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Venerable Sennuphius, "The Standard-Bearer"

Sennuphius was a great ascetic and miracle-worker of the Egyptian desert. He was a contemporary of Patriarch Theophilus and Emperor Theodosius the Great. He is called the "Standard-bearer" because by his prayers he once helped Emperor Theodosius to gain a victory over the army of his adversaries. When the emperor summoned Sennuphius to Constantinople, Sennuphius replied that he was unable to do so but sent him his tattered monastic habit and staff. Setting out to battle the emperor donned Sennuphius' monastic habit and carried the staff and returned victorious from battle.

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June 28, 2020
The 3rd 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: 5:1-11

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 6:22-33

Saints of the Day

The translation of the relics of Cyros and John the unmercenary healers; Martyrs Papios and Paul of Corinth; Venerable Moses the Anchorite; Venerable Sergios and Herman, wonder-workers of Valaam.

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 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.

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

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

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Possums only live about two years. In our short lives we raise our young ones and play our part in cleaning up bugs and snakes. We believe that God has a good place for us after we die because we don't sin. But, from our perch under the altar, we heard someone say that when people die, they have to go through 20 or 22 aerial tollhouses to account for their sins. So I crept over to the Parish library to learn more. I read that the Orthodox fathers, such as St. John Chrysostom and St. John Climacus, say that, after death, you must be examined on whether you still cling to your sins. At each tollhouse, devils will challenge you while guardian angels offer up a defense. Modern Orthodox scholars, such as Father Hopko, believe that there are no physical tollhouses in the sky and that references to them are merely allegorical. However, there is no question that Orthodox theology holds that after a person dies, she or he must still intentionally reject the sins of their lifetime. That's why Orthodox people pray for the dead. That's why God calls you to purify yourselves from passions and sins as much as possible before your soul departs from the body. Then the passage through the "tollhouses" will be easier and the soul will be at peace and prepared for the final judgment. —God bless all, Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“He who spurns his father’s discipline is a fool, he who accepts correction is discreet.” – Prov. 15:5

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

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

As of June 22, 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 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 altar candle is offered today by **Phil** and **Rose Hrabar** for the health of **David Schafer** and **Philip Hrabar** (many years), and for the repose of **Ellen Goff, June Hrabar, Philip John Hrabar** and **Michael Goff** (memory eternal).

The **Ladies Guild** still has 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.