

St. Basil the Great Orthodox Church



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Sunday of Holy Fathers of
Ecumenical Council
& Fourth Sunday of Luke

Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons
Venerable Theophanes the Branded



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His Eminence
Metropolitan SABA,
Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of all
North America

His Grace
Bishop THOMAS,
Auxiliary Bishop,
Diocese of Oakland, Charleston,
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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 or Fr. Nicholas. Blessings.



**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Youth Month and Seminary Month

Beloved clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The Church is always called to look toward the future—not simply by preserving what we have received, but by faithfully handing the Orthodox Christian life to those who will come after us. St. John Chrysostom reminds us of this sacred responsibility: “The care of children is the greatest of all arts.” The formation of our young people and the formation of those who will shepherd them are therefore inseparable responsibilities.

In the Antiochian Archdiocese, October is traditionally observed as “Youth Month and Seminary Month.” These two observances belong together because the young people of today are the faithful, parents, parish leaders, and clergy of tomorrow. At the same time, the seminarians of today are preparing to become the priests who will baptize and chrismate our children, teach the faith, celebrate the Divine Mysteries, counsel families, comfort the suffering, visit the sick, reconcile the penitent, and proclaim the Gospel of Christ to a world that desperately needs His truth and mercy.

Priests must possess knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the teachings of the Fathers, theology, history, and pastoral ministry. But they must also be formed in prayer, humility, repentance, compassion, and love for the people whom they will one day serve. Education and spirituality must work together so that our future priests are prepared not only to speak about Christ, but to live and proclaim life in Christ.

Our seminarians depend upon the generosity of the faithful, and so do the institutions who help form them: St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and the Archdiocese's own Antiochian House of Studies. Supporting these institutions is an investment in the spiritual life of our parishes.

Prayerfully consider making a generous contribution through your parishes to help prepare the shepherds who will serve our parishes and strengthen the Church that will nurture our children and grandchildren.

May our Lord bless our youth and our seminaries. May He bless you and your families and reward your generosity.

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 2)

Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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



*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Gospel



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Irine	John	Saur Family
Maria	Nichole + family	Ekaterina
Ana	Brenda + family	Angelina
John	Simerick family	Igor
Axenia	Katerina	Alexander
Vasilii	Nikolai	Mark
Hilarion	Ksenia	Alexander
Irina	David	Olga
Anton + family	Christina	Mary Ellen
Stephen	Jan	Lisa
Nicholas	Vladimir	Brad
Mariann	Elizabeth	Jim
Nathaniel	Robert	Jared
George + Family	Oxana	Edna
Maria	Sophia & Child	Sarah & Mae
Sidor family	Romina & Mateo	Rene
Yana	Charlie & Anastasia	Nancy
Nina	Fawn	Eve
Mark	John	Elias Family
Tatiana + family	Peter	Whelan Family
Maia + family	Sam	Joanne
Tamar	Julie Ann	Radmila
Mirela + family	Dave	Don
Gregory	Schaffer Family	Petra

Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Palomino	Elias Family	Ellen & Child
Wheeler	Henson Family	
Goodson	Diana & Family	
Hamilton	Wray Family	
Houston	Cheryl & Family	
Dawes Families	Roshelle & Child	
St. Porphyrios Parish	-----	
Frank Gu & Ran Li	Charlie	
Nadia	Paige	
Rachel Shi & Zhang	Ross Family	
Kosta & Edwin	Randy	
Riske Family	Rick	
Carriveau Family	Mike	
Sumitra Family	Henry Family	
Messy Family	Dulley Family	
John & Erika	Deonte & Family	
Hebzipah	Kathleen	
Vaught Family	Sheniqua & Family	
Angela & Children	Jessica & Family	
Emminizer Family	JaNyah	
Timothy & Kimberly	Reghan	
Caleb	Fatmata	
Julian	Samantha	
Cormier Family	Richard & Debbie	

Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Fr. John	Fr. Ayoub	Boris	Adam
Fr. Milan	Kh. Deebie	Valentin	David
Tatiana	Sunny	Valentina	Maysa
Sergei	Peter	Vladimir	Mary
Ion	Adele	Zinaida	Paul
Maria	Mindy	Anatoly	James
Agrepina	Dominic	Robert	Jeremiah
Ion	Caitlyn	Evdokia	Dwight & Beatrice
Maria	Arch. Ilya	Elena	Robert
Nadejda	Lydia	Grant	-----
Maria	Victor	Ashley	Renee
Maria	Tatyana	Radovanka	Marcie
George	Alexander	William	Lena
Ana	‘Nun Thekla	Dragitza	Gerhard
Michael	Nun Nektaria	Velinka	Mary
George	Roman	Steven	Roger
Ana	Evdokia	John	Kelly
John	Ephimia	John	
Thomas	Ephim	Connie	
Joseph	Michael	Loretta	
John	Alexey	Joan	
Pete	Alexander	Jose & Esther	
Nella	Alexandra	George & Patricia	
Kathrine	Yuri	David & Dionna	

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.

The background of the entire image is a photograph of numerous lit candles in a church setting. The candles are of various heights and are placed in ornate holders. The light from the candles creates a warm, golden glow, and the background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the text in the foreground.

Prayer for Missions

Please pray for the
Saint David Prophet &
King Mission,
Cumberland MD

Events



October 11

Baptism, Dahlia Amonica

Chrismation, Elaine Neil

Chrismation, Cynthia Hernandez

October 18

Antiochian Women, 12:45 pm

October 25

Antiochian Men, 12:45 pm