

# 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**  
**OF NORTH AMERICA**

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*“Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:18-19).*

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Beloved in Christ,

Throughout the year, we honor and highlight our various organizations across our sacred Archdiocese. This month is no exception.

Each year, on the second Sunday of December, we honor those who chant praises to God in the Divine Liturgy and the divine services of the Church on this “Musician Appreciation Sunday.” As we ponder the verses above taken from St. Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians, we cannot help but think of the importance of our sacred music in the life of the Church. The hymnography inspires us to contemplate the divine and ponder our own salvation as we are engrossed in the theology that is transmitted by the sacred hymns of the various feasts and resurrectional cycles of the ecclesiastical year.

St. Theophan the Recluse, when commenting on the purpose of church hymns, said, “All of our liturgical hymns are instructive, profound, and sublime. They contain the whole of our theology and moral teaching, give us Christian consolation, and instill in us a fear of the Judgment. He who listens to them attentively has no need of other books on the Faith.”

With that in mind, we are grateful for all those who train, practice, and sing praises to God in our parishes. We thank our thousands of choir members, chanters, readers, and their directors who sing from their hearts to praise God. It is our fervent prayer that not only are they transformed by what they are singing, but that through the beauty of their voices and the content of what they chant, they, in turn, also inspire those who listen.

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

All this becomes possible through the dedicated efforts of those who train them, led by our Chairwoman of the Department of Sacred Music, Ms. Mareena Boosamra Ball, and her dedicated team. We are grateful for their many efforts in providing sound and correct settings for our sacred music, their biannual Sacred Music Institutes, the Antiochian Orthodox Ecclesiastical Online Music School, as well as the many workshops offered throughout the Archdiocese.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to give them strength, not only on this day in which we honor them, but throughout the entire year!

Your Father in Christ,



**+SABA**

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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# Hymns



## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O  
Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou  
didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And  
when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the  
earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto  
Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

## APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS (Tone 2)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient  
Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone  
before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of  
the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride  
in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a  
noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee  
without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O  
Christ God, save our souls.

# Hymns



## 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



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

## **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)**

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

# The Gospel



## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”



# Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Irine  
Maria  
Ana  
John  
Axenia  
Vasilii  
Hilarion  
Irina  
Anton + family  
Stephen  
Nicholas  
Mariann  
Nathaniel  
George + Family  
Maria  
Sidor family  
Yana  
Nina  
Mark  
Tatiana + family  
Maia + family  
Tamar  
Mirela + family  
Gregory

John  
Nichole + family  
Brenda + family  
Simerick family  
Katerina  
Nikolai  
Ksenia  
David  
Christina  
Jan  
Vladimir  
Elizabeth  
Elias Family  
Strack Family  
Whelan Family  
Joanne  
Nadja  
Renate  
Don  
Anne  
Saur Family  
Anna Demetra  
Maria  
Catherine

John  
Robert  
Randy  
Nathan  
George  
Bob  
Edens Family  
Megan & Family  
Sarah  
Michael  
Maggie  
Val  
Lidia  
Schaffer Family  
Saur Family  
Ekaterina  
Angelina  
Igor  
Alexander  
Mark  
Alexander  
Fawn  
John  
Peter

# Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Samuel	Elena	Sarah & Matt
Eleni	Connor	Liz & Taylor
Annastasia	Stas	Derek & Becca
Christos	Alexandra	Ray
Anna	Fritts Family	-----
Angeliki	Riske Family	Ross Family
Simoni	Sumitra Family	Randy
Tanya	Carriveau Family	Judy
Julian	Theresa & Brennan	Maiya
Dn. Christopher & Family	Katherine & Evan	Celeste
Margie & George	Timothy & Kimberly	Jeremy
Switzer Family	Cormier Family	Kristen
Ivan	Angela & Children	Ireland
Ben	Lindsey & Children	
Yonah & Genesis	Dan	
Carlie & Eli	Mackenzie	
Marcus & Taylor	Dawn	
Jacob	Haylee	
Kyle & Kati	Smith Family	
Nina & Cole	Colby	
EV	Blake	
Ashley	Nicholas	
Nina	Joseph	
Olga	Teresa	

# Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Fr. John	John	Tatyana	Hillary
Fr. Milan	Jane	Alexander	Dominic
Tatiana	Averkia	Nun Thekla	Eleni
Sergei	Radovanka	Nun Nektaria	Anastasios
Ion	William	Roman	Felix
Maria	Dragitza	Evdokia	Paul
Agrepina	Velinka	Ephimia	James
Ion	John	Ephim	Jeremiah
Maria	John	Michael	Dwight
Nadejda	Goran	Alexey	Beatrice
Maria	Steven	Alexander	Matthew
Maria	Connie	Alexandra	-----
George	Loretta	Yuri	Marcie
Ana	Joan	Boris	Lena
Michael	Fr. Neil	Valentin	Gerhard
George	Christina & Robert	Valentina	Mary
Ana	Pricilla & Dan	Vladimir	Roger
John	Jane	Zinaida	Kelly
Thomas	Mike	Elena	Susie
Joseph	Bob	Evdokia	
John	Bill	Mindy	
Pete	Arch. Ilya	Peter	
Nella	Lydia	Adele	
Kathrine	Victor	Caitlyn	

# 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 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

January 4

Parish Council, 12:45 pm

# Hope

## The Order of St. Ignatius Supports

IOCC International Orthodox Christian Charities  
Syrian Relief Fund  
Project Mexico  
Treehouse Ministries



Hope is the "real" gift you give that provides a needed "hand up" to the lives of those struggling to provide the basic necessities for their children and families.

## The 3 Tenets Of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

### Act Of Faith

Rooted In Love &  
Compassion

All the way back to our earliest years as a child we are taught to share with others, especially those less fortunate. When we share, we give up what we believe to be control in our lives. We put our faith in God that He will provide for our needs in abundance. Through your financial commitment, you are allowing God to work through you for the benefit of others. Your gift to the Order is an expression of love and compassion for countless lives and most importantly ... it is an act of Faith.

### A Sacrifice

Immeasurable In Its  
Capacity

To sacrifice for one another is to love. Deciding to "do without" for the benefit of someone you don't know is the beginning of a true sacrifice. Your sacrifice helps a struggling family send their children to camp enabling them to experience God's world if only for a few days. It provides reassurance to a new parish, that it can meet its monthly financial obligations and continue its ministry. As a member of the Order you may consider your sacrifice to be small, but it is immeasurable in its capacity to change people's lives.

### Infinite In Its Effect

Making A Difference  
Together

Your annual gift, less than the cost of your daily cup of coffee, is merely a drop of water in a vast ocean of need. However, the ripple from your gift never ends. It expands to enrich the lives of our youth by strengthening their hearts and minds as future leaders of the Faith. It multiplies to help care for our retired clergy and our devoted seminarians. The ripple from your annual or lifetime gift touches the lives of so many that you would never have been able to reach alone.



The Order of  
Saint Ignatius  
of Antioch

Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor.  
- Saint 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 Oratorical  
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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Guest Speakers

Mary Flowers  
2025 PLC Winner

Cynthia Long  
Public Speaking  
Professor

# Church Directory



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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.