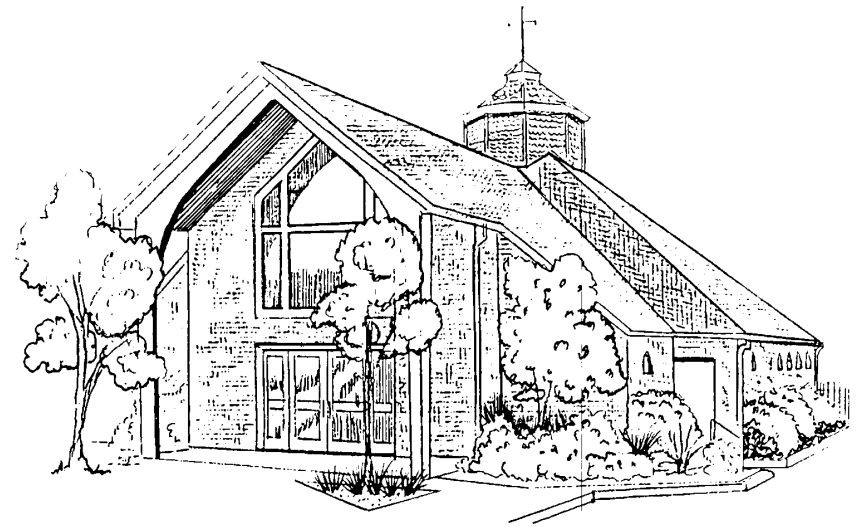


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The Holy Great-Martyr George

This glorious and victorious saint was born in Cappadocia, the son of wealthy and virtuous parents. His father suffered for Christ, and his mother then moved to Palestine. When George grew up he entered the military, where he attained, in his twentieth year, the rank of tribune, and as such he was in the service of the Emperor Diocletian. When Diocletian began his terrible persecution of Christians, George came before him and courageously confessed that he was a Christian. The emperor had him thrown into prison and ordered that his feet be placed in stocks and that a heavy stone be placed on his chest. After that, the emperor commanded that George be tied to a wheel, under which was a board with large nails, and he was to be rotated until his whole body became as one bloody wound. After that, they buried him in a pit with only his head showing above the ground, and there they left him for three days and three nights. Then George was given a deadly poison to drink by a magician. But through all of these sufferings, George continuously prayed to God, and God healed him instantly and saved him from death, to the great astonishment of the people. When he also resurrected a dead man through his prayers, many accepted the Christian Faith. Among these were Alexandra, the wife of the Emperor Diocletian; the chief pagan priest; the farmer Glycerius; and Valerius, Donatus and Therinus. Finally, the emperor commanded that George and his own wife Alexandra be beheaded. Blessed Alexandra died on the scaffold before being beheaded, and St. George was beheaded in the year 303 A.D. The miracles which have occurred over the grave of St. George are countless. Numerous are his appearances, both in dreams and openly, to those who, from that time to today, have invoked him and implored his help. Inflamed with love for Christ the Lord, it was not difficult for this saintly George, for the sake of this love, to leave all: rank, wealth, imperial honor, his friends and the entire world. For this love, the Lord rewarded him with a wealth of unfading glory in heaven and on earth, and with eternal life in His kingdom. In addition, the Lord bestowed upon him the power and authority to assist all those in afflictions and difficulties who honor him and call upon his name.

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



April 23, 2023
Thomas 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: Apostles 12:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Saints of the Day

Great-martyr George the trophy-bearer; Martyr Alexandra the Empress; Martyr Glykerios of Nicomedia; New-martyrs George of Ptolemais and Lazarus of Bulgaria.

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 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. 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.
Saturday, May. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Orthodox people are regularly exposed to the Bible during the reading of the Epistle and the Gospel. The Psalms are recited during other services. The Antiochian Church calendar provides a lectionary for daily readings. An additional resource for all Orthodox is the Orthodox Study Bible. The current edition was published in 2008 and is available in our parish bookstore. It consists of the “Septuagint,” the earliest Greek translation of the Old Testament from the second and third centuries before Christ. Our Lord quoted many of its scriptures. Unlike versions of the Old Testament used by other Christian churches, it also contains The Prayer of King Manasseh (after 2 Chronicles 30), and additions to the Book of Daniel. The New Testament is the so-called New King James Version (NKJV). It is faithful to the “textus receptus,” the old King James Bible, the first Greek-to-English Bible published in 1611 A.D., but updates some of its antiquated language. The Orthodox Study Bible also contains an introduction to the Orthodox Church, the lectionary, morning and evening prayers, useful footnotes, icons, and maps. It has an excellent article by Metropolitan KALLISTOS (Ware) on how to read the Bible. Footnotes and explanatory material are in language which is easy to understand. This Bible was highly recommended by Metropolitan PHILIP, who was involved in its publication.

May you find it helpful in your spiritual journey---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“Before destruction a man’s heart is haughty, but humility goes before honor.” Proverbs 18:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 4. Thank you. **Next Week:** Potluck