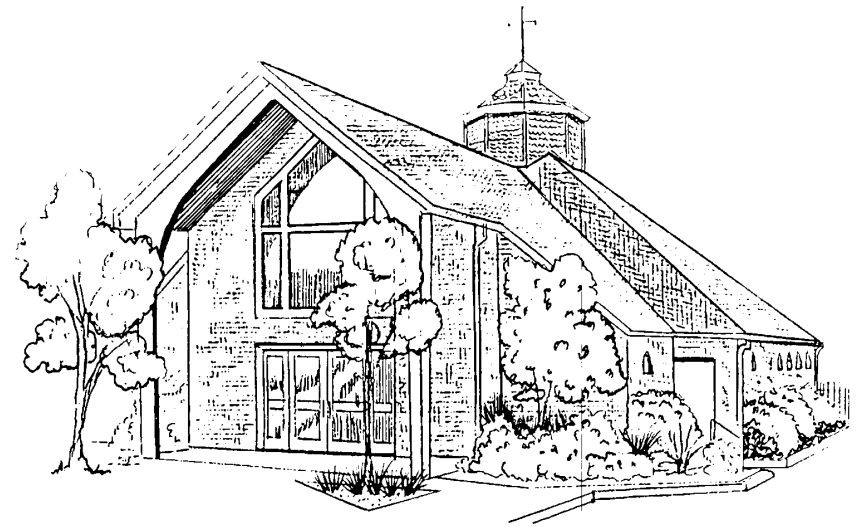


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The Holy Apostle Bartholomew

Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Great Apostles. In all probability, it appears that Bartholomew and Nathaniel are one and the same person. Together with the Apostle Philip and Philip's sister, the virgin Mariamna--and for a time with St. John the Theologian--Bartholomew preached the Gospel first throughout Asia, then in India and finally in Armenia, where he died a martyr's death. In Hierapolis, these holy apostles, by prayer, caused the death of a large serpent that the heathens kept in their temple and worshipped. In this same city, by prayer, they restored sight to Stachius, who had been blind for 40 years. It was here that a mob rose up against them and crucified Philip and Bartholomew. (Bartholomew was crucified upside down). At this time, there occurred an earthquake in which the evil judges and many people perished. Feeling that this was a punishment from God, many ran to remove the apostles from the crosses, but Philip was already dead, although Bartholomew was still alive. After this, Bartholomew went to India, where he preached and translated the Gospel of St. Matthew into the Indian language. Then he entered Armenia, where he cured the king's daughter of insanity. But the envious brother of King Astyages seized God's apostle, crucified him on a cross, skinned him, and finally beheaded him in Armenian Albanopolis [Derbend]. Christians honorably buried his body in a lead coffin. Because many miracles occurred over his relics, the pagans took the coffin and cast it into the sea. But the water carried the coffin to the Island of Lipara, where Bishop Agathon, through a revelation in a dream, met it and buried it in the church. St. Bartholomew, attired in a white garment, appeared in church to the Venerable Joseph the Hymnographer and blessed him with the Gospel, that he might be able to sing spiritual hymns, saying: "Let heavenly waters of wisdom flow from your tongue!" He also appeared to Emperor Anastasius (491-518 A.D.) and told him that he would protect the newly established town of Dara. Later, the relics of this great apostle were translated to Benevento and then to Rome. Great and awesome miracles have occurred over these relics.

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



June 11, 2023
The Sunday of All Saints

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: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

Saints of the Day

Holy, Glorious Apostles Barnabas and Bartholomew; Barnabas of Basa in Cyprus and Barnabas of Vetulga; Commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Athos and the Revelation of the Hymn "It is Truly Meet."

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, as we anticipated in the budget, our new property insurance premiums are going to exceed \$40,000 during the next 12 months. The premiums are paid quarterly and will put a strain on our ability to pay for the regular monthly expenses of approximately \$10,000. As we enter the summer months, when our income is generally less, please assist us by keeping up your regular pledge payments. Thank you for your generous support of the Parish. We are confident that the Lord will provide for our needs with your assistance, as always--Rob Booms.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
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.
Saturday, July 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

Following the Pentecost Liturgy, we joined together in the so-called Kneeling Prayers. Orthodox people do not kneel often, and this is the first time after Pascha that we kneel. These prayers are read in church only once a year. They were written by St. Basil the Great, our patron saint. The prayers are intended to serve as a transition from the joy and celebration of Pascha to the day-to-day focus on repentance required of us. The prayers are very long and beautiful and are best appreciated as devotional reading during this time of the Church year. There are three prayers. The first is addressed to God the Father. The second addresses our Lord Jesus and invokes the Holy Spirit. The third prayer recalls the Lord's saving grace for both the living and the dead. The Kneeling Prayers are easily found on the internet and are especially suitable for reading aloud during family prayers. In the words of the first Kneeling Prayer, "O tranquil haven of the storm tossed... make known to me the way wherein I should walk. Grant to my reasoning the Spirit of Thy wisdom and give the Spirit of understanding to my foolishness. Overshadow my deeds with the Spirit of Thy fear and renew a right Spirit within me...that I may be vouchsafed to keep Thy commandments and always to remember Thy glorious coming-again." --Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"A brother helped is like a strong city, but quarreling is like the bars of a castle." Proverbs 18:19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to everyone, especially the AMEN Fellowship and the members of our Coffee Hour Team 3, who provided us with a wonderful lunch on the Great Feast of Pentecost. God bless you.

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

The **Apostles Fast** begins on Monday, June 12 and ends on June 29 with the celebration of the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. The traditional fasting discipline is observed.

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.

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.

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

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 2. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 3