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**The Holy Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion**

Cornelius was a Roman and an officer in Caesarea of Palestine. As the result of a heavenly revelation, the Apostle Peter baptized him (Acts 10:1). He was the first among the pagans to enter God's Church. Until then, some thought that the Church was only for the Jews and those who received the circumcision of the Jews. Having been baptized, Cornelius left everything and followed the apostle. Later, Peter consecrated him a bishop and sent him to the pagan town of Skep, where St. Cornelius endured much humiliation and torture for the sake of Christ. Even so, he destroyed the temple of Apollo there by the power of God, and baptized Prince Demetrius with 277 other pagans. Being forewarned by God of the day of his death, Cornelius summoned all the Christians together, counseled them, prayed to God for them, and peacefully presented himself to the Lord in honorable old age. In time, his gravesite was neglected and forgotten, but the saint appeared to Silvanus the Bishop of Troas and revealed it to him, commanding that a church be built there. The bishop carried this out with the help of Eugenius, a wealthy citizen. Many miracles have been worked by the relics of St. Cornelius.

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**Orthodox Church**



**September 13, 2020**  
**The Forefeast of, and Sunday before,**  
**the Elevation of the Holy Cross**

# 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 and early fall months of the year. 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:** Galatians: 6:11-18

**Gospel Reading:** St. John 3: 13-17

## Saints of the Day

The commemoration of the founding of the church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem; Hieromartyr Cornelios the centurion; Martyr Aristeidos; Venerable Hierotheos the Younger of Iviron monastery on Athos; Great-martyr Ketevan, queen of Georgia; Six Martyrs at Tomi in Romania.

## A Message from the Parish Council on the Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners,

St. Basil has always been a good citizen of Metairie and Jefferson Parish. The Lord has blessed us with no active cases of the corona virus. We have acted cautiously, made our weekly worship available through live-streaming on the internet and provided additional sanitary measures. Sadly, the virus seems to be taking another swing at the community. Our Governor and Parish President have asked us to take additional and stricter precautions. Starting on Sunday, July 5, we are asking that all persons wear a facemask in church or in the parish hall. The only

exceptions are the priest, the subdeacon, the acolytes and choir members during the liturgy when their duties require it. In addition, we ask that parishioners in the pews sit 6 feet apart unless they are members of the same family. We will have a limited supply of facemasks if you did not bring your own. Thank you for cooperation—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

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



The possum family under your altar likes to gather after supper to study a chapter or two from the Holy Bible. Members of the family take turns reading chapters aloud. We use the Orthodox Study Bible, which we call the “OSB.” This bible first came out in 1993 and has been approved for use by the Greek, Antiochian and OCA

churches and was highly recommended by Metropolitan PHILIP. The OSB was the result of a unique collaboration of Orthodox scholars including Fr. Peter Gillquist and Fr. Thomas Hopko. It contains a good article by Bishop KALLISTOS (Ware) on how to read the bible and other study articles. There are many notes and commentaries, which clarify the Orthodox viewpoint on important passages in the bible. The OSB also contains 12 icons and an introduction to the Orthodox Church. It has maps and a glossary of bible terms. A good feature is the daily lectionary so that you can follow the recommended church calendar readings throughout the year. Orthodox morning and evening prayers are also included. Critics say that the OSB could have been a better Orthodox bible but none say that it is not theologically sound. The Parish bookstore usually has copies or it can be purchased on line. May you and your family find it helpful on your Orthodox journey. Blessings to all—Theo

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***Spiritual Counsels...***

“Better to have little and with it fear of the Lord than to have treasure and with it anxiety.” – Prov. 15:16

**Today's Ushers:** Pam Nugent. **Next Week:** Rose Hrabar.

**Today's coffee hour:** Team #1. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team #2.

As of Sept 11, 2020, 44 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$86,950. The donations for August 2020 totaled \$9,832.65. The expenses were \$10,290.28, for an end-of-month balance of \$25,564.94. Thank you.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We fast Monday (for the Holy Cross), Wednesday and Friday this week.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to meet today after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to meet next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

God willing, we shall celebrate the Feast of the **Elevation of the Holy Cross** on Monday, Sept. 14. Please see the worship schedule for more information.

Parents and teachers, please note that **Church School** shall begin today, Sept. 13. Please see Yazmin Incaprera, Tania Russell or Pam Nugent for more information.

Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church.

**Red Carnations**

Our carnations for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross are graciously provided by the following people:

The **Bolanos** family for the health of **Alice Earle Gregory** (many years);

**Mona DiGiovanni** for the health of **Cliff, Rusty, Marilyn, Brennan, Shayna, Stella, Elias, Aidan, Bethany, Amy, Ves, Amelia, Finley, Landry, Scott, Michelle, Doug, Kevin, Cara, Tyler, Shanon, Doug, Esther, Isabella, Landon, Luke, Christina, Ryan, Emmett, Zoe, J.J., Matt, Susan, Deb** and the **DiGiovanni, McCann, Devlin, Bryson Ruckert, Giroir, Greer, O'Lexy, Matthews, Williams, Whittemore and Wright** families (many years), and in memory of **Warren, Augustine, Dorothy, John, Warren, Adam, Lisa, Erin, Brad, Isaiah, Tony, John Jr., Wandalee** and the departed members of the **Borras, Ferre, and DiGiovanni** families (memory eternal);

**Alexa Hamauei** for the health of **Alexa, Albert & John** and their families (many years), and in memory of **Mike, Margaret** and the departed members of the **Hamauei** and **Kyame** families (memory eternal);

**Phil** and **Rose Hrabar** for the health of **Phil, Rose, Ashley** and **Chic Courtney** (many years), and in memory of **Richard Goff, Philip** and **June Hrabar** and the departed members of the **Goff, Hrabar, Campbell** and **Dudish** families (memory eternal);

The **Kocic** family for the health of **Vlajko, Paulina, Nikola, Ljubomir, Ljiljana, Lauren, Bella, Maximus, Karen** and family (many years), and in memory of the departed members of the **Kocic, Djordjevic, Piskulic, Stevanovic, Pavasovic, Mitrovic** and **Lebedina** families (memory eternal);

The **Yordanov** family for the health of **Iordan, Penka, Yordanka, Zhenia** and **Polina** (many years), and in memory of **Yordan, Rayko, Boyanka, Ghina, Yordan** and **Petko** (memory eternal).