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St. Joanna, the Myrrh-Bearer

Joanna was the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward: "Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward" (St. Luke 8:3). When Herod beheaded John the Baptist he disposed of his head in an unclean place. Joanna removed the head of the Baptist and buried it honorably on the Mount of Olives on Herod's estate. Later, during the reign of Constantine the Great, the head of John the Baptist was discovered. St. Joanna is also remembered as being present both at the suffering and at the resurrection of the Lord. She died peacefully.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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June 27, 2021
The Sunday of All Saints

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: Hebrews: 11:33-40; 12:1,2

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Saints of the Day

Sampson the host of strangers; Mary and Joanna the myrrh-bearers; Venerable Symeon of Kafr Abdin in Syria; Martyr Abd al-Masih of Sindjar; Martyr Jacob al-Homsi in Tripoli of Syria.

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 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, July 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.

Sunday, July 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, July 20th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 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...

“Commend what you do to the Lord, and your plans will find achievement.” – Proverbs 16:3

Today’s Ushers: Pam Nugent. **Next Week:** Dwight Gillis.

Today’s coffee hour: Natalya Flint. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

A-Peal for the Bell...



As of June 21, 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.

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 fast Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.

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.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Natalya Flint** for the (40 day) repose of her mother, **Valentina** and her husband, **Alfred**. May their memory be eternal.