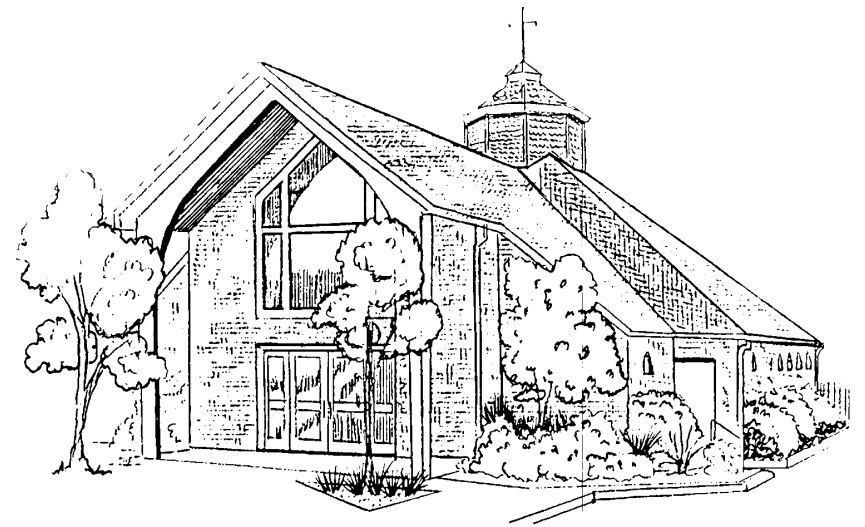


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The Priestly-Martyr Januarius and Others with Him

This saint was the bishop of Benevento in Italy. At the time of persecution under Maximian, Januarius was brought before the court and tortured in various ways, which he blamelessly and patiently endured. When they cast him into the fire, the fire was cooled by an invisible dew and the martyr stood unharmed amidst the flames and sang praises to God. Then they scrapped his body with iron brushes until the bones shown white, which the martyr innocently and patiently endured. His Deacon Festus and Lector Desiderius witnessed the suffering of the martyr and wept for their spiritual father. Then they bound both of them and together with Bishop Januarius brought them to the city of Puteoli [near Naples] and cast them into prison. In this same prison for the sake of Christ, were Sussos, Deacon of Miseno and Proculus, Deacon of Puzzuoli and two Christian laymen Euticius and Acutius. The next day all seven of them were thrown before the wild beasts. The wild beasts did not touch them. They were all beheaded and the Christians of the city of Naples secretly carried away to their city the body of St. Januarius and buried it honorably in church. To the present day numerous miracles have occurred at the grave of this saint. Among the many miracles one is particularly remembered i.e., a poor widow whose only son had died removed the icon of St. Januarius from the church and placed it on the body of her dead son, sobbing and praying to the saint. Her son became alive. St. Januarius honorably suffered in the year 305 A.D.

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April 21, 2024
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

In our tradition... *the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:1-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45

Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Januaros, bishop of Benevento, and those with him; Venerable Maximian, patriarch of Constantinople; Anastasios the monk of Sinai; Martyr Theodore & his mother, Philippa of Perge; Martyr Alexandra the Queen; Beuno, abbot of Clynnog.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, the following persons will serve as your Parish Council until the next annual meeting in 2025: Fr. Peter Nugent, Sevin Russell (Chairman), Stephen Pituch (Vice-Chairman), Bill Harrison (Treasurer), Elias Ioup (Secretary), Laurie Bolanos, Therese Dagher, Mark Fleming, Natalia Flint and Yordan Yordanov. Please pray for them, support them in their work and contact them if you have any questions or concerns about the Parish.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19th – Akathist Hymn (5th Stasis) 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, April 24th – Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 27th – Orthros, 9 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10 A.M.
Saturday, April 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, Apr. 28th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Monday, Apr. 29th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Apr. 30th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, May 1st – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, May 2nd – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday, May 2nd – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, May 3rd – Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, May 3rd – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, May 3rd – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, May 4th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, May 4th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sun, May 5th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 5th – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, May 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



A constant refrain during the prayers of Great Lent is the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian. It is read twice each day at the end of the Lenten services, including during the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. St. Ephraim lived in the fourth century near the Syrian/Turkish border. This was a time of great political upheaval and persecution of Christians. He was a prolific writer of hymns and, of course, the famous prayer that we use. The prayer's initial focus is on negative objects of repentance--the sins of sloth, meddling, lust of power and idle talk. These are spiritual diseases from which we can only be healed with God's help. Then the focus shifts to the positive aims of repentance--a spirit of chastity, humility, patience, love, the ability to recognize our own sins and to refrain from judging others for theirs. Each petition is followed by a prostration because, in the words of Father Alexander Schmemmann, "the body participates in the

prayer of the soul just as the soul prays through and in the body.” The prayer ends with everyone bowing twelve times saying, “O God, cleanse me a sinner.” St. Ephraim teaches us “Prayer that rises up in someone’s heart serves to open up for us the door of heaven: that person stands in converse with the Divinity and gives pleasure to the Son of God.” O Holy Father Ephraim, pray to Christ our God to save our souls. — Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“Who can say, “I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin?”
Proverbs 20:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, March 11. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 18, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire Great Fast, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 28).

The Sacrament of Holy Confession is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then please make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

There is no **Church School** on Sundays, April 28 and May 5.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their April meeting today, April 21, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

In anticipation of Great and Holy PASCHA, **clean-up days** are scheduled for the Church Hall on Thursday, April 25th, at 9:00 A.M. On Friday, April 26th, the Church will be cleaned at 1:00 P.M.

Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish shall be held after Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 28th. For more information, please see Pam Nugent.

Next Sunday, April 28, an Archdiocese-wide **second collection** shall be taken up for our patriarchate. Donations by check should be made payable to “St. Basil Church.” On the memo line, please write, “Patriarchate Collection”. May God bless your generosity.

The **Ladies Guild** will be providing fried fish for Palm Sunday (April 28). Side dishes are welcome from anyone who would like to bring something. Remember fish and oil are permitted on that day. Donations to help with the cost of the fish are appreciated.

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services. Thank you.

Please remember to return your **Food For Hungry People coin boxes** at Pacha.

The **Ladies Guild** is raffling off two bowls made by Dwight Gillis. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be held on May 12, 2024. For more information, please see Tania Russell.

Trisagion prayers, God willing, shall be offered on Sunday, May 12, for the departed mothers and ladies of the parish. Please forward their names to the church office and identify them as either Orthodox or non-Orthodox Christians.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

Today’s Coffee Hour: Team 3. Thank you. **Next Week:** Ladies Guild.