

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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The Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 1, 2026

Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils,
and Beloved Faithful in Christ,

Greetings and blessings to you in the Name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus
Christ!

I pray that your Lenten journey has begun with renewed strength and a spirit of
repentance. As we enter more deeply into this holy season, I am reminded of the
words of St. Isaac the Syrian, who taught: “Enter eagerly into the treasure-house that
is within you, and so you will see the treasure of heaven.”

This difficult yet profoundly hopeful exhortation calls us to anchor our hearts in
humility while never losing sight of the boundless mercy and love of God. Great Lent
offers us a sacred opportunity to cultivate this spiritual vigilance through prayer,
fasting, and almsgiving.

On the Sunday of Orthodoxy, our hearts turn to the sacred legacy we have received—
the faith preserved through the courage of the martyrs, the struggles of the ascetics,
the devotion of our spiritual ancestors, and the teachings of the Holy Fathers. God
has placed this precious inheritance in our care, that we may keep it alive and radiant
for future generations. One of the main ways we do this is through the education and
formation of our future clergymen who will be our priests, pastors and fathers.

Our seminarians, together with their wives and families, have embraced a life of
sacrifice, faith, and service to Christ and His Holy Church. They are preparing their
hearts and minds to shepherd Christ’s flock, to teach the Gospel, and to sustain the
very faith we celebrate today. I am grateful for my regular opportunities to meet with
them, learning their stories, their hopes, and the unique gifts God has entrusted to
them. These encounters assure me that the future of our Church is in faithful and
capable hands.

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

As we do every year on this day, I ask each parish to offer a generous gift in support of the seminarians and their families. This responsibility belongs to all of us. As they prepare to give their lives for us, let us lovingly support them in advance.

Wishing you a grace-filled and spiritually fruitful journey to the Passion and the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, I remain,

Yours in the Service of Christ,



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Hymns



THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can cause all his praises to be heard? Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Let them praise the Lord for His mercies, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia. Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders. The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to loosen the sons of the slain. Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

Hymns



RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (Tone 2)

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

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 FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (Tone 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

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 Hebrews. (II:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the recompense of reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Sampson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and all the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Gospel



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, 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 Nathanael, 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.” Nathanael 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!” Nathanael said to Jesus, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael 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 Jesus 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:

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Ana
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Vasilii
Hilarion
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Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Fr. John	Averkia	Evdokia	Andreas
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Agrepina	Stevan	Alexandra	David
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Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

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Patricia

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Charlotte

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Grace

Myron

Andy

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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.



Prayer for Missions

Please pray for the
establishment of the
church in Chesapeake
and its growth in
Palestine, Lebanon
and Syria.

Events



March 7

Parish Cleanup Day, 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy at Chesapeake, 10:00 am

March 15

Antiochian Women's Meeting, 12:45 pm

Bishop Thomas Visit, March 20-22

Events



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