

# St. Basil the Great Orthodox Church



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Welcome visitors! If you are visiting with us for the first time, we greet you in the Holy Name of Christ, our Saviour, and hope you will join us in fellowship after worship. We are genuinely pleased to have you with us today. We must remind you that while the Orthodox Church prays for the unity of all, only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting, and regular confession should approach the chalice.

For questions, please contact Fr. James Purdie. Blessings.



**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
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Beloved clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that you enjoyed a peaceful and refreshing summer and that you are diligently engaged as we begin a new ecclesiastical year.

This year marks the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of St. Raphael of Brooklyn in North America and the establishment of our Antiochian presence on this continent. The seeds he planted have blossomed, thanks in large part to our dedicated clergy. While most of the early clergy were pious and faithful men whose Orthodox ethos was formed by their families in their homelands without formal theological education, today's clergy are a diverse mixture of men: some who embraced the Orthodox faith as adults, some who immigrated from overseas, and others who were born into Orthodox families here in North America. The common thread among our contemporary clergy is the spiritual formation they receive from their families, parishes, and educational institutions.

With that in mind, we remind you that October in the Antiochian Archdiocese is observed as "Youth Month and Seminary Month." This year, we are blessed with 22 seminarians, most—if not all—of whom will serve this Archdiocese as priests. They will baptize and/or chrismate catechumens, raise up the youth in the faith, educate the laity, comfort the sorrowful, visit the sick, restore the penitent, and heal the broken-hearted. Supporting our future clergy and the institutions that provide their education and formation is vital to the spiritual health of our parishes and ministries. St. Vladimir's, St. Tikhon's, Holy Cross, and our own Antiochian House of Studies need our help to equip these future priests with the tools necessary for proper education and formation.

We live in a pluralistic society where our faith and values are constantly under attack and scrutiny. We need soldiers of Christ to confront the negative trends that affect our youth by instilling in them an Orthodox ethos and a distinctly Orthodox way of life and thinking. Likewise, as we welcome more inquirers thirsting for the truth, we must have competent and educated clergy and lay leaders who can answer their questions and guide them into the faith. To that end, we humbly ask for your generous support of our seminarians and the institutions that educate them.

May our Lord continue to bless you and your families.

Your Father in Christ,

+**SABA**

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

# Hymns



## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee

## APOLYTIKION OF ST. BASIL (Tone 1)

In all the earth that received thy sayings, thy melody did resound O righteous father, through which thou didst go about and proclaim as worthy of God the nature of creatures, cultivating the character of mankind, O thou of kingly priesthood Basil, wherefore plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

## ORDINARY KONTAKION (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

# The Epistle



*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.  
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

## **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

# The Gospel



## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”



# Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Elias Family	Charlie & Anastasia	Ran Li
Strack Family	John & Oxana	Nadia
Luke	Fawn	Edwin & Kosta
Schaffer Family	John	St. Porphyrios Parish Gaza
Saur Family	Peter	Stanislav
Ekaterina	Samuel	Alexandra
Angelina	Rick	Brian & Teresa
Igor	Dave	John
Alexander	Black Family	Olivia & Child
Mark	Mertens Family	-----
Alexander	Cushman Family	Ross Family
Simerick Family	Abrams Family	Randy
Thompson Family	Tommy	Maiya
Butler Family	Vasilia	Dan
Neal Family	Cheryl	Diana & Child
Switzer Family	Wall Family	Jackson
Edens Family	Daniel	Mackenzie
Megan and Family	David	John
Braedon	Palomino	Dawn
Bob	Wheeler	Haylee
Robert	Goodson	Nicholas
Vall	Hamilton	Joseph
Maggie	Dawes Families	Smith Family
Sarna	Rachel Shi & Zhong	

# Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Asanaketch

David

Dawit

Averkia

Jane

Arch. Ilya

Arch. Panteleimon

Lydia

Victor

Tatyana

Alexander

Nun Thekla

Nun Nektaria

Roman

Evdokia

Ephimia

Ephim

Michael

Alexey

Alexander

Alexandra

Yuri

Boris

Valentin

Valentina

Vladimir

Zinaida

Elena

Evdokia

Mike

Bob

Bill

MacArthur

ArchPriest Ayoub

Kh. Deebie

Jane

Hillary

Peter

Adele

Mindy

Caitlyn

Charlie

Grant

Ashley

David & Dionna

Jose & Esther

George & Patricia

Adam

David

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Matthew

Marcie

Lena

Gerhard

Mary

Roger

Kelly



# Prayers for St. Basil's



## First Prayer

O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God who in the multitude of Thy goodness and love hast chosen Hampton Roads, to sow a spiritual garden and called us, Thy children, to be its stewards. Grant us, O Master, the wisdom, strength, and resources to accomplish this task, discerning Thy will for this community. Guide our flock in oneness of mind. Grant bodily health and spiritual salvation unto all who support this ministry and bless them with Thy good things. In flame our hearts with love for Thee and the lost souls of America. For unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thine All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## Second Prayer

O Lord, Jesus Christ our God, Cornerstone of Thy Holy Church, Giver of every good gift, who despite our being bound by the desires and pleasures of the flesh, hast gathered us in this Holy Church, protected by St. Basil and Thy most Holy Mother, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Grant that we may be the good soil that brings forth the spiritual fruit necessary for the nourishment of all who seek Thy salvation, in accordance with Thy will, through the study of the holy scriptures; the reading of the lives and sayings of the saints; the attendance of the sacred services; the participation in Thy holy mysteries; living a life of prayer in word and deed; Worshiping the Father, in Spirit and in Truth. For unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thine All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

# Events



October 3-6

Bishop Thomas Visit

October 12

Parish Council Meeting, 12:45 pm

October 19

Antiochian Women's Meeting, 12:45 pm

October 25

Great Vespers at St. Demetrios, 6:00 pm

October 26

Antiochian Men's Meeting, 12:45 pm

# Church Directory



If your email address is not listed in the parish directory, please contact Jess Newell at [orthodoxhampton@gmail.com](mailto:orthodoxhampton@gmail.com) or Robyn Middleton.

Create an account or log in at:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

Once you enter your email address, follow the directions to complete the log-in process and update your contact information, photograph, and ministry participation.

Thank you.