

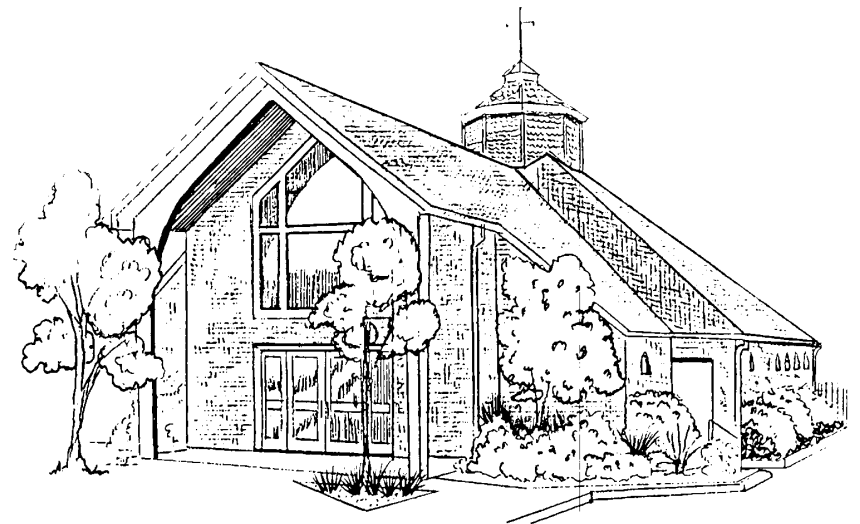
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The Holy Forty-Five Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia: Leontius, Maurice, Alexander, Sisinius, and others

During the reign of the wicked Emperor Licinius, who ruled the eastern half of the Roman Empire, there was a great persecution of Christians. In Armenia Nicopolis, St. Leontius, with several of his friends, appeared before Lysius, the representative of Emperor Licinius, and he declared that they were Christians. "And where is your Christ?" Lysius asked. "Was He not crucified and did He not die?" To this St. Leontius replied: "Since you know that our Christ died, know also that He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven." After a lengthy discussion about the Faith, Lysius scourged them and threw them into prison, where they were given neither food nor drink. A highborn Christian woman, Vlassiana, brought them water, handing it to them through the window of the prison. And an angel of God appeared to them to comfort and encourage them. When the time came for sentencing, two jailers appeared before Lysius as Christian converts, and many others as well, numbering 45 in all. The judge sentenced all of them to death, ordering that their arms and legs be severed with an axe and their torsos then be thrown into the fire. This horrible punishment was carried out, and the souls of the holy martyrs took flight to their Lord, entering into eternal life. They suffered honorably and inherited the Kingdom in the year 319.

from: The Prologue of Ochrid

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



July 10, 2022
The 4th Sunday of 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.

As we move through the summer months, the weather is always very warm. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, “spaghetti” strap garments, sleeveless or “tanktop” type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.

Epistle Reading: Second Timothy 2:1-10

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 8:5-13

Saints of the Day

The 45 martyrs at Nikopolis in Armenia; Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves; Venerable-martyrs Nikodemos the Albanian and Nektarios of the St. Anne skete on Athos; Hieromartyr Joseph of Damascus and his companions.

A Message from the Parish Council on Parish Hall Repairs

Dear Parishioners, we are making good progress with repairs to the Parish Hall. The new metal roof has been installed. Sections of the Parish Hall are now being sheet-rocked and painted. The men’s restroom will be repaired with new fixtures. The women’s restroom will also be updated. We give thanks for the beautiful new Transfiguration Icon in our Temple, the work of Cheryl Pituch. Many thanks also to Cynthia Hibbs and Alexa Hamauei for coordinating a great Greek lunch fundraiser which generated over \$1,000 for the parish! Thanks be to God! --Rob Booms

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family watched with great interest as the icon of the Transfiguration was installed in the narthex in June. Just as beautiful as the icon of the Resurrection, we are truly blessed to have this latest addition to our Temple. Both icons are the work of our parishioner, Cheryl Pituch. As is the custom, you will not see her name on the icons. It is because the creation of an icon involves more than the artistry of its creator. An icon is not just a work of art. It is a dynamic manifestation of man’s spiritual power to redeem creation through beauty and art. This process combines the talent and skill of the artist with her spiritual conviction. The icon is literally prayed as it is put on canvas. It is because Orthodox icons are inspired by the faith of the praying artist and the Holy Spirit, that we treat them with such reverence. As we enter the Temple, let us pause in the narthex and allow ourselves to be inspired by the message of the Transfiguration. Likewise, let us pause before the icon of the Resurrection as we depart from the Liturgy. Thanks be to God for his grace as expressed in these icons--Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, but the LORD tests the heart” – Proverbs 17:3

Coffee Hour

This Week: Team 2. **Next Week:** Team 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday, July 9, a deep cleaning of the church and hall are scheduled from 10 A.M. until 3 P.M. A little of your time is greatly appreciated as we continue our repair efforts from Hurricane Ida. Thank you and God bless you.

The Ladies Guild shall hold its July meeting today, July 10, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The Parish Council shall hold its July meeting on Sunday, July 17, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through May 2022 totaled \$107,008.09. The expenses through May 2022 are \$103,549.29.