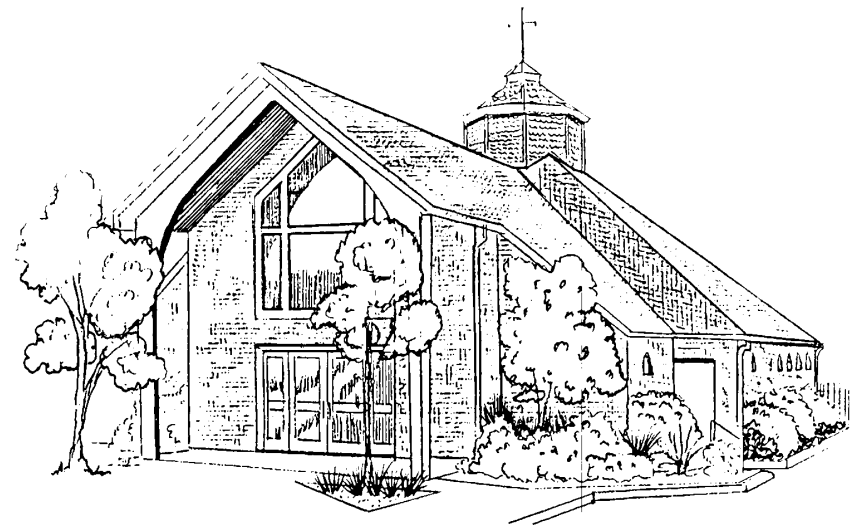


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The Holy Martyr Conon of Isauria

He was brought up in the Christian Faith and baptized in the name of the All-holy and Life-giving Trinity by the Archangel Michael himself. Until his death, the archangel of God invisibly watched over him. Conon was illumined and empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that his heart was driven not by anything worldly but only by the spiritual and heavenly. When his parents forced him into marriage, the first evening he took a candle and placed it under a vessel and asked his bride: "Which is better, light or darkness?" She replied: "Light." He then began to talk to her about the Faith of Christ, and about the spiritual life as being far superior and more desirable than the physical. In this he succeeded. Afterward Conon converted his wife and her parents to the Christian Faith. Conon and his wife lived as brother and sister. Shortly thereafter, his wife and parents died, and he withdrew completely from this worldly life and devoted himself totally to prayer, fasting and divine contemplation. He performed great miracles, through which he converted many to Christianity. Among other examples, Conon compelled evil spirits to serve him. During a time of persecution, he was captured, tortured and pierced throughout with knives. The sick anointed themselves with his blood, and they were healed. Afterward he lived for two additional years in his town of Isauria, and then presented himself to the Lord. This glorious saint lived and was martyred in the second century.

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March 5, 2023
Sunday of Orthodoxy

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: Hebrews 11:24-36, 32-40

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

Saints of the Day

Heiromartyr Konan of Isauria, Martyrs Archelaos and his 152 companions in Egypt; New-martyr John the Bulgarian; repose of Nikolai of Zhicha and Ochrid.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, please plan to attend the annual parish membership meeting on Sunday, March 19. At that time, we will receive reports from Father Peter and the parish organizations. We will be voting on the annual budget. We will also be filling three vacancies on the Parish Council. **Dave Abramson** is retiring from the Council and as treasurer, creating a vacancy. We are very grateful for his many years of service. **Yordan Yordanov** and **Therese Dagher** have completed their first terms but would like to be considered for re-election. Accordingly, the Parish Council is nominating **Bill Harrison, Yordan** and **Therese** to fill the three vacancies. However, nominations can be made from the floor providing the person nominated is in

good standing and is willing to serve for three years. To vote, you must be a member of the parish for one year, in good sacramental and financial standing with the Church and have completed the Parish Registration/Pledge Form. Thank God for our Church – Rob Booms.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar. 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Mar. 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Mar. 8th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Mar. 10th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, Mar. 10th – Akathist Hymn (2nd Stasis), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Mar. 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Saturday, Mar. 11th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Sunday, Mar. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Mar. 15th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Mar. 17th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, Mar. 17th – Akathist Hymn (3rd Stasis), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Mar. 18th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Mar. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Mar. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Mar. 22nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Mar. 24th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, Mar. 24th – Akathist Hymn (4th Stasis), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Mar. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Mar. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Mar. 29th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Mar. 31st – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, Mar. 31st – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Visitors to an Orthodox church are often surprised by how much kissing goes on. When entering and leaving the church, people kiss the icons of Christ, the Theotokos and the patron saint. Before the Liturgy starts, parishioners will be seen to go the front of the church where they kiss large icons of the Lord and his blessed mother. Some will kiss icons of saints who line the walls. Meanwhile, folks are often greeting each other with two or three kisses on the cheeks. At the end of the Liturgy, the priest presents a Hand Cross to be kissed by those who are being blessed for a special occasion and for travelling. This is also when worshippers kiss the right hand of the priest as he distributes the Holy Bread. An Orthodox believer will kiss the priest's right hand when a blessing is given.

This is not done out of veneration of the person but rather to the sacred office bestowed upon him. He has been set aside to provide spiritual guidance, to hear confessions, to conduct baptisms, weddings, and burials. It is his hand that consecrates the precious Body and Blood of the Lord. Just as we kiss our loved ones and pictures of deceased family members, the Orthodox church offers the great gift of a Holy Kiss. Let us not be shy or reluctant to use this expression of love and devotion.

Blessings be upon your Lenten season---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“It is not good to be partial to a wicked man, or to deprive a righteous man of justice. Proverbs 18:5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 19th. 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, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

Parents and teachers please note there is no Church School on Sunday, March 5 and 19, and April 9 and 16.

The traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed during the entire Great Fast, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25th) and Palm Sunday (April 9).

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then please make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

On Monday, April 3, His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS will visit us. More details will be announced.

The Ladies Guild will be collecting donations for Love Moved First during the year of 2023. Love Moved First is a home for woman in crisis to recover and heal. We will have a collection bin set out and a list of needs next to it. There is much needed so even a little is a big help. If you have any questions about Love Moved First, please see Cheryl Pituch or Tania Russell. Thank you for your support.

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.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 1. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 2

Ushers: This Week: Jane Shamitko **Next Week:** Yazmin Incaprera

Epistle Reader: Paulina Kocic