

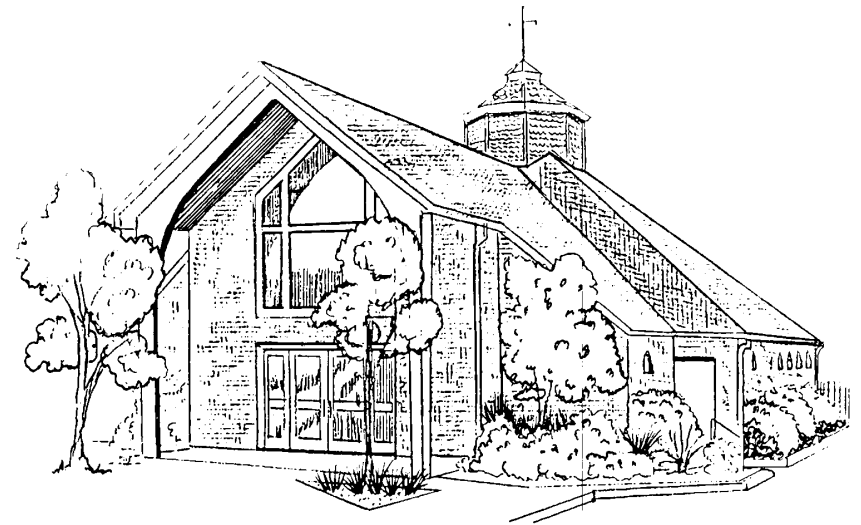
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The Priestly-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra

Clement was born in the year 258 A.D. in the city of Ancyra of a pagan father and a Christian mother. His devout mother Euphrosyne prophesied that her son would die a martyr's death and then she departed this world when Clement was 12 years old. Her friend Sophia took Clement to her home as a son and assisted in rearing him in the Christian spirit. Clement was so famous because of his virtuous living that he was elected bishop of Ancyra at the age of 20. In his young years, he attained the wisdom of a mature adult, and by great restraint he tamed and conquered his body. Clement fed on bread and vegetables only and did not eat anything butchered or bloody. During the reign of Diocletian, he was tortured so horribly "as no one ever, since the beginning of the world." He spent 28 years in difficulties and in dungeons. Eleven different torturers tormented and tortured him. At one time, when they struck him in the face, spat upon him and broke his teeth, he cried out to Domentian, his torturer: "You do me great honor, O Domentian, for you are not torturing me, because even the mouth of my Lord Jesus Christ was also beaten and struck in the face and behold, I, the unworthy, now became worthy of that!" When Clement was brought to Rome before Emperor Diocletian, the emperor placed various weapons on one side for torture and on the other side gifts, such as decorations [medals], clothing and money; all that the emperor could bestow, and then he told Clement to choose. The martyr of Christ glanced with scorn at all the emperor's gifts and chose the instruments of torture. Clement was indescribably tortured: piece by piece they removed the flesh from his body so that the white bones showed beneath the flesh. Finally, he was beheaded by a soldier in Ancyra while, as bishop, he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in church in the year 312 A.D. The miracles of St. Clement are without number.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



January 23, 2022
The 31st Sunday after Pentecost
The 14th 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: I Timothy 1:15-17

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 18:35-43

Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra; Martyr Agathangelos; Paulinos, bishop of Nola.

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. 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 – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.

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

Saturday, Feb. 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 13th – 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 scoundrel digs deep for mischief-making, on his lips is a fire that scorches." – Proverbs 16:27

Today's Ushers: Yordan Yordanov. **Next Week:** Tania/Sevin Russell.

Today's coffee hour: Team 4. **Next Sunday:** Team Potluck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Fr. Peter will meet with the inquirers and catechumens today in the church after coffee hour. The discussion is open to everyone.

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!

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.

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.

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).