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The Holy Prophet Micah the First

Micaiah [Micah] was a contemporary of the Prophet Elijah. He foretold the death of the pernicious King Ahab in battle against the Assyrians (I Kings, Chapter 22, II Chronicles, Chapter 18). Micaiah [Micah] prophesied everything orally and did not put anything down in writing. However the other Prophet Micah was the one who prophesied the birth of the Lord in Bethlehem. "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah; From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times" (Micah 5:1). He also authored one of the prophetic books.

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January 5, 2020
The Paramon (Eve) of, and the Sunday before,
the Theophany of Christ

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. 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: Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel Reading: St. Mark 1:1-8

Saints of the Day

Martyrs Theopemptos the Bishop of Nicomedia and Theonas the former magician; Venerable Syncletica, of Alexandria; Venerable-martyr Romanos of Athos.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 6th – Orthros 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Monday, Jan. 6th – Badnjak Service, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Jan. 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 25th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Jan. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

10 Good Reasons to Support St. Basil with your Giving and Talent:

The Must Haves:

1. Provide a church home for Orthodox Christians regardless of their national origin.
2. Appropriate compensation and benefits for our priest.
3. Upkeep of the church, the parish hall and grounds including:
 - sound system improvements
 - air conditioning unit replacements
 - up-grade bath rooms in the Parish Hall
 - cleaning, kitchen and office supplies
 - utilities and insurance
4. Music, bookstore, liturgical and church-school supplies.
5. Beautification of the church including new icons.
6. Assistance, as needed, to enable adults and youth to attend Diocesan conferences and camps.
7. Mandatory contributions to Archdiocese and Diocese.

The Wish List:

8. A part-time secretary to assist the priest.
9. A part-time cleaning service.
10. Outreach gifts to the needy in the community and the world.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The evil bow down before the good, the wicked, at the gates of the virtuous.” – Prov. 14:19

Today’s Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

Today’s coffee hour: Team ??. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team ???.

As of Dec. 17, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for Dec. 22, 2019, totaled \$3,949.10 for a year-to-date amount of \$141,927.96, a weekly average of \$2,782.90. As

of Dec. 15, 2019, our expenses are \$122,380.27, a weekly average of \$2,447.61.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar candle was and is sponsored on 12/25, 12/29 & 1/5 by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** in memory of **Elia, Ramzi** and **Milad** and for the health of **Jamal, Najla, Cesar, Leila, Stephanie, Elia, Milad, Rabih, Maria, Nicholas, Christopher, Milad, Amelia, Yasmine, Lebnan, Arzeh, Ghantous, Dolly, Marlene, Assad** and their families (many years), and for the repose of **Milad, Ramzi, Elia, Vagar, Christobal** and **Peter Boulos** (memory eternal).

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their January meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Church calendars and pledge forms for 2020 are available in the Church Hall for each family of the parish. Should you need additional calendars or more information, please see Fr. Peter.

Our **Diocesan Winter Retreat** is scheduled for January 24-26, 2020. Please see the flyer in the Church Hall or check your email for more information.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Feb. 4 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Our Annual General Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2020, after Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.