

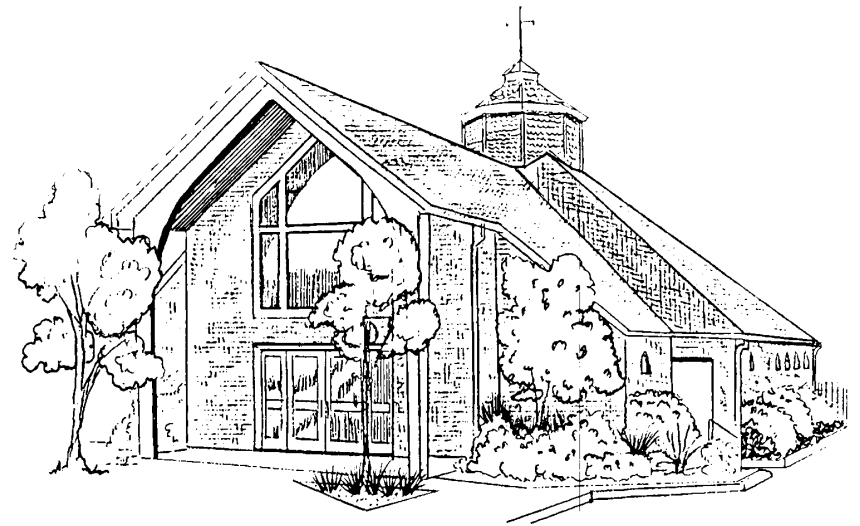
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**The Holy Prophet Moses the God-Seer**

Moses was a great leader and the lawgiver of Israel. He was born in Egypt in about 1550 B.C. For 40 years, he lived at the court of the pharaoh; for 40 years, he lived as a shepherd in contemplation of God and the world; and for his remaining 40 years, he led the people through the wilderness to the Promised Land. He beheld the Promised Land, but was not allowed to enter it, for he had once sinned against God (Numbers 20:12). Moses reposed at the age of 120. As a miracle-worker, he was a prefiguring of Christ, according to St. Basil the Great. He appeared from the other world on Mount Tabor during the Lord's Transfiguration. According to the witness of St. John Climacus, he appeared also to the monks in the Monastery of Mount Sinai.

*from: The Prologue of Ochrid*

**St. Basil**  
**Antiochian**  
**Orthodox Church**



**September 4, 2022**  
**The 12<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 15:1-11

**Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 19:16-26

## Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Babylas of Antioch; Prophet Moses the God-seer; Martyrs Jerusalem, Sekendos, Sekendios and Kegouros in Aleppo; Martyr Hermione, daughter of the Apostle Philip the deacon; Venerable Anthimos the New; New-hieromartyr Gorazd, bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia; Birinus, bishop of Dorchester; uncovering of the relics of Joasaph, bishop of Belgorod.

## 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, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

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

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



After the liturgy one Sunday, while in our den under the altar, I heard some folks talking about how the church now has so many non-Arab members including Slavs, Greeks, Ethiopians and “Americans.” Some were apprehensive about this. Others said that welcoming them was essential to the church's growth. It seems that St. Basil Parish was founded mainly by Arabic-speaking Orthodox Christians some 45 years ago. However, even then, it advertised services in English, Russian, Greek, and Arabic. The American Antiochian Orthodox Church, of which it is a part, was founded by a Syrian, St. Raphael (Hawaweeny). While his plan was mainly to provide a church home for Arabic-speaking Christians, he was ordained as the first Orthodox bishop in America by the Russian Orthodox Church wearing vestments given to him by Tsar Nicholas II. He established a church in Brooklyn in 1895 and started 30 parishes throughout the United States. He also assisted in the founding of St. Tikhon's Monastery, started *The Word* magazine, and recommended the use of our current English Service Book. He once said that he had been sent to America to tend the flock of Christ whether they be “Russians, Slavs, Syro-Arabs or Greeks.” He rested from his labors in 1915. He was glorified in 2000 by the Orthodox Church in America with the participation of the Antiochian and Greek Archdioceses. Our church has an icon of St. Raphael containing the saint's relics.

Through the prayers of the Holy Bishop Raphael, may we always be a home for all Orthodox people---Theo

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***Spiritual Counsels...***

“An evil man seeks only rebellion, and a cruel messenger will be sent against him.” – Proverbs 17:11

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**RED CARNATIONS**

For the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, our red carnations were graciously provided by:

**Alexa Hamauei** for the health of **Alexa, John** and **Albert** and their families, and for the repose of **Mike, Margaret**, and the departed members of the **Hamauei** and **Kyame** families;

**Phil** and **Rose Hrabar** for the health of **Ashley** and the **Hrabar, Goff, Duddish, Liberman** and **Campbell** families, **President Trump** and family, and the repose of **Bertie** and the departed members of the **Hrabar, Goff, Duddish, Liberman** and **Campbell** families;

The **Kocic** family for the health of **Paulina, Vljako, Ljiljana, Nikola, Ljubomir, Lauren, Bella, Maximus**, and **Karen** and her family, and for the repose of the departed members of the **Kocic, Djordjevic, Piskulic, Stevanovic, Pavasovic, Mitrovic** and **Lebedina** families;

**Naheel Rafeedie** for the health of **Naheel, Nadeem, Helen, Victor, Manal, Michael, Martha** and family, **Steven** and **Hayley**, and for the repose of **Basem, Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zahiya, Essa, Ellen, Richard, Kamil** and **Mary**;

**Stella Thornton** for the repose of **Eleni** and **George**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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.

Prayers are offered today for the health of **Rabih, Leila, Arzeh, Gbantous, Jasmin** and **Libnan Chedid** and their families, and for the repose of **Cristobal Rugama, Christobal Jose Rugama, Milad, Jamal** and **Ramzi Chedid** on the one-year anniversary of the repose of **Jamal Chedid**.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

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 1      **Next Week:** Team 2

**Ushers: This Week:** Dwight Gillis      **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik

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