

St. Basil the Great Orthodox Church



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Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of all
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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.

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. ANDREW THE APOSTLE (Tone 4)

As the first called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader, O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

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.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (Tone 3)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

The Epistle



His voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Gospel



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:35-51)

At that time John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where art Thou staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

The Gospel



The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Irine	John	Annastasia
Maria	Nichole + family	Switzer Family
Ana	Brenda + family	Oxana
John	Simerick family	Janet & Scott
Axenia	Katerina	Megan & Family
Vasilii	Nikolai	Zach
Hilarion	Ksenia	Vic
Irina	David	Bryce
Anton + family	Christina	Kyle
Stephen	Jan	Carlie & Eli
Nicholas	Vladimir	Christos
Mariann	Elizabeth	George
Nathaniel	Elias Family	Fawn
George + Family	Whelan Family	John
Maria	Don	Peter
Sidor family	Joanne	Samuel
Yana	Strack Family	David
Nina	Lawrence Family	Rick
Mark	Swol Family	Geraldine
Tatiana + family	Jared	Schaffer Family
Maia + family	Alan	Saur Family
Tamar	Lisa	Ekaterina
Mirela + family	Anna	Angelina
Gregory	Eleni	Igor

Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Alexander

Mark

Alexander

Saur Family

Anna Demetra

Maria

Catherine

John

Robert

Randy

Nathan

George

Anne

Dn. Christopher & Family

Nate

Dean

Jaime

Brian

Riske Family

Sumitra Family

Angela & Children

John

Lindsey & Children

Carriveau Family

Cormier Family

Hebzipah

Caleb & Julian

Katherine & Evan

Timothy & Kimberly

Theresa & Brennan

Butts Family

Edens Family

Sarna

Val

Maggie

Michael

Stas

Alexandra

Jeremy

Kristen

Samuel

Haleigh

Isaac Family

Howard Family

Braxton Family

Pearson Family

Ross Family

Randy

Maiya

Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Asanaketch

Dawit

David

Radovanka

William

Dragitza

Velinka

Goran

Connie

John

Loretta

Joan

John

Steven

Averkia

Jane

Laura

Dominic

Peter

Adele

Caitlyn

Mindy

Hillary

Arch. Ilya

Lydia

Victor

Tatyana

Alexander

Nun Thekla

Nun Nektaria

Roman

Evdokia

Ephimia

Ephim

Michael

Alexey

Alexander

Alexandra

Yuri

Boris

Valentin

Valentina

Vladimir

Zinaida

Elena

Evdokia

Fr. Neil

Pricilla & Dan

Christina & Robert

Jane

Gerald

Joe

Averkia

Vinno

Jerimiah

Beatrice & Dwight

Paul

James

Mark

Mike

Bob

Bill

Laura

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. Inflame 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



December 6

St. Nicholas Day Party, 4:00 pm

December 7

Parish Council, 12:45 pm

December 12

Christmas Concert and Silent Auction, 6:00 pm

December 14

General Parish Meeting, 12:45 pm

December 28

Antiochian Men's Meeting, 12:45 pm



The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

November 14, 2025

Christ is in our Midst!

On behalf of *The Order Of Saint Ignatius of Antioch*, I would like to share with you the joy of this holy month, as we fast and pray in preparation for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This coming year marks the **50th anniversary** of the establishment of The Order by Metropolitan Phillip of thrice blessed memory. It is hard to believe that 50 years have passed. 50 years of dedication, of faithful service, and of living our Christian faith, not only in words, but in deeds. But what has The Order truly accomplished over these years?

- ~ Is supporting our Clergy Retirement a worthy cause? Imagine a priest who has dedicated his entire life to his Church, embracing his parishioners in their happy and sad moments, yet finding himself in need during his retirement years.
- ~ Is supporting our Youth camps and Christian education a worthy cause? It would be difficult to envision a future in which our children grow up weak in their faith and unprepared to face the many challenges of modern life.
- ~ Is supporting charities and organizations like Project Mexico and IOCC a worthy cause? Think of a child going to bed hungry! How sad is that!
- ~ And when did helping those in need become a luxury that Christians could no longer afford? Special Olympics, missions and evangelism, parish development, and much more, have become the mission of our beloved Order Of Saint Ignatius of Antioch.

Why? Because the men and women wearing red ribbons among you this month have taken it upon themselves to make a difference. They have chosen to sacrifice so they can ensure a better life in their communities. They have committed themselves to helping every seminarian and young person in our Archdiocese fulfill their calling to become priests, devout Orthodox Christians, and spiritual leaders in their community.

Additionally, we have launched "**The Order in Action**" events, connecting our parishes with their surrounding communities through acts of charity.

The Order remains **humble**, and we welcome the small gift just as gratefully as the large one. We wear crosses with red ribbons to remember the blood of our martyrs and the depth of their sacrifice, and also to raise awareness, so that people may join us. How small our sacrifices seem in comparison, and yet, how profound their impact can be for those who receive our help.

For each member of The Order, it is not about the numbers, nor is it about the total amount of giving. It is about **GIVING** - The joy of giving with humility, love and compassion, and without expecting anything in return. Saint Ignatius states in his letters that he does not want to be called a Christian, but to actually **be** one.

Brothers and sisters, The Order is a **family**. A family within our Church family, rooted in our Orthodox tradition of living together, sharing, and caring for one another. We invite you to speak to members of The Order and to your priest, so that you may join our family and be united and blessed in our common cause.

In closing, on behalf of myself and all the members of The Order, we wish you a blessed Christmas celebration filled with peace, joy, and good health. May Jesus be born anew in our hearts.

Your brother in Christ,

Ramzi Khairallah, MD
North American Chairperson
The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

MINI ORATORICAL WORKSHOP

DATE

Saturday, January 24th, 2026

TIME

12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Vespers at 5:00 PM

WHERE

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
909 Shawan Rd
Cockeysville, MD 21030



Schedule

12:00 - Welcome & Introduction

1:00 - Learn what makes an effective Oratorical

2:00 - Build an effective Oratorial

3:00 - Present an effective Oratorical

4:00 - Wrap Up & Pizza

5:00 - Vespers

Who is invited?

Teens who are between ages 12* and 18.

What is a Mini Oratorical?

A brief 1-2 minute oration using skills learned in the workshop.

What is the goal?

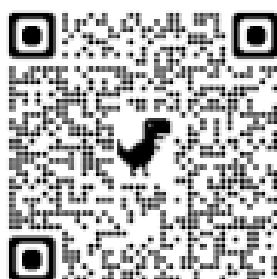
Provide teens an opportunity to increase awareness and enthusiasm for the Parish Life Conference & National Oratorical Festivals by providing an opportunity to collaborate and present in front of live audience.

*Oratorical Festivals is historically for ages 13-18, however, we welcome teens who will be maybe eligible in 2027 to give them a preview/head start if they are interested.

To Register ([Click Here](#)) or scan QR code.

More Information

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If your email address is not listed in the parish directory, please contact Jess Newell at 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.