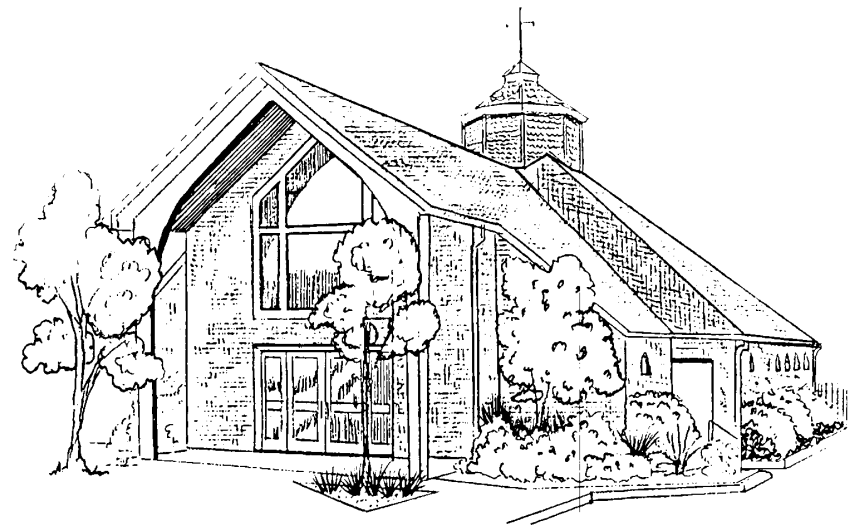


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Commemoration of the appearance of the honorable Cross over Jerusalem

During the time of St. Constantine's son, Emperor Constantius, and Patriarch Cyril of Jerusalem, the Honorable Cross appeared about 9:00 a.m. stretching from Golgotha to above the Mount of Olives. This Cross was brighter than the sun and more beautiful than the most beautiful rainbow. All the people, both believing and unbelieving, left their work and observed this heavenly sign in fear and amazement. Many unbelievers converted to the Christian Faith, and many Arian heretics abandoned their evil heresy and returned to Orthodoxy. About this sign, Patriarch Cyril wrote a letter to Emperor Constantius, who had inclinations toward Arianism. This occurred on May 7, 357 A.D. Thus, even on this occasion it was demonstrated that the Christian Faith is not worldly theorizing, according to the sensual understanding of man. Rather it is God's power, demonstrated through numerous miracles and signs.

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May 7, 2023
Sunday of the Paralytic

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: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-15

Saints of the Day

The commemoration of the apparition of the sign of the Precious Cross in the heavens over Jerusalem (A.D. 351); Martyr Akakios the centurion at Byzantium; Venerable Kodratos; Venerable Neilos the myrrh-streaming of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Neilos of Sora; Venerable-martyr Pachomios of Athos; repose of Venerable John of Beverly, Bishop of York; Priest Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre, confessor and defender of Orthodoxy in America; the Venerable Twelve Syrian Fathers of Georgia.

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, 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.
Saturday, May. 20th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, May. 21st – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.
Thursday, May 24th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, May. 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May. 28th – 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 Bishop 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...

“A man’s spirit will endure sickness; but a broken spirit who can bear.”

Proverbs 18:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Ladies Guild** are scheduled to hold their May meeting today, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Antiochian Men (AMEN)** are scheduled to hold their May meeting today, after Divine Liturgy. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday, May 25.

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.

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