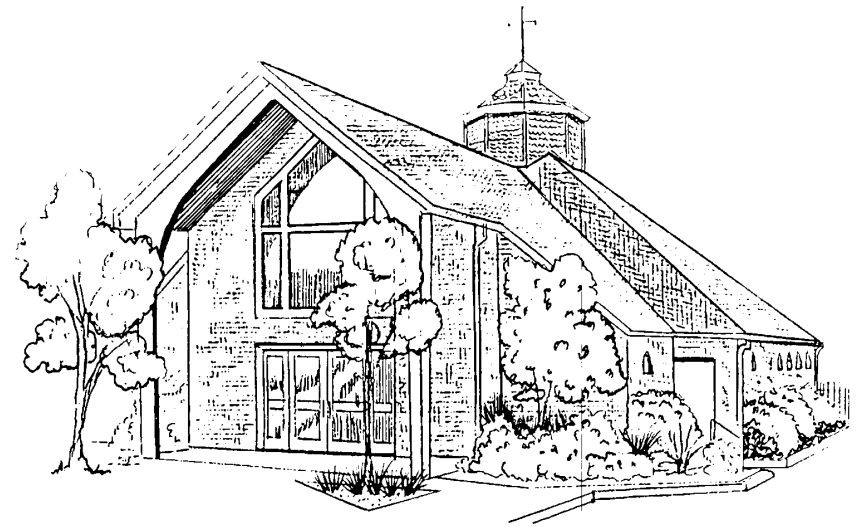


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St. Metrophanes, The First Patriarch of Constantinople

His father, Dometius, brother of the Roman Emperor Probus, fled from Rome as a Christian during the persecution of Christians and arrived at Byzantium. Titus, the Bishop of Byzantium, ordained him a presbyter. Following the death of Titus, Dometius became the Bishop of Byzantium. After the death of Dometius, his eldest son, Probus, occupied the episcopal throne, and after the death of Probus, Metrophanes assumed the episcopal throne. When Emperor Constantine first saw Metrophanes, he loved him as a father. At the time of the First Ecumenical Council [325 A.D.], Metrophanes was already a man of 117 years, and unable to participate in the work of the Council, so he appointed Alexander, his Choriepiscopus (vicar), as his representative. The emperor petitioned the Council to confer upon him [Metrophanes] the title of patriarch. Thus, he was the first Patriarch of Constantinople. Further, the emperor invited the entire Council to visit the ailing and aged arch-pastor. When the emperor asked him whom he wished to name as successor to the patriarchal throne, Metrophanes named Alexander of Alexandria. Then he said to Alexander: "O brother, I leave you as my most worthy successor." He then took the hand of Archdeacon Athanasius (later Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria) and praised him before all. After this prophecy, Metrophanes sought forgiveness from all and within 10 days gave up his soul to God, in the year 325 A.D.

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June 4, 2023
The Great and Holy Feast of Pentecost

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 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-52, 8:12

Saints of the Day

Metrophanes, first patriarch of Constantinople; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Righteous Lazarus.

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, Jun. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jun. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jun. 4th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, Jun. 4th – Kneeling Vespers, immediately following liturgy.

Saturday, Jun. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jun. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jun. 17th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Jun. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jun. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jun. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Jun. 28th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, July. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.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...

"The lot puts an end to disputes and decides between powerful contenders." Proverbs 18:18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There is no fasting during the week following the Feast 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 wished to be remembered to the church office as soon as possible.

On Wednesday, June 28, we, God willing shall have a Vespertine Divine Liturgy at 6:30 P.M. for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

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