

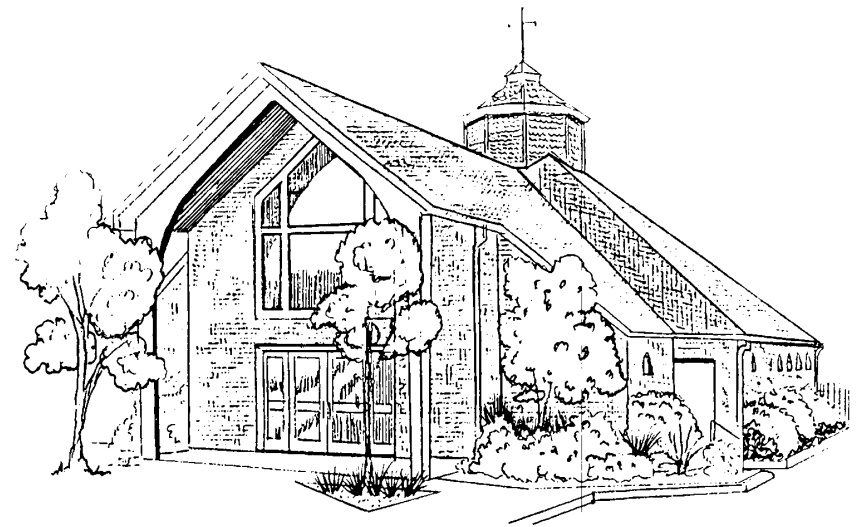
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The Holy Martyr Longinos

The divine Matthew the Evangelist, in describing the passion of the Lord Jesus Christ, says: *Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God* (Matthew 27:54). That centurion was this blessed Longinus, who with two other of his soldiers came to believe in Jesus, the Son of God. Longinus was chief of the soldiers who were present at the Crucifixion of the Lord on Golgotha, and was also the chief of the watch that guarded the tomb. When the Jewish elders learned of the Resurrection of Christ, they bribed the soldiers to spread the false news that Christ did not resurrect, but rather that His disciples stole His body. The Jews also tried to bribe Longinus, but he did not allow himself to be bribed. Then the Jews resorted to their usual strategy: they decided to kill Longinus. Learning of this, Longinus removed his military belt, was baptized with his two companions by an apostle, secretly left Jerusalem and moved to Cappadocia with his companions. There, he devoted himself to fasting and prayer and, as a living witness of Christ's Resurrection, converted many pagans to the true Faith by his witness. After that, he withdrew to a village on the estate of his father. Even there, however, the malice of the Jews did not leave him in peace. Due to the calumnies of the Jews, Pilate dispatched soldiers to behead Longinus. St. Longinus foresaw in the spirit the approach of his executioners and went out to meet them. He brought them to his home, not telling them who he was. He was a good host to the soldiers, and soon they lay down to sleep. But St. Longinus stood up to pray, and prayed all night long, preparing himself for death. In the morning, he called his two companions to him, clothed himself in white burial clothes, and instructed the other members of his household to bury him on a particular small hill. He then went to the soldiers and told them that he was that Longinus whom they were seeking. The soldiers were perplexed and ashamed, and could not even contemplate beheading Longinus, but he insisted that they fulfill the order of their superior. Thus, Longinus and his two companions were beheaded. The soldiers took Longinus's head to Pilate, and he turned it over to the Jews. They threw it on a dung heap outside the city.

from: The Prologue of Ochrid



October 16, 2022
Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

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: Titus 3:8-15
Gospel Reading: St. Luke 8:5-15

Saints of the Day

Martyr Longinos the centurion who stood at the Cross of the Lord; Gall, enlightener of Switzerland.

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, Oct. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, Nov. 5th – Great Vespers, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

This past August (2022), the Orthodox Church lost one of its most revered theologians, Metropolitan Kallistos (Timothy Ware). He was the author of *The Orthodox Way* and *The Orthodox Church*, which have often been recommended reading for persons exploring the Orthodox Church. Most likely, his books and videos were responsible for the conversion of thousands of people to Orthodoxy. Born in 1934 in Bath, England, he started his faith journey as an Anglican but converted to Orthodoxy through the Patriarchy of Constantinople in 1958. He was ordained a priest and monk in 1966 and consecrated Titular Bishop of Diokleia in 1982. A graduate of Oxford University, he spent most of his life teaching and writing in Oxford while also serving its Orthodox parish and the Antiochian deanery. Beloved by his students, he liked to tell the story of how he once fell asleep during a sermon and woke up to discover that he was the preacher! He described Christian Orthodoxy as a journey, a living experience in which the church's traditions are the guideposts. "No one can be an armchair traveler on this all-important journey." It is a way of life and a way of prayer in which "we go forward from glory to glory and then to a glory that is greater still."

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Memory eternal---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" – Proverbs 17:17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to our **Ancient Faith Walk-A-Thon** participants and their sponsors. We raised over \$1,532 last Sunday afternoon. God bless you.

The altar candle is offered today by **Therese Dagher** for the health of **Bruno, Taufic, & Caroline** & their families, and **Ayman & Therese** (many years), and for the repose of **Alex, Marie** (5th anniv.), **Sophie, Assaad, Georges, Tony, Georgette, Mario, Emile, Kamal, Aida & Adel** (memory eternal).

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold its October meeting today after coffee hour. All Council members please attend.

A special collection will be taken today at the end of liturgy by the youth of our parish for the **Special Olympics Awareness Day**. Donations by check should be made payable St. Basil Church. On the memo line, please write "SOAD 2022". Your donations are greatly appreciated.

God willing, an **archdiocese-wide second collection** shall be taken next Sunday for the seminaries, which our young men and women attend in preparation for their service to the Church. May God bless your generosity.

The **young adults** of the parish will meet after coffee hour on Sunday, Oct. 30, to discuss and plan upcoming activities. For more information, please see **Subdeacon Stephen** or **Caitlin Zelesnik**.

God willing, on Friday, Nov. 4, through Sunday, Nov. 6, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** will visit us on the occasion of the **45th anniversary** of our parish. Please join us for a memorable occasion.

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 3

Next Week: Team 4

Ushers: This Week: Dwight Gillis

Next Week:

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

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 4:

Young Adult Meeting with His Grace, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Nov. 5:

Men's Meeting with His Grace, 8:30 A.M.

Teen Meeting with His Grace, 10:30 A.M.

Youth Meeting and Lunch with His Grace, 12:30 P.M.

Ladies' Meeting with His Grace, 2:30 P.M.

Great Vespers, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 6:

Orthros, 8:30 A.M.

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Coffee Hour, 11:30 A.M.

Parish Council Meeting with His Grace, 12:30 P.M.