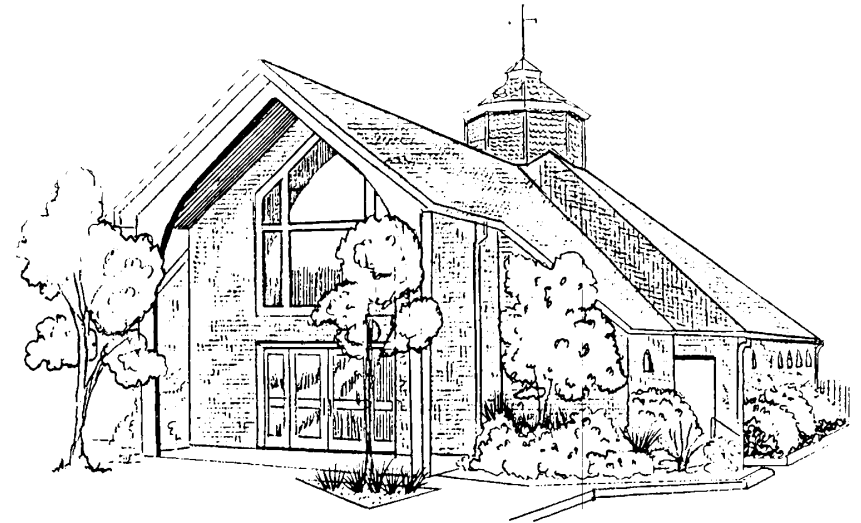


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St. Elijah and St. Flavius were great zealots for the Faith and defenders of Orthodoxy. They were driven into exile by the heretical Emperor Anastasius where they both died. They precisely foresaw the death of Emperor Anastasius as well as their own death. Simultaneously they corresponded with each other from afar: "Anastasius the emperor died today, let us both go before the judgment of God with him." After two days both saints died in the year 518 A.D.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

# St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



**July 20, 2025**  
**The Prophet Elias**  
**The 6th Sunday of Matthew**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

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. In our tradition, **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.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. 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.***

**Epistle Reading:** James 5:10-20

**Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 9:1-8

## Saints of the Day

Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Tishbite; Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze of Georgia.

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## Spiritual Counsels...

Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; he who guards himself will keep far from them. – Proverbs 22:5

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## Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

As Orthodox believers, we are blessed to have available to us many beautiful prayers and hymns. Among them are Akathists. These are special prayers used to honor holy persons and to mark special feasts. The word “Akathist” means “not sitting” since such prayers are chanted while standing. The name was given to hymns of praise for the Theotokos that were used during the reign of Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in the 7th century. During this time Constantinople was under repeated attacks from enemies and the Theotokos is credited with saving the city several times. The best known of these hymns is the Akathist to the Mother of God. The likely writer of the hymn is St. Romanos the Melodist who composed many hymns in the late fifth century in Homs, Syria. The Akathist hymn to the Virgin Mary is a very biblical service, abundant with images of the Old Testament that describe how she was chosen by God, how she gave birth to the Lord Jesus Christ, her virginity and her holiness. This Akathist is served at St. Basil during Great Lent. There are many other Akathists. Since there are Akathists for most of the major Saints, it is possible to observe one’s Name Day by praying or chanting that Saint’s Akathist. Books of Akathists are commercially available and many are available through the internet. Almighty God, fill us with the desire to pray to you at all times and in every place. — Theo

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 2<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wed., Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold its July meeting today, July 20, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

God willing, Fr. Peter will attend the Archdiocese Convention at the end of July. Therefore, Great Vespers is cancelled on Saturday, July 26 and we will have a Typica Service at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, July 27. You are not welcome to get sick or die while he is away.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord**.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Friday, Aug. 15, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**.

**Save the Date!** The Middle Eastern ladies of the parish are planning a luncheon in celebration of the **Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God**. Menu and ticket information is pending.

**Bookstore News:** Purchases can now be made using the QR code by the clipboard in the bookstore area. Please see **Kathleen Field** or **Elias Ioup** for more information. (Remember to jot down your items on the clipboard, however you may pay for them.)

### **Our Littlest Members**

Christ said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). In the Orthodox Church, we embrace and welcome our littlest parishioners to join in the Divine Liturgy. They are our future and we want them raised from birth involved in the liturgical experience.

While generally, silence and stillness are valued in worship, the noise of children, especially if they are playfully making noise or expressing themselves, is often viewed as a part of the joyful and vibrant nature of Orthodox worship. It is considered "Holy Noise." The beautiful, resonating sound of our children's cooing or laughter is warming to our hearts.

However, if your child should become fussy, out of control, or inconsolable, please be respectful to those around you and leave the Nave to provide comfort for our little member. They can be brought outside or to St. Basil's Comfort Room. Once consoled and in good spirits, return with our sweet parishioner to resume the liturgy.

Please also remember that there is ***NO FOOD*** allowed in church and that includes baby formula (bottle-feeding) and snacks. If our little one is hungry, please bring them to the St. Basil's Comfort Room to feed them. The exception to that is our breastfed little ones. Breastfeeding during worship services is acceptable, but with a focus on discretion and modesty.

To our parents of little ones, we join you in loving prayer and support as you raise the next generation of Orthodox believers. GOD BLESS YOU!

**Today's Coffee Hour:** Team 3. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 4.