

# 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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Beloved in Christ,

I pray you had a blessed celebration of the patrons and protectors of our Holy See of Antioch, Saints Peter and Paul. Our group of pilgrims was blessed to celebrate this important occasion in our spiritual home this year at the Patriarchal Monastery of Balamand, Lebanon.

Since the terrorist bombing of our Prophet Elias Church in Dweilaa, Damascus, Syria a week ago, we have received many inquiries from people and organizations asking how they can help the survivors and the families of those who lost their lives.

We have set up a special charitable account at the Archdiocese Headquarters for this purpose. All the proceeds will be forwarded to His Beatitude Patriarch John X for distribution to the survivors and families. Needless to say, after this traumatic and life-changing event, they need counseling, medical help and the basic necessities of life as they will not be able to function for some time.

In many cases, the families who lost their loved ones lost their main financial providers. Others will need long-term financial support as they have sustained the loss of bodily parts, making them permanent dependents unable to work to sustain their families.

Here is how you can donate to help the survivors and surviving family members:

- Online through the “[2025 Prophet Elias Church of Damascus, Syria Relief Fund](#).”
- By check, either personally or through your parish that will, in turn, send the collected funds to the Archdiocese Headquarters, P.O. Box 5238, Englewood, NJ 07631-5238. Make checks payable to the Antiochian Archdiocese with “Prophet Elias Church Relief Fund” in the memo.

Thank you for helping to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Wishing you God’s every blessing, I remain,

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 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

## 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.

# Hymns



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Saint Basil's Choir will be singing the Great Doxology (the song right after the chanters finish Matins) in the Tone set forth by the Archdiocese in the Rubric from now on. We realize that this is not something that you are accustomed to, so please understand that we should have been doing this all along. It is the job of the choir to lead the congregation in worship as fully as we can as prescribed by the Archdiocese.

Doxologies are as follows:

July 6th - Tone 4 & Today is Salvation

July 13th – Tone 8 & Today is Salvation

July 20th – Tone 6 & Having Risen from the Tomb

July 27th – Tone 7 & Having Risen from the Tomb

August 3rd – Tone 8 & Having Risen from the Tomb

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Your Choir Director in Christ,

Chuck Simerick

# The Epistle



*Sing praises to our God, sing praises.*

*Clap your hands all ye peoples.*

## **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)**

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



# The Gospel



## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion answered Him, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; be it done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

# Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Schaffer Family	Vasilia	Lindsey & Children	Alexandra
Saur Family	Elias Family	Angela & Children	Dan
Ekaterina	Switzer Family	Whelan Family	Mackenzie
Angelina	Terwilliger Family	Don	Dawn
Igor	Edens Family	Dianna	Haylee
Alexander	Saur Family	Strack Family	Joseph
Mark	Walls Family	Lawrence Family	Nicholas
Alexander	Fugere Family	Jared & Diana	John
Elizabeth	Christensen Family	Kyle & Kati	
Dominic	Riske Family	Genevi & Randy	
Sam	Carriveau Family	Rachel & Tim	
Peter	Sumitra Family	Ben	
Fawn	Katherine & Evan	-----	
Dave	Theresa & Brennan	Brian & Carolyn	
Rick	John & Erika	Brent	
Ben	Hebzipah & Nabecha	Brown Family	
Ivan	Timothy & Kimberly	Samuel	
Hayden	Nurai & Brian	Bowman Family	
Julian	Jayla	Noble Family	
Dane	Scarlett	Howell Family	
Bruce & Judith	Aidan	Patrick	
Judy	Kinidee	Heritage Family	
Margie & George	David & Susan	Maiya	
Abrams Family	Luke	Stas	



# Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Jane	Evdokia
Schema Arch. Ilia	Caitlyn
Schema Arch. Panteleimon	Hillary
Lydia	Peter
Victor	Adele
Tatyana	Dwight & Beatrice
Alexander	Paul
Nun Thekla	James
Nun. Nektaria	Jeremiah
Roman	Radovanka
Evdokia	William
Ephimia	Lazar
Ephim	Dragitza
Michael	Velinka
Alexey	Goran
Alexander	John
Alexandra	John
Yuri	Connie
Boris	Loretta
Valentin	Joan
Valentina	-----
Vladimir	Matthew
Zinaida	Charles & Lynn
Elena	Tim & Bea

# 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



July 6

Parish Council, 12:45 pm

July 20

Antiochian Women's Meeting, 12:45 pm

July 27

Antiochian Men's Meeting, 12:45 pm

August 2

Divine Liturgy - Chesapeake Mission, 10:00 am

# Church Directory



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