

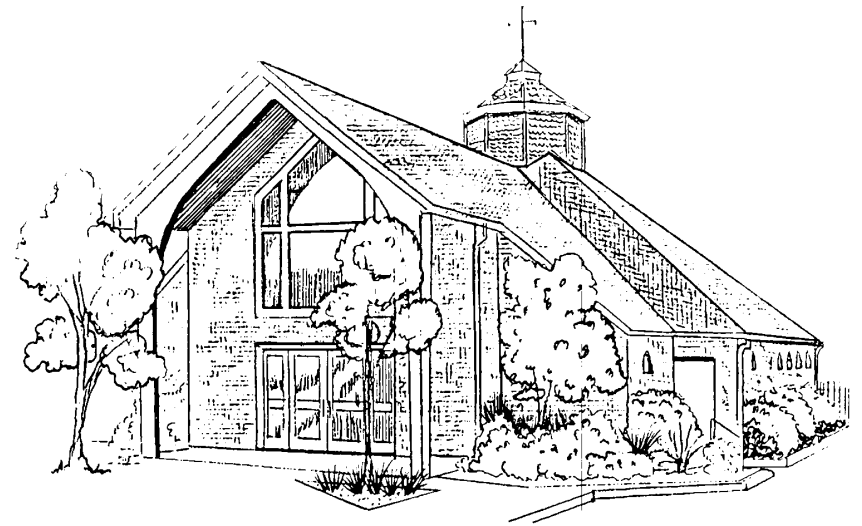
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The Hieromartyr Autonomus

During Diocletian's persecution, Autonomus left Italy for Asian Bithynia, for a place called Soreoi. There, he converted many to Christianity, and built a church for them dedicated to the holy Archangel Michael. Autonomus lived in the home of a devout Christian, Cornelius, whom he first ordained as a presbyter, and then consecrated to the episcopacy. Not far from Soreoi there was a place called Limnae, inhabited entirely by pagans. St. Autonomus went to this place and soon enlightened many with the Gospel of Christ. This embittered the pagans, and one day they rushed into the Church of the Holy Archangel Michael in Soreoi during the divine service and slew Autonomus in the sanctuary, and killed many other Christians in the church. During the reign of the Emperor Constantine, Severian, a royal nobleman, built a church over the tomb of St. Autonomus. Two hundred years after his death, St. Autonomus appeared to a soldier named John. John exhumed the relics of the saint and found them to be completely incorrupt, and many who were sick received healing from Autonomus' relics. Thus, God glorifies the one who glorified Him while living in the flesh.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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September 12, 2021

The Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross
The Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Theotokos

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: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel Reading: St. John 3:13-17

Saints of the Day

Leave-taking of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary; Hieromartyrs Autonomos of Italy and Coronatos of Iconium; Martyr Okeanos; Venerable Daniel of Thassos; Martyr Julian of Galatia; Hieromartyr Theodore, bishop of Alexandria.

A Message from the Parish Council on the Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners, unfortunately, the COVID virus remains a problem for Louisianans. Unvaccinated persons and children under 12 are especially vulnerable. Governor Edwards has requested that masks be worn at all public gatherings. For this reason, as well as the previous directions from the Antiochian Archdiocese, we recommend that you wear a face mask in church except when receiving communion. In the Parish Hall, please wear a face mask unless you are drinking a beverage or eating food. Persons who are involved in the Liturgy and the Choir need not wear a mask while performing their duties. Please refrain from attending church if you are feeling unwell or a running a fever. We will have a limited supply of face masks if you did not bring

your own. Thank you for your cooperation—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, Sept. 14 – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family under the altar thinks that one of the most beautiful services in the Orthodox Church is the short memorial service offered for the departed just before or after the Liturgy. It may occur on the 3rd, 9th, or 40th day after death or at the one-year anniversary of the date of death.

Kollyva, a dish of boiled wheat, is often prepared and placed on a memorial table with an icon of our Lord and lit candles. During the service, the priest will swing a censer continuously as prayers are recited. Grieving persons will hold lighted candles and, at the end, join in the singing of Memory Eternal. The candles are then placed in the candle stands before the Iconostasis as a reminder that everyone present will also give up their souls in the end. The Kollyva is later shared with members of the congregation. Anyone who wishes to observe this tradition should contact Father Peter in advance to make the arrangements. May the Lord have mercy on the souls of all our departed loved ones. God bless all—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“Virtuous lips are welcome to a king; he loves a man of honest words.” – Proverbs 16:13

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

Today's coffee hour: Team 2. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.



The Bookstore Bee

This month in St. Basil's bookstore, we hope you notice the wide variety of books we have in our bookcases, from learning more about the Orthodox faith and books for our new catechumens to learning more on the Divine Liturgy or lives of the saints. The bookstore has also donated quite a few books to our parish library. **Charles** and **Yazmin Incaprera** have graciously taken the time to revamp the library and put it back in order. If you have any questions on ordering books from the bookstore or checking out books from the library, please see **April Pituch**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Parish Council** shall meet today, Sunday, Sept. 12, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

God willing, on Tuesday, Sept. 14, we shall celebrate the feast of the **Elevation of the Holy Cross** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the "Worship Schedule" for times.

The **red carnations** used in Tuesday's liturgy are graciously provided by **Bill Harrison**, and **Rose** and **Phil Hrabar** for the health of the **Hrabar, Campbell** and **Goff families** (many years), and for the repose of the departed members of the **Hrabar, Campbell** and **Goff families** (memory eternal).

God willing, **His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH** will visit our parish next weekend. Please welcome him and make every effort to be present. Thank you.

Church School begins on Sunday, Sept. 26, God willing. Teachers, please see Fr. Peter after services on Sunday.

As of August 10, 2021, 35 pledges were received for 2021 totaling \$78,874. The donations for July 2021 totaled \$12,189.32. The expenses were \$11,245.20 for an end-of-month balance of \$21,002.68. Thank you.