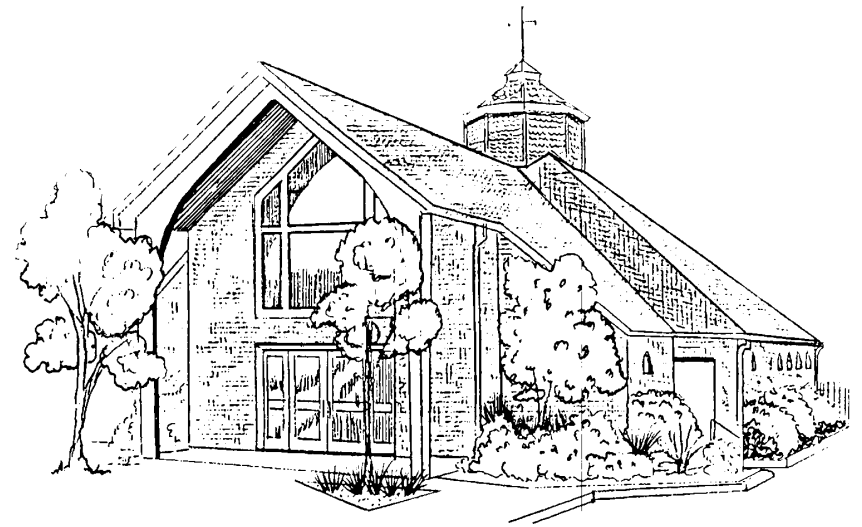


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The Holy Female Martyr Heliconis

Heliconis was born in Thessalonica and was educated in Christian piety. During the reign of Gordian and Philip, she moved to Corinth where she openly denounced all those who offered sacrifices to the idols. When Perinus the mayor urged her to offer a sacrifice to the idol Aesculapius, this martyr of Christ said to him: "Hear me, I am a handmaiden of Christ, and I do not know who Aesculapius is. Do with me what you will." For this, she was brought to trial and endured terrible tortures. She was cast into fire, but a great quantity of blood poured from her body, extinguishing the fire, and she remained alive. She was thrown to lions, but the lions did not touch her, fawning around her instead. Admitted into the temple allegedly to offer sacrifices to the idols, she destroyed the idols, and by this she embittered the torturer even more. As she lay wounded in prison, the Lord Himself appeared to her with the Archangels Michael and Gabriel. The Lord healed her wounds, comforting and strengthening her. Afterward she was led to the scaffold to be beheaded. Before her beheading, Heliconis raised her arms high and prayed that God receive her and unite her with His lambs in the heavenly sheepfold. When she completed her prayer, a voice was heard from heaven: "Come daughter, a crown and a throne are prepared for you!" Finally, she was beheaded and received the wreath of glory from the Lord, for Whom, out of love, she sacrificed herself as an innocent and pure lamb.

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May 28, 2023
The Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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 20:16-18,28-36

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13

Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Eutychios, bishop of Melitene; Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica; Venerable Andrew of Constantinople, fool-for-Christ; Germanos, bishop of Paris; Ignatius the wonderworker, bishop of Rostov; Nikita of Corinth.

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 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 3rd – Orthros 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, June 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, June 4th – Kneeling Vespers, immediately following liturgy
Saturday, June 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Jun. 17th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, June 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, June 28th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Most of us sustain our faith with the daily bible lessons the Orthodox Church lists in its monthly wall calendars and the Lectionary of the Orthodox Bible. Another great resource for spiritual growth is the Prologue of Ohrid. This is a two-volume work which contains the lives of the saints for each day along with hymns, reflections, and homilies.

The author is St. Nikolay Velimirovic. St. Nikolay, a Serbian Orthodox Bishop, lived between 1880 and 1956. Caught up in World War II, he was sent to the Dachau concentration camp by the Nazis in 1944 where he was tortured. After the camp was liberated by the allies, he came to the United States as a refugee. He taught at several American seminaries, including St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's. Sometimes called the "Serbian Chrysostom," he was glorified as a Saint by the Serbian Orthodox Church in 2003. In his sermons, he often said that his chief spiritual exercise was the visualization of God's presence to prevent sin and despair. St. Nikolay based his work on the ancient Slavic Prologue of Saints which had become largely inaccessible because of its archaic language. The Prologue is available from several book publishers. In St. Nikolay's words: "O resurrected Lord, cleanse our heart from the deadly guests who dwell in it and do thou Thyself take up dwelling in it, that we may live and glorify thee." ---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"He who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him." Proverbs 18:17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, on Saturday, June 3, we will have Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of Souls at 9:00 and 10:00 A.M., respectively.

On June 4, the Sunday of Holy Pentecost, the **Antiochian Men (AMEN)** will host a barbeque during coffee hour following the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost.

God willing, on Sunday, June 11, the **Ladies Guild** and the **Parish Council** will hold their June meetings after Divine Liturgy.

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. ;-)

God willing, on Sunday, June 18, we will have **memorial prayers** at the end of Orthros for the departed men and fathers of the parish. Please forward the names of those men you wish to be remembered to the church office as soon as possible.

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 4. Thank you **Next Week:** Team 1