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The Venerables Julius and Julian

Julius and Julian were brothers from the Greek province of Mirmidonia. From childhood they were reared in Christianity with the vow that they will always live in chastity and serve the Church. Julius was a presbyter and Julian a deacon. They received a decree [grammata] from Emperor Theodosius the Younger to destroy pagan temples and to build Christian churches throughout the empire. These two brothers, as two apostles, converted non-Christians to Christianity throughout the east and west [of the empire] and built churches. They built over 100 churches during their lifetime. They reposed peacefully in the Lord near Milan. The inhabitants of Milan invoke the help of St. Julius against wolves.

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June 21, 2020
The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. 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: Romans: 2:10-16

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 4:18-23

Saints of the Day

Martyr Julian of Tarsus; Martyr Aphrodisius of Cilicia; New-martyr Nikita of Nisyros near Rhodes.

A message from the Parish Council:

Dear Parishioners,

We have been given an unusual test of our faith during this year. We are threatened physically by a virus and, for many, by loss of income. Our life patterns have suddenly been disrupted. We were planning to sustain ourselves by regular church attendance but, at times, are finding it difficult or stressful to go. For those who are medically fragile, worship has been limited to the icon corner at home. Regrettably, our church's expenses, and especially the need to compensate our Priest, do not abate. As part of your spiritual discipline, please remember your pledge and, if you are able, continue to make your regular contributions when you cannot attend the Liturgy, by mail, or by going to our website, stbasilneworleans.org and clicking on the link. May this crisis be of short

duration and may it prove to be a source of spiritual growth for you and our St. Basil congregation—Rob Booms, Parish Council Chairman

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, June 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

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

Sunday, July 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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

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

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family is raising several young ones. We have to teach them to be good but they do get into mischief. Quite often they will lie about what they did. When they finally come clean, we discipline them. We tell them that we expect them to do better and that we still love them. So it is with the Orthodox sacrament of confession. All of us are sinners who carry about the weight of our sins. Over time, these really pile up and get in the way of our relationship with the Lord. We wonder if we are still properly prepared to receive Communion. In the Russian church, folks are expected to go to confession before every receipt of the Holy Gifts. For many of us, the corona virus kept us from physically attending church and going to confession. If you are burdened with sin and it has been a while since your last confession, Father Peter is always available to see you and can make arrangements for social distancing and facemasks, if desired. Absolution of sins provides great relief and serves to remind us that God loves us in spite of our weaknesses. Pogo, our possum forbear, often said that confession is good for the soul. And so it is. —God bless all, Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"The tongue that soothes is a tree of life; the barbed tongue, a breaker of hearts." – Prov. 15:4

Today's Ushers: ???. **Next Week: ???.**

Today's coffee hour: Team #. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team #. ()

As of June 9, 2020, 42 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$84,710. The donations for May 2020 totaled \$13,451.00. The expenses were \$20,332.79, for an end-of-month balance of \$27,802.52. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Parish Council** shall hold their June meeting today, June 21, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members are asked to attend.

The Apostles Fast began Monday, June 15, and lasts until and including June 28. The usual fasting discipline is observed—no meat, dairy, oil or alcohol products during the week. However, alcohol and oil are permitted on the weekends.

The **Ladies Guild** still has some lentil soup for sale at \$5 per container. Please see a member of the Ladies Guild if you are interested.

On Monday morning, June 29, we, God willing, shall celebrate the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. Please see the worship schedule for more details.

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 is included followed by a discussion.