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#### **The Venerable Nestor the Chronicler**

At the age of 17, Nestor entered the Monastery of the Kiev Caves while St. Theodosius was still abbot. He wrote the first history of the Russian people, in which he intertwined the history of Russian asceticism. He was distinguished by unusual humility and meekness. In his literary work, he often referred to himself as unworthy, coarse, ignorant and full of every kind of sin. But God, Who knows the hearts of men, glorified this wonderful saint of His. When Nestor entered into rest on October 27, 1114, his relics performed many miracles.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

# St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



<u>October 27, 2019</u> <u>The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> <u>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke</u>

# 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.

As we move through the summer months, the weather is always very warm. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, "spaghetti" strap garments, sleeveless or "tanktop" type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.

> **Epistle Reading:** II Corinthians 11:31-12:9 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:41-56

# Saints of the Day

Martyr Nestor of Thessalonika; Procla (Claudia) the wife of Pontius Pilate; Kyriakos, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves.

# From Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council

We were able to complete Phase 2 of the planned air conditioning work with the installation of a 5-ton condenser in the church. Two of six AC condensers have now been replaced. We still need to replace two more in the church and two in the parish hall. This work is expensive but much needed. We thank our parishioners for their generous financial support this year, which has enabled us to operate in the black all year long. Thumbs-up to the St. Basil Antiochian Men's group for doing a major trim on the large tree in our parking lot. This was hard labor and took up a whole Saturday. Also thanks for the parishioners who cleaned up the Church and Parish Hall before Bishop Nicholas' recent visit. Our greeters are to be commended for proactively welcoming an evergrowing number of visitors. If you are interested in this ministry please let us know. <u>Please mark you calendars for Sunday, November 3</u> <u>when the Ladies Guild will be offering its excellent food at a bake</u> <u>sale. Pre-orders are being taken for baked items now!</u> God bless--Rob Booms

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

# **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



One Sunday morning, our possum family overheard Fr. Peter talking about "God's plan." We thought about what that means for us. We live happily in a den underneath the altar. Our babies are born and nursed in mother's pouch. When the young ones are old enough, we carry them on our backs until they can walk. We feed on rodents and

insects. We eat 90% of the ticks that cause Lyme disease in humans. Since we're immune to snake venom, we also keep dangerous snakes under control. We don't harm anyone and, when we're attacked, we defend ourselves by playing dead very convincingly. Maybe Fr. Peter was saying that God has a similar plan for Orthodox Christian people: To nurture one another in families, to go about life's tasks without complaining, to be peaceful and to do no harm. In the words of Jesus, God's plan for all of us is simply to "love one another." It does not seem very complicated but it's easier said than done. Let us pray for the Lord's help so that we can accomplish this every day of our lives. Oh, how different our lives would be. God bless--Theo

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. Next Week: Pam Nugent.

Today's coffee hour: Team 5. Thank you. Next Sunday: Team 1.

As of Oct. 25, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for Oct. 20, 2019, totaled \$1,641.00 for a yearto-date amount of \$114,642.31, a weekly average of \$2,729.58. As of Oct. 3, 2019, our expenses are \$110,348.12, a weekly average of \$2,627.34. Last Sunday's Special Olympics (2nd) Collection totaled \$259.00; the proceeds shall be forwarded to the Archdiocese Office. Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.

# Spiritual Counsels...

"There is a way some think right, but it leads in the end to death." – Prov. 14:12

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LADIES GUILD please meet briefly after coffee hour to discuss Bake Sale.

#### Bake Sale - Sunday, Nov 3

St. Basil Ladies Guild will sell delicious baked goods including: spinach pies, Kocic meat pies, baklawa, namoura, nut rolls, kibbeh (sold frozen), pumpkin bread and more! You may order in advance starting October 13! Profits go to the Ladies Guild Diocesan/local projects/charities. Thank you for your support!

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Nov. 5 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!