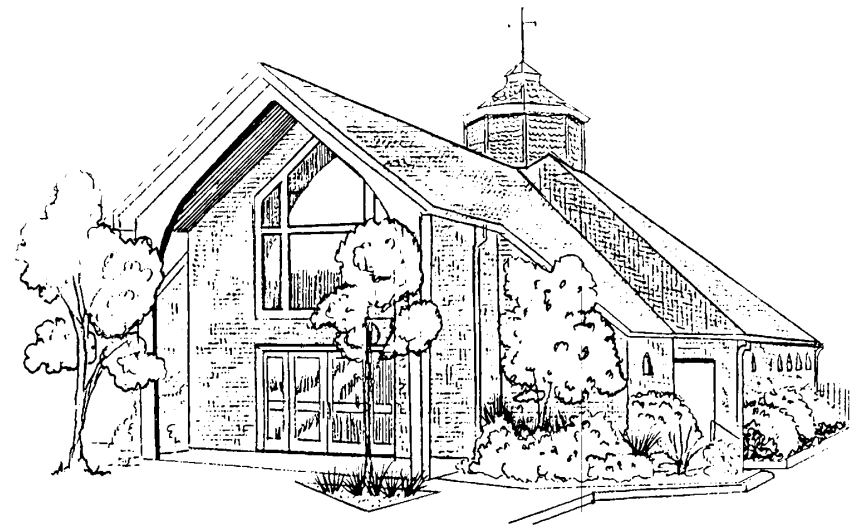


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The placing of the girdle (robe) of the All Holy Birth-Giver of God
in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople

In the time of Emperor Leo the Great (457-474 A.D.) and Empress Verina and Patriarch Gennadius, two noblemen from Constantinople, Galibus and Candidus, were traveling in the Holy Land to venerate the holy places. They stopped in Nazareth for a while, at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the robe of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing of their sufferings through prayer and by touching the robe. Galibus and Candidus brought this holy object to Constantinople and reported it to the emperor and patriarch. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The robe was solemnly placed in the Church of Blachernae. (This church had been built by Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria on the shore of an inlet, and was called Blachernae after Blacheran, a commander from Scetis, who had been slain there.) This feast was instituted in remembrance of the placing of the robe of the All-Holy Birth-giver of God in the Church of Blachernae.

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July 2, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Matthew

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 9:1-7

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:5-13

Saints of the Day

The commemoration of the placing of the Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae; Juvenaly, archbishop of Jerusalem; the New-martyrs of Samothrace; repose of Job, first patriarch of Moscow; Swithun, bishop of Winchester; John Maximovitch, wonder-worker of Shanghai and San Francisco.

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, 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.
Saturday, July. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July. 22nd – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, July. 23rd – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July. 29th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, July. 30th – 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...

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits" Proverbs 18:21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their July meeting next Sunday, July 9, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Fr. Peter, God willing, will be attending the Archdiocese Convention in July. Great Vespers is cancelled for Saturdays, July 22 and 29. A Typica Service is scheduled for Sunday, July 23.

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.

A message from the Ladies Guild

The ladies Guild would like to inform you of some upcoming events. On Saturday July 8th the ladies will meet at French Press on Airline (between Clearview and Cleary Ave.) for 3pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together, have coffee and talk. All the ladies are invited and we would love to see you there. The next date to look for is September 10th. The ladies will have an Ice Cream social on that day so be on the lookout for tickets that should go on sale in mid-July. The last date to keep an eye on is November 5th; we are planning a bake sale. If anyone is interested in helping with baking or have any questions, please see one of our lovely members. We will have our pre-order forms ready for everyone by September 3rd. As always—Tania Russell

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