

St. Basil the Great Orthodox Church



Bulletin

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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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Great and Holy Pascha, 2026

My beloved brother bishops,

My spiritual sons, the beloved priests and deacons,

My beloved in Christ, sons and daughters of the God protected Archdiocese,

I greet you on this great feast, crying out with you: Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

Each year, Pascha returns as a season of light, renewing within us the strength of true life and the possibility of our transfiguration and that of the world. This is what I pray for you every day. May you remain always immersed in the joy of the Resurrection.

“The Resurrection and Me”

My meditation this year on Your Resurrection, O my Christ, carried me to its very end, so I asked myself why Pascha remains an annual commemoration and does not become a daily reality in my life. I found the answer in my forgetfulness of eternal life. I realized that when I live on the level of earthly things, I see the Resurrection as no more than a joyful event. But when eternal life becomes my destination and my desire, I live it already, here and now, by the power of the life Your Resurrection has brought me, O my Lord and God.

You told us once: “And this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3). Knowing You is either on the personal level — at the level of one’s very being, not merely of the mind — or it is not a knowledge that leads to eternal life. This knowledge calls for a longing for Your heavenly Kingdom, which, the more it is kindled within me, the more I taste it here on earth.

Abide with me, O Lord, that I may be strengthened by the power of Your Resurrection and fear death no longer; for life with You is life indeed, and Your absence is true death. Everything around me and within me seeks life, yet its joy quickly fades. And although I believe that the true life whose joy never fades is by You and in You, I still fear paying its price.

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

I want the joy of Your Resurrection without passing through the Cross; therefore, I still stumble and limp between the two. Teach me how to direct my gaze toward Your Resurrection so that, in its light, I may see the Cross as the passage to the defeat of death and all that is bound to it.

Strengthen me to overcome whatever prevents me from setting out toward You and whatever binds me to the glitter and sweetness of this world, so that I may taste Your grace when You touch me and my spiritual senses may no longer remain dull.

Today I am like the two disciples of Emmaus — troubled, anxious, and afraid of what is happening in this world. I long to be with You, for that is far better, but I cannot do it alone. I need You, and like the two disciples I call upon You: “Abide with us, Lord” (Luke 24:29), for the evening of this world has grown dark and its day is fading.

Abide with me, O Lord, that my old self may be renewed and I may become a new person, trampling underfoot all that prevents You from remaining with me.

Abide with me, O Lord, that I may know the power of Your Resurrection, carry Your Cross with joy, and bear witness to the world that it is the passageway to the Resurrection.

Abide with me, O Jesus, that I may see the world in the light of Your eyes and be a witness of joy, peace, and consolation within it.

Abide with me, that by Your Resurrection I may overcome my sins, trample my deadness, and crush my shortcomings and vices.

Abide with me, break Your bread, and give it to me, that my eyes may be opened and my heart may burn with love for You, and that I may proclaim what Your presence works within me.

So, when I cry out that You are risen, risen forever, those who hear me will believe me and know that I am not merely repeating a song I love.

Restore me and Your people, O my Christ, to an everlasting feast, so that our daily greeting may become: O my joy, Christ is risen!

Your father in the risen Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+SABA". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

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

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Hymns



THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life! As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Hymns



THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel.
Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee:
Alleluia.

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon
those in the tombs bestowing life!

THE HYPAKOE OF PASCHA (Tone 4)

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the
stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek
ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in
everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the
world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son
of God, Who saveth the race of man.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA (Tone 8)

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou
destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling
to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine
Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Alleluia. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia. As
many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

The Epistle



*This is the day which the Lord hath made;
let us rejoice and be glad therein!
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endureth forever.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

The Gospel



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Irine	John	Nadja & Family
Maria	Nichole + family	Nevena
Ana	Brenda + family	Tyson Family
John	Simerick family	Stefan
Axenia	Katerina	Catherine & Child
Vasilii	Nikolai	Robert
Hilarion	Ksenia	Schaffer Family
Irina	David	Saur Family
Anton + family	Christina	Ekaterina
Stephen	Jan	Angelina
Nicholas	Vladimir	Igor
Mariann	Elizabeth	Alexander
Nathaniel	Rebecca	Mark
George + Family	Elizabeth	Alexander
Maria	Kylie	Mary
Sidor family	Sophia & Child	Rebecca
Yana	Genesis & Yonah	Anna Mary
Nina	Houston Family	Elizabeth
Mark	Switzer Family	Kyle & Kati
Tatiana + family	Joshua	Isabella
Maia + family	Whelan Family	Ephraim
Tamar	Joanne	Emry Family
Mirela + family	Don	Sage
Gregory	Milka	Temple Family

Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Georgy Family

Wallace Family

David

Daniel

Caitlyn

Josiah

Frank & Lauren

Ivy

Ysidora

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Sam

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Elaina

Annastasia

Christos

Anna

Angeliki

Simoni

Tanya

Julian

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Fegarsky Family

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Dwain

Myrna

Rob

Robert

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Grace

Terwilliger Family

Krista

Joe

Gabriel

Alexander

Alexei

James

Andrew

James

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Kyle

Teresa

Sarah

Margie

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Wetzel Family

Wheeler Family

Taylor Family

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Sumitra Families

Hebzipah

John & Erika

Vogt Family

Messey

Schorr

Cormier Families

Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

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Emminizer Family

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Palomino

Wheeler

Dawes

Goodson

Hamilton Families

Nadia

Frank

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Ran Li

St. Porphyrios Parish

Cameron

Bruning Family

Garrett Family

Wallace Family

Ross Family

Randy

Rick

Garcia Family

Hanrahan Family

Lucius

Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Fr. John	Cindra	Alexander	Mildred
Fr. Milan	Radovanka	Alexandra	Alan
Tatiana	William	Yuri	Mike
Sergei	Lazar	Boris	Bob
Ion	Dragitza	Valentin	Bill
Maria	Velinka	Valentina	Jane
Agrepina	Goran	Vladimir	Grant
Ion	John	Zinaida	Ashley
Maria	Connie	Elena	Richard
Nadejda	Rita	Evdokia	Jose & Esther
Maria	May	Antonia	David & Dionna
Maria	Arch. Ilya	Paul	George & Patricia
George	Lydia	James	Adam
Ana	Victor	Jeremiah	David
Michael	Tatyana	Dwight & Beatrice	St. Porphyrios Parish
George	Alexander	Caitlyn	Michael
Ana	Nun Thekla	Mindy	Jeffery
John	Nun Nektaria	Peter	-----
Thomas	Roman	Adele	James
Joseph	Evdokia	Dominic	Marcie
John	Ephimia	Eleni	Lena
Pete	Ephim	Anastasios	Gerhard
Nella	Michael	Shirley	Mary
Kathrine	Alexey	Gerri	Roger

Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Kelly

Mike

Gabby

Mike

Patricia

Pheobe

Sam

Linda

Marie

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
Cumberland, MD
mission and the mission
and good health of the
Orthodox Church in the
British Isles

Events



April 19

Antiochian Women's Group, 12:45 pm

April 26

Antiochian Men's Group, 12:45 pm

A photograph of three intricately decorated Easter eggs in a nest of twigs and feathers. The eggs are primarily red and blue with white geometric patterns. The nest is set against a green grass background.

ANNUAL
Pascha Party
April 12th
Purdie Household
849 Poquoson Ave
Anytime After 1:30pm

Food and Drink Provided
Extra Dishes/Drinks Welcomed

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Church Directory



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

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.