

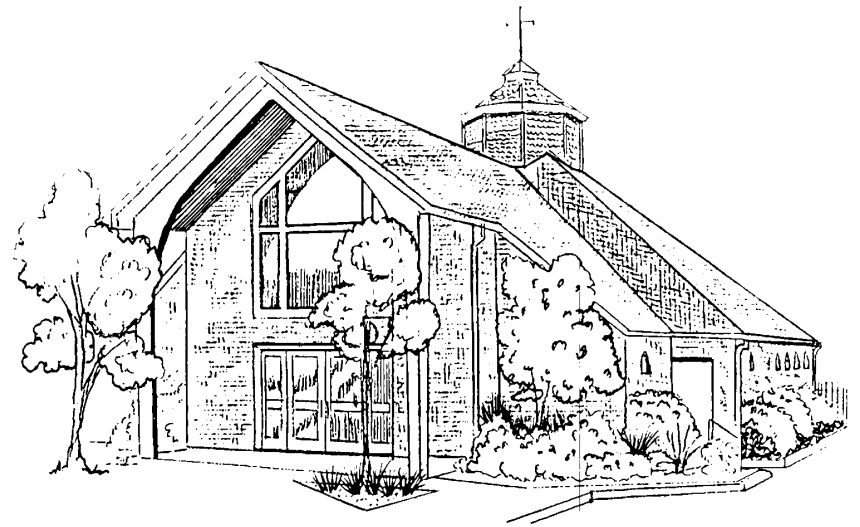
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The Venerable Paul of Thebes

Paul was born of wealthy parents in Lower Thebes in Egypt during the reign of Emperor Decius. Paul, with his sister, inherited all the property of their parents. But his brother-in-law, an idolater, wanted to confiscate Paul's share of the property and threatened to betray Paul before the judge as a Christian if he did not cede his property to him. This misfortune, coupled with the heroic examples of self-sacrifice by the Christian martyrs that Paul saw with his own eyes, motivated him to give his share of the property to his sister. The he, as a pauper, withdrew into the desert, where he lived an ascetic life until his death. To what spiritual heights this ascetic giant reached was witnessed by no less a person than St. Anthony the Great, who once visited Paul and saw how the wild beasts and birds of the air ministered to him. Returning from this visit, Anthony said to his monks: "Woe is me, my children! A sinful and false monk am I, a monk only in name. I saw Elias, I saw John in the wilderness--and in truth I saw Paul in Paradise!" St. Paul lived 113 years and peacefully reposed in the Lord in the year 342 A.D.

from: The Prologue of Ochrid

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January 15, 2023
12th Sunday of Luke

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: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 17:12-19

Saints of the Day

Venerable Paul of Thebes & John the Hut-dweller; Venerable Martyr Pansophios of Alexandria; Venerable Gabriel of Lesnovo; Venerable Ita of Kileedy.

A Message from the Parish Council

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Orlando, Florida, had substantial property damage during Hurricane Ian. That Parish donated to us, through the Archdiocese, after Hurricane Ida. On December 18, there will be a second collection for St. George's. You are encouraged to give. Any donations will be matched by our parish. In addition, St. Basil is contributing \$500 to the Second Harvest Food Bank. These donations are part of our parish's annual outreach to those in need. Thank you--Rob Booms for the Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, Jan. 16th – Vespers Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Jan. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thursday, Feb. 2nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Next to the Holy Scriptures, perhaps the most important readings for Orthodox Christians are contained in **The Philokalia**. In ancient Greek, the name means to “love the beautiful and the good.” Compiled in the 18th century, it is a collection of writings by spiritual masters of the Orthodox Church who lived between 300 and 1400 A.D. Familiar names include St. John Climacus and St. Gregory Palamas. One of its five books was carried about by the unnamed Russian peasant who authored **The Way of the Pilgrim**. It includes guidance for using the Jesus Prayer. It teaches us how to use stillness and watchfulness to attain purification and sanctity. It is not just for monks and can be helpful for any person who is serious about walking the Orthodox way. Copies of the books may be obtained in paperback through booksellers on the internet. Here is a sample of what you will find from St. Hesychios, the priest:

“Let your soul, then, trust in Christ, let it call on Him and never fear; for it fights, not alone, but with the aid of a mighty King, Jesus Christ, Creator of all that is, both bodiless, and embodied, visible and invisible. The more the rain falls on the earth, the softer it makes it; similarly, Christ's holy name gladdens the earth of our heart, the more we call upon it.”

Blessings be upon your Theophany season---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“To impose a fine on a righteous man is not good; to flog noble men is wrong.”—Proverbs 17:26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, on Monday, Jan. 16, the **Feast of St. Anthony the Great** will be celebrated with Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:30 P.M.

God willing, on Thursday, Feb. 2, the **Feast of the presentation of Christ in the Temple** will be celebrated with Orthros at 9 A.M. followed by Divine Liturgy at 10 A.M.

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: Michael Zelesnik **Next Week:** Dwight

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