

**St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church**  
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**The Venerable Damian**

Damian, a monk of the Monastery of Esphigmenou on Mt. Athos, was a contemporary and companion of the great Cosmos of Zographou. He lived a life of asceticism on Mount Samareia between Esphigmenou and Hilendar. He died peacefully in the year 1280 A.D. When he died, a pleasant and sweet-smelling aroma emitted from his body for 40 days.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

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**February 23, 2020**  
**The Sunday of the Last Judgment**

# 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:** I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

**Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 25:31-46

## Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna; Venerable Gorgonia, sister of Gregory the Theologian; Venerable Zebinas, Polychronios, Moses and Damian near Cyrrhus in Syria; Venerable-martyr Damian of Esphigmenou monastery on Mount Athos.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (1<sup>st</sup> Stasis)

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (2<sup>nd</sup> Stasis)

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (3<sup>rd</sup> Stasis)

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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



Our possum family loves to watch a parade. When St. Basil celebrates Pascha, the little possums are awed by the candlelight procession. We heard Fr. Peter announce that Sunday, March 8, is the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. On that day, the Church commemorates the defeat of the iconoclasts (the opponents of the use of icons in services and private devotions). At the end of the liturgy, church members celebrate the feast by walking around the church three times, chanting, and holding up icons of our Lord, the Theotokos or their patron saints. At St. Basil, in recent years, it's been mostly children who do this. This year, as we start Lent, **we hope that everyone will bring an icon from home** so that all creatures can enjoy this special day as the Orthodox Church has done since 843. We will be joined by His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS, for this special occasion. On that day, let us all sing together in the words of the Troparion:

“We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.” Amen!—Theo, the Orthodox possum

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## ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“A truthful witness is a saver of lives, he who utters lies is an imposter.” – Prov. 14:25

**Today's Ushers:** Dwight Gillis. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

**Today's coffee hour:** Team 2. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

As of Feb. 17, 2020, 36 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$77,780.00. The collections for January 2020 totaled \$22,506.40, for an adjusted balance of \$40,989.60. The expenses were \$9,004.32 for an end-of-month balance of \$31,985.28.

### **PLEDGE INFORMATION**

The Parish Council wishes to thank the following persons for their 2020 pledge commitments:

Azeb Abera	David Abramson	Greg Abramson
Mariam Ammari	Marianna Avery	Rob Booms
Rabih Chedid	Barbara Crane	Simion/Olga Donea
Mark Fleming	Dwight Gillis	Jim/Sophia Hashek
Phil/Rose Hrabar	Yazmin Incaprera	Elias/Sarah Ioup
Georgette Ioup	Larry Jones	George Khoury
Ghassan/Majeda Khoury	Vlajko/Paulina Kocic	Mihai Leustean
Greg/Diana Lindley	Andy Mahoney	Tefera Milko
Vera Muller	Nazih/Solange Nakhoul	Fr. Peter/Pam Nugent
Gene/Cheryl Pituch	Stephen/April Pituch	Sevin/Tania Russell
Greg/Jane Shamitko	Naheel Rafeedie	Nabil Wakileh
Yordan/Maia Yordanov	Michael Zelesnik	Stephen Zelesnik

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar candle is sponsored today by Simion and Olga Donea for the health of **Simion, Olga, Xenia, Maxim** and **Dimitru**. May God grant you many years.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their February meeting today, Feb. 23, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Lentil soup sales begin today. Support the Ladies Guild charities and eat the BEST lentil soup you will ever have. \$8 each or 2 for \$15 (16 oz container). Thank you.

Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church.

His Grace Bishop **NICHOLAS** shall, God willing, visit us March 6-8, 2020, the first Sunday of Great Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is postponed until further notice. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!