

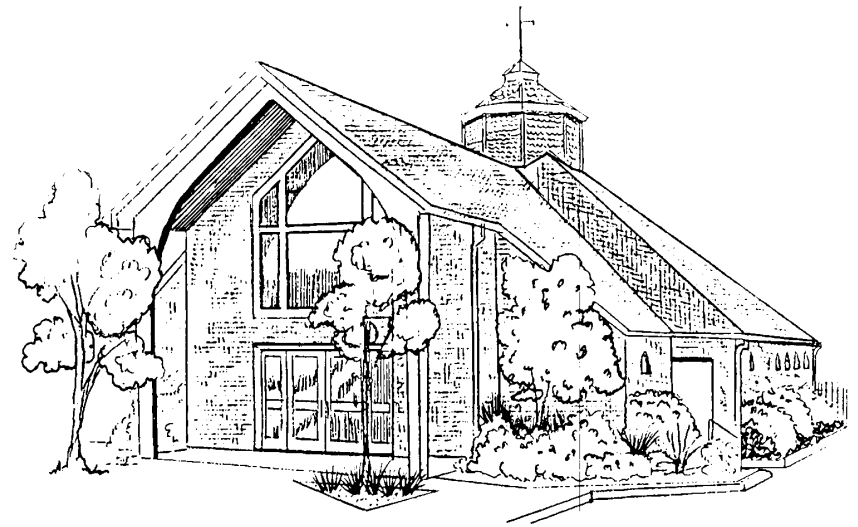
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**The Holy Prophet Micah the Second**

Micah was of the tribe of Judah and from the village of Morasth, for which he is called the “Morasthite.” He was a contemporary of the prophets Isaiah, Amos and Hosea, and of the Jewish kings Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. Micah rebuked the people for their vices, and rebuked the false prophets who prophesied *of wine and of strong drink* (Micah 3:12). He foretold the destruction of Samaria. He also foretold the destruction of Jerusalem, which would come because its leaders accepted bribes, its priests taught for hire, and its prophets told fortunes for money. *Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field and Jerusalem shall become as heaps* (Micah 3:12). But, of all his prophecies the most important prophesy is that of Bethlehem as the place of the birth of the Messiah, *Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting* (Micah 5:2). It is not known exactly whether this prophet was slain by the Jews or whether he died a peaceful death (cf. Jeremiah 26:18-19). However, it is known that he was buried in his village. During the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Great, Bishop Zevin of Eleutheropolis had a mystical vision that led to the finding of Micah’s relics, together with those of the prophet Habakkuk.

*from: The Prologue of Ochrid*

**St. Basil**  
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**August 14, 2022**  
**The 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

*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:** 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

**Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 14:22-34

## Saints of the Day

Prophet Micah; New-martyr Simeon of Trebizond; translation of the relics of Venerable Theodosios of the Kiev Caves.

## 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, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

## Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



As a possum, I related to the homily for August 3 in the Prologue of Ochrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovich, the Serbian saint. He says that we should look to animals to show us how to express heartfelt gratitude. The cow moos in appreciation to the farmer who shows up on time to milk her. The dog licks its owner when it is fed. The cat purrs when it is stroked. The horse neighs when it is readied for a ride. Even dolphins, seals and whales seem to convey thanks when they receive the care of marine biologists and veterinarians. Yet, when good thing after good thing happens to people, often they do not pause to say thanks to God. Perhaps it is because humans feel entitled that they fail to show gratitude. How wonderful it is that the Lord gave us domestic animals to teach us gratefulness.

Help us O Lord, always to be thankful for all your gifts and great Mercy--Theo

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## Spiritual Counsels...

“A bribe is like a magic stone in the eyes of the one who gives it; wherever he turns he prospers.” – Proverbs 17:8

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial prayers are offered today for **Kumie Mamo's** father, **Fetene**. May his memory be eternal.

The Parish Council shall hold its August meeting today, August 14, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

God willing, on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God will be celebrated with Orthros at 9:00 A.M. followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.

God willing, on Monday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist will be celebrated with Orthros at 9 A.M. and Divine Liturgy at 10 A.M.

God willing, the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos will be celebrated with Divine Liturgy at 6:30 P.M. on Sept. 7.

The Diocesan Fall Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 9 & 10 in Franklin, Tennessee. For more information, please see [www.DOMSE.org](http://www.DOMSE.org).

Approximately 2 dozen **Red Carnations** are needed for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, Sept. 14. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations and donation, and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

To offset the team members expenses for coffee hour, the team leaders are asking for one-dollar donations from adults for each coffee hour to cover the expenses for plates, bowls, forks, spoons, knives, cups, etc. They continue to generously provide us with snack/lunch items at no expense to us. Donations by check should be made payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Thank you for your assistance in making this happen. God bless you.

**Coffee Hour: This Week:** Team 2

**Next Week:** Team 3

**Ushers: This Week:** Tania and/or Sevin

**Next Week:** Mihai Leustean

**Parish Financial Summary:** The donations through June 2022 totaled \$16,386.75. The expenses through June 2022 are \$98,118.08.