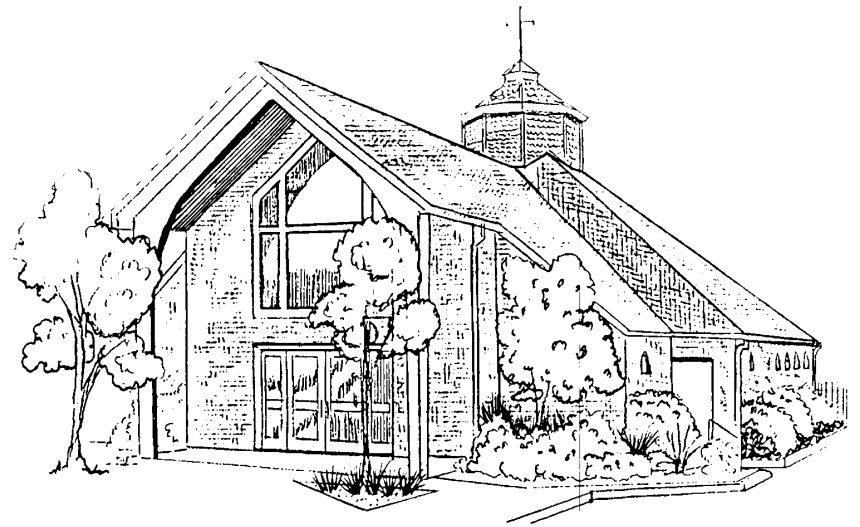


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The Holy Martyr Eupychius

Eupychius was of noble birth and was well instructed in pious beliefs. During the reign of Julian the Apostate, and when St. Basil the Great governed the Church of God in Caesarea, Eupychius entered into marriage with a prominent maiden. However, it was not given to him to live even one day in marriage. At the time of his wedding, it so happened that there was a pagan feast with sacrificial offerings to the idol, Fortune. Eupychius, with his companions, entered the temple, smashed all the idols and even demolished the temple itself. Hearing of this, Julian became greatly enraged and ordered that the culprits be beheaded, that many Christians be inducted into the army, that an enormous tribute be imposed upon all Christians, that the temple of Fortune be rebuilt at the expense of the Christians, and that the city be deprived of its honorary name "Caesarea," given it by Caesar Claudius, and be called by its former name, Maza. Eupychius was first tied to a tree and brutally tortured, and was later beheaded, in the year 362 A.D. Shortly after this, the wicked Emperor, Julian, visited this city on his way to Persia, against which he was waging war. St. Basil the Great went out to meet him, carrying three loaves of barley bread as a sign of respect and hospitality. The emperor ordered that a handful of hay be given to the saint as a reciprocal gift. St. Basil said to the emperor: "You make jest of us, O Emperor. We offer you bread by which we feed ourselves, and you, in turn, give us food for livestock, which you, by your authority, cannot change into food for men." To this the emperor replied: "Know that I will feed you this hay when I return from Persia." However, the wicked apostate did not return from Persia, for he died a deserved and unnatural death.

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April 9, 2023
Palm Sunday

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: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Saints of the Day

Martyr Euppsychios of Cappadocia; Venerable-martyrs Vadim, Raphael, Nicholas and Irene; Venerable Simon.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, we want to show our appreciation to Dave Abramson for his many years of service as Parish Treasurer. Also, special thanks to Yordan Yordanov and Greg Lindley for cleaning out the grease trap in the kitchen, a very dirty job indeed. After the annual meeting, the Parish Council elected the following officers: Rob Booms, President; Stephen Pituch, Vice-President; Bill Harrison, Treasurer; and Stephen Zelesnik; Secretary. The other members of the council are Fr. Peter Nugent, Therese Dagher, Mark Fleming, Natalya Flint, Sevin Russell and Yordan Yordanov. The council usually meets on the third Sunday of the month after coffee hour. Please feel free to contact them with any suggestions or concerns--Rob Booms.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Apr. 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Apr. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Apr. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, Apr. 9th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Monday, Apr. 10th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Monday, Apr. 10th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Apr. 11th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Tuesday, Apr. 11th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, Apr. 12th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 12th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 13th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 13th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 14th – Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, April 14th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 14th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Apr. 15th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Apr. 15th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sunday, Apr. 16th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.
Sunday, Apr. 16th – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, Apr. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Apr. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Apr. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Apr. 30th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



A terrible earthquake struck parts of Turkey and Syria on February 6, 2023. As of this writing, over 45,000 lives have been lost. The Turkish city of Antakya was nearly destroyed, including its principal Orthodox church. We know the city by its earlier name, Antioch. Along with Rome and Alexandria, it was one of the three great capitals of the Roman Empire. The term “Christians” was first used there to describe our Lord’s followers. St. Paul and St. Barnabas formed the first church in Antioch and preached there for a year. St. Peter established the first bishopric. The historic cave church in which he preached apparently survived the earthquake, saved by the mountain from which it was carved. In 325 A.D., the Council of Nicaea elevated the Antiochian church to a Patriarchy. It remained headquartered in Antioch until 1342 A.D. when it moved to Damas-

cus, Syria. It is sad to see such a place of historic significance forever changed. However, Antiochian Orthodox Christians continue to worship under the leadership of our Patriarch JOHN X and soon-to-be Metropolitan SABA. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering and grieving. Our parishioners gave over \$1,700 to the victims of the earthquake. May the Orthodox church in Antioch rise from the dust and restore its holy places.

Blessings be upon your Lenten season---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.” Proverbs 18:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents and teachers, please note there is no Church School today and next Sunday.

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.

Beloved in Christ, please remember to return your **Food For Hungry People Campaign** coin boxes at this time. God bless you for having thought of the poor during this Lenten season.

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.

Our diocesan **Parish Life Conference** will be held in Miami, Florida, from June 14-17 of this year. Information on the conference may be found at

www.DOMSE.org There, you will find links to hotel information, conference registration, conference scheduling etc. Your lovely smile is most desired. ;-)

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.

A Message from the Ladies Guild

Dear Parishioners, His Eminence Metropolitan ANTONIOS has changed the focus of NAB project 2023 from fundraising for expanded worship space at the Antiochian Village to the Disaster Relief for Turkey and Syria considering the dire situation and the great need in the area. He asks us to “redouble our efforts so that those suffering unthinkable tragedy might receive the fruits of our labor as a life-sustaining support and a gesture of love.” As you know, St. Basil’s as a whole has collected donations for the Disaster Relief, however this is separate. The Ladies Guild will be sending in a donation as well. If there is anyone who was unable to give during the three-week period of collections and would like to may still do so through the Ladies Guild. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have or donate. Yours in Christ – Tania Russell

Today’s Coffee Hour: Team 2. Thank you **Next Week:** Team 3.