



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.

February 9, 2014

The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

And the Leave-taking of the Presentation of our Lord

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 11 ~ Ps. 109:8

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open 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. 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

Saints du Jour (February 9)

Martyr Nikephoros of Antioch; Hieromartyrs Markellos, bishop of Sicily, Pankratios, bishop of Taormina, Philagrios, bishop of Cyprus; translation of the relics of Innocent, first bishop of Irkutsk.

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 the Presentation of our Lord – Tone 1: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us the resurrection.

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 Presentation of the Lord – Tone 1: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



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 St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.
(Chapter 3:10-15)

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Prodigal Son)

Saturday, Feb. 22nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Souls Saturday)

Saturday, Feb. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Meatfare Sunday)

Saturday, March 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Cheesefare Sunday)

Sunday, March 2nd – Forgiveness Vespers, 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 5th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 7th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, March 7th – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, March 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Publican & Pharisee)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar candle** is offered today by **Philip** and **Elaine Khoury** for the repose of **Ibrahim George Khoury**. May his memory be eternal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** for the repose of **Cesar's** father, **Elia El-Hajj**. May his memory be eternal.

The **coffee hour** is brought to you today by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj**. Thank you.

Congratulations to our returning Parish Council member, **Rose Hrabar**, and our newest Parish Council members, **Larry Jones** and **Andy Mahoney**, who were elected/appointed to serve on this year's Parish Council.

Many thanks to our outgoing Parish Council members, **Dave Abramson** and **Vlajko Kocic**, who serve our community so well as Council members.

Ladies Guild Projects to support those affected by the War in Syria:

1. Antiochian Archdiocese Women's project to provide support of Syrian War orphans - frozen food sales will go towards this.
2. Health Kits, which will be sent to Syria via IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). We will have a box in the Hall where you might place the following donated items (only these items can be sent): Hand towels, washcloths, combs, metal nail file or nail clipper, bath size bar of soap wrapped in original packaging, toothbrush, and Band-Aids.

The **Ladies Guild** is continuing the sale of frozen, ready-to-cook packages of Lebanese recipes - namely beef shawarma (\$12 a package) and chicken shish ta'ouk (\$10 a package). The sale will continue through Meatfare Sunday, Feb. 23. Simple cooking instructions are available in the parish hall.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Feb. 16th, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.campstthekla.org. Campers are accepted on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible. Please see Fr. Peter for camper scholarship information. For more details, please contact Fr. Philip Rogers, Camp Director, PO Box 52482 Lafayette, LA 70505, Phone: 337-232-9808, Email: CampStThekla@gmail.com

There is no fasting from Saturday, Feb. 8, until Tuesday, Feb. 18, inclusive. The meat fast begins Monday, Feb. 24. Great Lent begins Monday, March 3.

Our annual **Wine** and **Cheese Social** shall be held on Cheesefare Sunday, March 2nd, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

The members of the **St. Basil Youth Group** shall lead us in chanting the responses for **Forgiveness Vespers**, which is scheduled for March 2nd at 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of February 2, 2014, 33 pledges were received totaling \$68,305.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for February 2, 2014, totaled \$1,984.22 for a year-to-date total of \$9,788.22 (~\$1,958/week). We are approximately \$3,335 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 29:2

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Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____ State: _____		
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____		
When Would You like Your Home Blessed?		Weekday or Weekend (Circle one)
Morning (Circle one)	Afternoon	Evening
After Epiphany (Jan. 6) (Circle one)	After Pascha (April 20)	

