

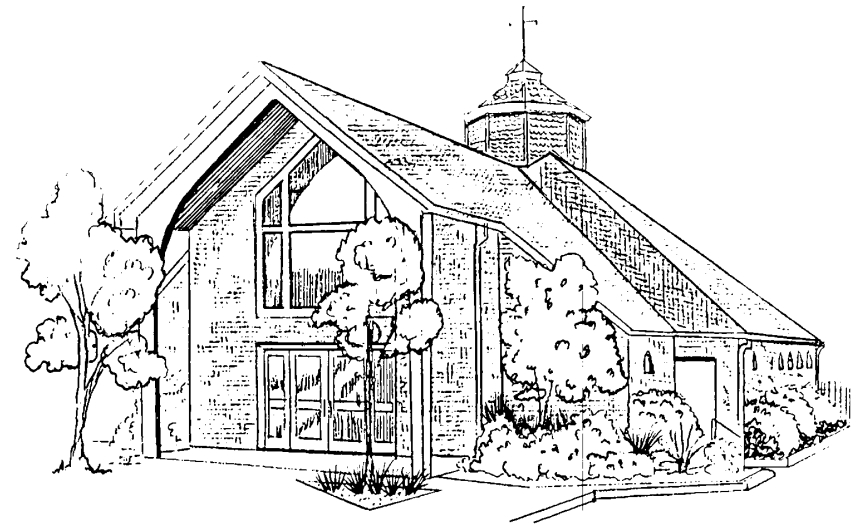
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The Venerable Moses of Ethiopia

Moses was an Ethiopian by birth and by profession, at first, a robber and leader of a band of robbers and, after that, a penitent and great ascetic. As the slave of a master, Moses escaped and joined the robbers. Because of his great physical strength and daring, the robbers chose him as their leader. Suddenly, Moses was overcome with pangs of conscience and repentance for the misdeeds, which he had committed. He left the group, entered a monastery and gave himself completely in obedience to his spiritual father and to the monastic rule. He benefited much from the teachings of Ss. Macarius, Arsenius and Isidore. Later, he withdrew to solitude in a cell where he dedicated himself completely to physical labor, prayer, vigils and godly-thoughts. Tormented by the demon of lust, Moses confessed to Isidore, his spiritual father, and from him, received counsel to fast even more and never to eat to full satisfaction. When even this did not help he, at the counsel of the elder, began to keep vigil at night and to pray standing; after that, he began the practice of bringing water to the elderly monks from a distant well all night long. After six years of terrible struggles, St. Isidore finally miraculously healed him of lustful thoughts, fantasies and dreams brought about on him by demons. Moses was ordained a priest in old age. He founded his own monastery and had 75 disciples and lived in this life for 75 years. He foresaw his death and, one day, he told his disciples to flee for the barbarians were going to attack the monastery. When the disciples also urged him to flee with them, Moses said that he must die by violence for, at one time, he himself committed violence and, according to the words: "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (St. Matthew 26:52). He remained there with six brethren and the barbarians came and slew them. One of the brethren, hidden in the vicinity, beheld and saw seven shining wreaths as they descended upon the seven martyrs.

from: The Prologue of Ochrid

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August 28, 2022
The 11th 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 9:2-12

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 18:23-35

Saints of the Day

Venerable Moses of Ethiopia; Martyrs Diomedes, Damon & Laurence;
Martyr Susanna of Georgia; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Job of Pochaev.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, we are close to finishing the repairs to the Parish Hall needed after Hurricane Ida. The Parish Hall has a new metal roof, which is warranted for 30 years. The Men's Restroom was completely redone. When it is completed, the Women's Restroom will have new plumbing fixtures and partitions. Throughout the Parish Hall, you will notice fresh paint and repair of cracks in the stucco. New faucets will be installed in the kitchen sinks. The Narthex in the church has been repainted to complement the new Transfiguration icon. All of this has been made possible with insurance moneys and generous gifts from the Archdiocese, the Diocese and private donors. We

anticipate that all this work will be completed without needing any funds from our savings. Thanks be to God--Rob Booms

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 3rd – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

Wednesday, Sept. 7th – Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Sept. 10th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Sept. 11th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



I am sometimes asked what makes a good Orthodox member.

This can be a difficult thing in a parish where so many people commute from a great distance. St. Basil is clearly not a neighborhood church. We are more like an extended family and that gives us special responsibilities. Metropolitan PHILIP endorsed a little book by Father Abramtsov, an Antiochian Orthodox

priest, called *The Orthodox Companion*. He gives the following pointers:

Attend Liturgy on Sundays and all Holy Days.

Be regular about confession and receive Holy Communion at least 4 times a year.

Observe the fasts in diet but also in word and deed.

Be kind to other parishioners and, especially, your priest. Forgive slights readily.

Make regular financial contributions to the Parish if you are able.

Volunteer for Parish activities and belong to a Parish organization.

Invite others to attend the church and welcome visitors.

Be loyal to God, the Church and the parish at all times.

Help us O Lord, to be good, obedient and kind always--Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool” – Proverbs 17:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, on Monday, Aug. 29th, 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.

God willing, Orthros and Liturgy will be celebrated at 9 and 10 A.M., respectively, for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

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 4 **Next Week:** Team 1

Ushers: **This Week:** Pam Nugent **Next Week:** Dwight Gillis

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