

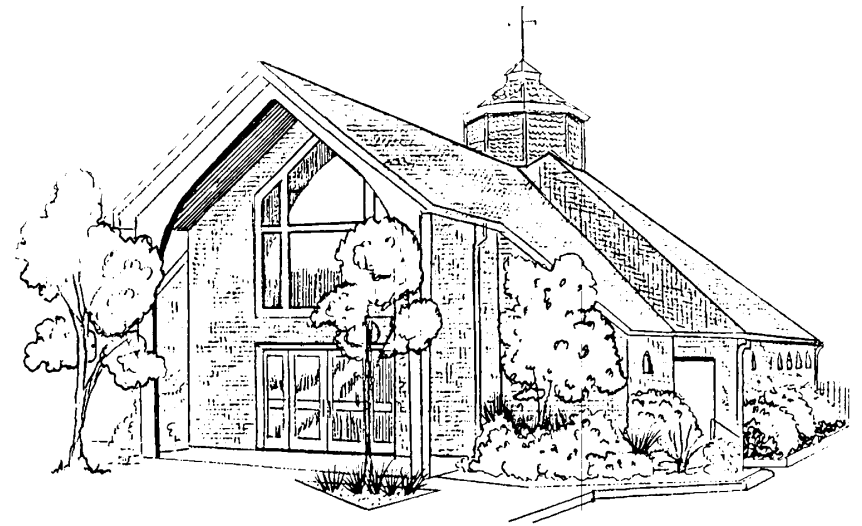
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**The Holy Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite**

Dionysius is numbered among the Seventy Lesser Apostles. This wonderful man was the scion of a distinguished pagan family in Athens. Having completed the school of philosophy in Athens, he went to Egypt to study further. While he was there the Lord Christ died on the Cross, the sun was darkened, and there was darkness in Egypt for three hours. Then Dionysius cried out: "Either God the Creator of the world is suffering, or this world is coming to an end." Returning to Athens, he married a woman named Damaris and had sons by her. He became a member of the highest court among the Greeks, the Areopagus, and thereafter he was known as the "Areopagite." When the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel in Athens, Dionysius was baptized with his entire household. Paul consecrated him Bishop of Athens. He left his wife, children and his position for the love of Christ. He traveled with Paul for a long time and met all the other apostles of Christ. He traveled to Jerusalem specially to see the Most-holy Theotokos, and described his encounter with her in one of his written works. He was present at the burial of the Holy and Most-pure One. When his teacher, St. Paul, suffered martyrdom, Dionysius also desired such a death for himself, and went to Gaul, with his presbyter Rusticus and the deacon Eleutherius, to preach the Gospel among the barbarians. He suffered much but also succeeded much. By his labors many pagans were converted to the Christian Faith. Dionysius built a small church in Paris, where he celebrated the divine services. When he was 90 years old, he, Rusticus and Eleutherius were seized and tortured for Christ; then all three were beheaded. The severed head of St. Dionysius rolled a long distance, to the feet of Catula, a Christian, who honorably buried it with his body. Dionysius suffered during the reign of Dometian in the year 96. He wrote several famous works: on the Divine Names of God, on the Celestial and Ecclesiastical Hier-archies, on Mystical Theology, and on the Most-holy Theotokos.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

# St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



**October 3, 2021**  
**The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

# 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:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**Gospel Reading:** St. Luke 6:31:36

## Saints of the Day

Dionysios the Areopagite, first bishop of Athens; John the Chozebite, bishop of Caesaria; Martyrs Rusticus and Eleutherios.

## 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, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 40<sup>th</sup> 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

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## ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“Better gain wisdom than gold, choose discernment rather than silver.” – Proverbs 16:16

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**Today's Ushers:** Dwight Gillis. **Next Week:** Sevin/Tania Russell.

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



### ***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**

**Church School**, God willing, begins Oct. 24.

Fr. Peter would like to meet with all inquirers and catechumens in the church hall today, Oct. 3, after Divine Liturgy.

**Parish Financial Summary:** The donations through August 2021 totaled \$116,025.72. The expenses through August 2021 are \$124,123.40.