

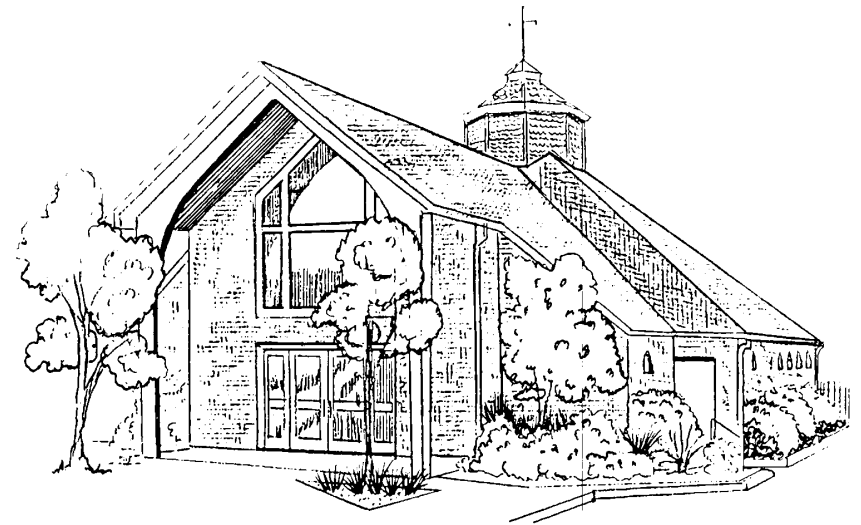
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St. Peter the Apostle (The Chains of St. Peter)

St. Peter is commemorated on this day because of the chains by which he was shackled by the lawless Herod and which during the appearance of an angel in prison fell from him, "*Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' The chains fell from his wrists*" (Acts of the Apostles 12:7). The chains were preserved by Christians as much for the memory of this great apostle as well as for their healing power, for many of the sick were healed by touching them as well as with the towel of the Apostle Paul, "*then when the face cloths or aprons that touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them*" (Acts of the Apostles 19:12). St. Juvenal, the Patriarch of Jerusalem gave these chains as a gift to the Empress Eudocia, the exiled wife of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. She divided them into two and sent one half to the Church of the Holy Apostle in Constantinople and the other half to her daughter Empress Eudoxia in Rome, the wife of Valentinian. Eudoxia built the Church of St. Peter and deposited these chains in it, together with those chains with which Peter was shackled before his death under Emperor Nero.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



January 16, 2022
The 29th Sunday after Pentecost
The 12th 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... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 17:12-19

Saints of the Day

The veneration of the precious chains of the Apostle Peter; Neonilla, and the martyrs of Cappadocia; Hieromartyr Damaskinos of Hilander monastery on Athos; Honoratos, archbishop of Arles and founder of Lerins monastery; Romil of Ravanica.

A Message from the Parish Council on Parish Hall Repairs

Dear Parishioners, the Parish Council has decided to replace the damaged shingle roof on the Parish Hall with a metal roof like the one we have on the church. While a metal roof is more expensive, we believe it will pay off in the long run as we will surely be dealing with more hurricanes in the future. We accepted a bid (the lower of two) from the same contractor who put the metal roof on the church. That roof has served us well. The roof replacement will cost about \$80,000. Insurance, donations from the Archdiocese, the Diocese and other angels will cover most of the cost but we also need to make repairs to the restrooms. We

will, at least temporarily, need to dip into reserve funds. The roof repairs will be done in the spring. Restroom repairs cannot be made until the roof is restored. Please prayerfully consider these financial needs as you make your annual pledge. Thank you and God bless our Parish—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 29th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Jan. 30 – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Our possum family listens carefully to the Liturgy on Sundays from our den underneath the altar. There seem to be a lot of intercessions, or ektenia as they are called. The little possums think they are bit repetitious. In fact, they're all a little different. The first is the "Great Ektenia." We pray for peace, the church, the clergy, our President, our community, good weather and crops, travelers, the sick and to be free from "tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity." The "Ektenia of Fervent Supplication" is also a prayer for clergy but there is now an emphasis on the spiritual welfare of all Orthodox people and for the remission of sins of all the living and the departed. In the "Ektenia of the Prothesis," the prayers are focused on our personal spiritual lives as we ask for "a perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless day, a guardian angel, repentance and a Christian ending to our lives. In the "Ektenia before the Lord's Prayer" we also ask for divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Finally, in the "Ektenia of Thanksgiving," we thank our God for receiving the life-giving body and blood of Christ. Yes, we tell the little ones, there is repetition but, if you listen carefully, these prayers give us a rich and full opportunity to seek God's help and to obtain his mercy---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“A worker’s appetite works on his behalf; his hungry mouth drives him on.” – Proverbs 16:26

Today’s Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Yordan Yordanov.

Today’s coffee hour: Team 3. **Next Sunday:** Team 4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their January meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Anthony the Great is scheduled for tomorrow. Please see the “Worship Schedule” section of the bulletin for details.

Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Meeting of our Lord is scheduled for Feb. 2. Please see the “Worship Schedule” section of the bulletin for details.

Please contact Fr. Peter if you wish to have your home blessed.

Calendars for the year 2022, along with pledge and house blessing forms and donation envelopes are available in the church hall for each person/family in the parish. Please take them home as soon as possible, and throw away any unused donations envelopes from previous years.

Ladies Social – The Ladies Guild of St. Basil invites **ALL** ladies to join in our annual Christmas social, JANUARY 23, after coffee hour. Bring a gift to exchange (value about \$15) and a snack (finger foods, please) to share! Place your wrapped gift in the hall and be ready for fun!

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through December 2021 totaled \$29,572.63. The expenses through November 2021 are \$37,589.93 (including \$25,000 in disbursements for Hurricane Ida assistance).