

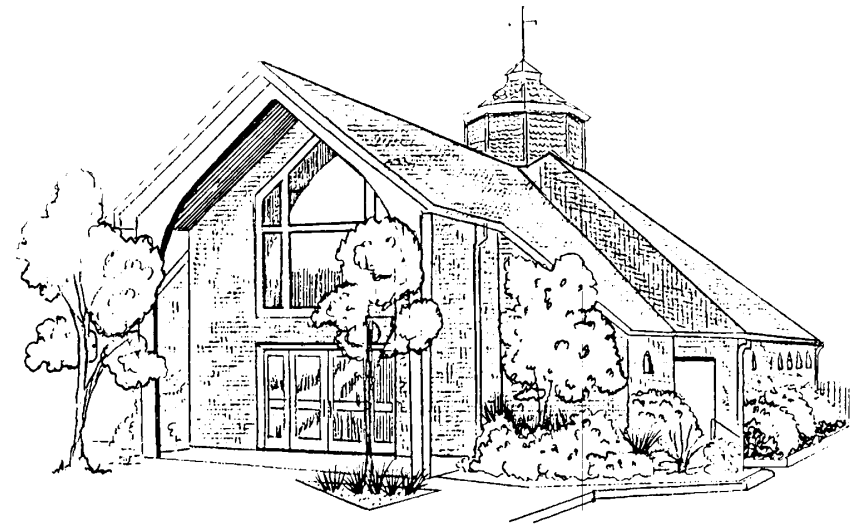
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St. Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna

Bucolus was a disciple of St. John the Theologian, who consecrated him bishop of Smyrna. In Smyrna, there were few that were baptized. In the darkness of paganism, St. Bucolus shown as a bright candle. He distinguished himself with every virtue, especially meekness and humility. Before his death, Bucolus consecrated the glorious Polycarp as his successor to the episcopacy. He died peacefully and took up habitation with the Lord.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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February 6, 2022
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
The 17th Sunday of St. Matthew

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: II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 15:21-28

Saints of the Day

Boukolos, bishop of Smyrna; Photios the Great, patriarch of Constantinople; Martyr Julian (Ilyan) of Homs, the holy and unmercenary healer; Mael, bishop of Ardagh.

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, 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.
Saturday, Feb. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family noticed on Sunday that some parishioners were wearing a small black bracelet on the left wrist. We learned that it was a prayer rope (mishaha in Arabic, chotki in Russian, komboskini in Greek). They come in many sizes but the one most commonly used by lay people is a small wool rope with 33 knots, representing the years in the life of our Lord on earth. Each knot is specially made out of seven smaller crosses to foil the devil who tried to untie the prayer cross used by St. Anthony the Great. The rope is black and has a knitted cross to remind us of the need to repent for our sins. When not worn on the wrist, the prayer rope is in the left hand with the thumb and forefinger grasping the knots, leaving the right hand free to make the sign of the cross. The faithful say the Jesus Prayer for each knot. The Orthodox Church has provided its members with this useful tool so that we may follow St. Paul's admonition "to pray without ceasing." May your use of a prayer rope be a blessing to you and serve to deepen your faith—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"A violent man lures his neighbor astray and leads him by a way that is not good." – Proverbs 16:29

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Mihai Leustean.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trisagion prayers are offered today by the **Gillis** and **Russell families** for the repose of **Dorthie, Dorothy, Tom** and **Wiley**. May their memory be eternal.

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

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their February meeting next Sunday, Feb. 13, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

A **catered luncheon** will be provided on Sunday, February 27, after Divine Liturgy. Tickets are \$12 for persons 12 years of age and older, and \$8 for persons under 12 years of age. Dine-in or to-go meals are available. The menu includes roast beef, stuffed cabbage rolls (w/vegetables), Arabic rice, soft drinks, iced tea, and baklava. A vegetarian option is available. Please see **Alexa Hamauei** for tickets. Donations for food, supplies, etc., are welcomed. The proceeds shall be used for parish hall repairs.

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).