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The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara

From his youth, Methodius dedicated himself to asceticism and, as a city on a hill, was seen and summoned to the episcopacy in the city of Patara in Lycia. As a learned and eloquent hierarch, Methodius wrote against the heresy of Origen. His "God-inspired words shown throughout the entire world as lightning." The pagans rose up against him, tortured him and beheaded him in Chalcis in Syria in the year 311 A.D.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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June 20, 2021
The Great Feast of 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.

In our tradition... we stand as long as the Holy Eucharist is in the nave; we are in the presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We remain standing as communicants come forward to receive the Holy Gifts. Of course, if you have a physical disability or are unable to stand due to pain, please do sit as necessary. Otherwise, we should always stand at this time.

Epistle Reading: Acts: 2:1-11
Gospel Reading: St. John 7:37-52; 8:12

Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Methodios, bishop of Patara; Kallistos Xanthopoulos, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Nahum of Ochrid; translation of the relics of Edward the Martyr, king of England; Nicholas Cabasilas of Thessalonica.

A Spring Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners,

The Antiochian Archdiocese and Jefferson Parish have now lifted the masking and social distancing requirements which we have been observing. However, we recommend that persons who have not been vaccinated, or who are feeling unwell, should wear a mask in church and in the parish hall. As for activities, there are no longer any restrictions on participating in choir, church school, coffee hour, meals and other social activities. As before, if you are more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. Likewise, the decision to receive Holy Communion is a matter of individual choice. Let us pray that the worst of the epidemic is over—Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 19th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, June 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.
Sunday, June 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, June 20th– Kneeling Vespers, 30 mins after the end of Liturgy
Thursday, June 24th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, June 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, June 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, July 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



When I tell my possum relatives that our family lives under the altar at St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church, they are usually puzzled. They have heard about the Eastern Orthodox Church but do not know why our church is called “Antiochian.” I tell them that it is, in fact, the oldest of the five original Orthodox patriarchal churches. The others were in Alexandria, Rome, Jerusalem and Constantinople. Later they were joined by the Patriarchates of Russia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria and Georgia. The Antiochian Church was founded by St. Paul. Since then, it has had 169 patriarchs. Our current Patriarch, since 2012, is His Beatitude John X. The old city of Antioch is in ruins now but can be visited from the nearby Turkish city of Antakya. The church’s headquarters is currently in Damascus, Syria. According to Acts 11:26, our Lord’s followers were first called “Christians” in Antioch. We are part of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America which is in full communion with all the other historic Orthodox churches — Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“A man’s conduct may strike him as pure, the Lord, however, weighs the motives.” – Proverbs 16:2

Today's Ushers: Mihai Leustean. **Next Week:** Pam Nugent.

Today's coffee hour: Team 3. **Next Sunday:** Natalya Flint.

A-Peal for the Bell...



The bell was originally used in the National Shrine of St. Anna in the Tremé neighborhood of New Orleans during the 19th century and early part of the 20th century. Please consider contributing to the cost of the bell and its installation. Any gifts should be marked "Church Bell". You are also invited to several upcoming fundraising lunches and hope that you can attend. —Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council



The Bookstore Bee

This month in St. Basil's bookstore we would like to bring attention to the beautiful icons we have for sale. We offer a variety of icons in many sizes. For your traveling purposes, we also have small triptych and diptych icons. These are also a great addition to an icon corner in your home. If you are looking for a particular icon, we can also order those.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We do not fast this week.

God willing, on Saturday, June 19, **Orthros and Divine Liturgy** for the Saturday of Souls shall be celebrated in preparation for the Great Feast of Pentecost.

The holy oblation, altar candle, and holy bread are sponsored today by **Greg and Jane Shamitko** for the health of **Matushka Sophia Daniels, Carol Daniels** and **John Galandak** (many years), and for the repose of **Harry Shamitko III** and **Marianna Womack** (memory eternal).

God willing, on Sunday, June 20, the **Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost** will be served after Divine Liturgy. It will begin 30 minutes after the end of Liturgy.

God willing, on Thursday, June 24, we shall celebrate the **feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the "Worship Schedule" for times.

God willing, on Tuesday, June 29, we shall celebrate the **feast of the Nativity of Ss. Peter and Paul** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the "Worship Schedule" for times.

As of June 7, 2021, 35 pledges were received for 2021 totaling \$78,874. The donations for May 2021 totaled \$9,696.19. The expenses were \$28,803.12 for an end-of-month balance of \$21,958.53. Thank you.