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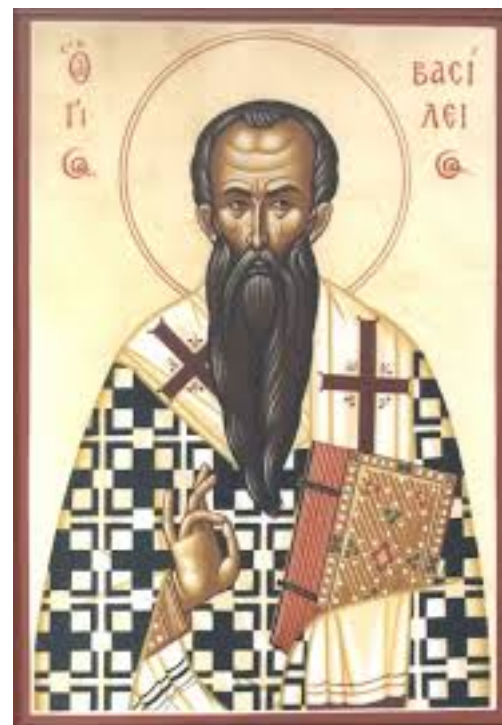
The Hieromartyr Theodoretus

The Emperor Constantine built a cathedral in Antioch, and adorned it with great beauty. The people named this church 'the golden church', because of the exterior and interior gold-work and because of the amount of gold and silver plate in the church. The Emperor also gave this church vast lands for the support of the clergy, whose number was considerable. The custodian of these vessels and all the precious things in the church was the priest Theodoretus, a man of great faith and rare devotion. When Julian the Apostate came to the throne, he denied Christ although he was baptised, and launched a persecution of Christians. His uncle, also called Julian, came to Antioch and plundered the golden church, brought Theodoretus, as the treasurer, to trial and put pressure on him to deny Christ. Theodoretus not only refused to deny Christ, he also scolded the Emperor Julian for having fallen back from the true Faith and turned back to idol-worship as a dog to vomit. When the evil judge, out of capriciousness, urinated in the golden church, Theodoretus prophesied a terrible death for him, which soon overtook him.

Theodoretus was beheaded with an axe for the sake of Christ, and the judge, Julian, felt pains in his abdomen from the time he had urinated in the church. His whole abdomen was rotted by worms and he vomited up his apostate soul in the most terrible torments. Also Felix, an assistant of his, died in fulfilment of Theodoretus's prophecy of a haemorrhage from the mouth immediately the righteous man had been beheaded. St Theodoretus was beheaded in 362 and went to the glorious Kingdom of Christ the King.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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March 8, 2020
The Sunday of Orthodoxy

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: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Gospel Reading: St. John Chapter 1:43-51

Saints of the Day

Theophylaktos, bishop of Nicomedia; Apostle Hermas of the Seventy.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 11th - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 18th - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 25th - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 27th – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (4th Stasis)

Saturday, March 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 1st - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 3rd – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 5th – 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

Spiritual Counsels...

"The fear of the Lord is a life-giving spring, for eluding the snares of death." – Prov. 14:27

Today's Ushers: Therese & Rose. **Next Week:** Bronwen.

Today's Epistle Reader: Pam Nugent. **Next Week:** Alexa Hamauei.

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

As of March 2, 2020, 42 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$84,710.00. 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
Cynthia Capobianco	Rabih Chedid	Lilli Colby
Barbara Crane	Simion/Olga Donea	Mark Fleming
Dwight Gillis	Alexa Hamauei	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	Lauren Navarro
Fr. Peter/Pam Nugent	Joel/April Ocana	Gene/Cheryl Pituch
Stephen/April Pituch	Sevin/Tania Russell	Greg/Jane Shamitko
Naheel Rafeedie	Nabil Wakileh	Yordan/Maia Yordanov
Michael Zelesnik	Stephen Zelesnik	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS**, who is visiting us this weekend. May God grant him many years!

His Grace Bishop **NICHOLAS** shall meet with the Parish Council at 12:30 P.M. today. All Council members please attend.

Our annual, archdiocese-wide, second collection shall be taken up today. This second collection is used for scholarships for our seminarians, who shall one day be our future priests. Your donations are graciously appreciated.

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the many years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

The traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed 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.

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 Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

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

Approximately 120 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 22. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

Lentil soup sales continue – \$8 each or 2 for \$15 (16 oz frozen container) See Tania, Yazmin, or Diana. Support the Ladies Guild charities. Thank you.

Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church.

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!