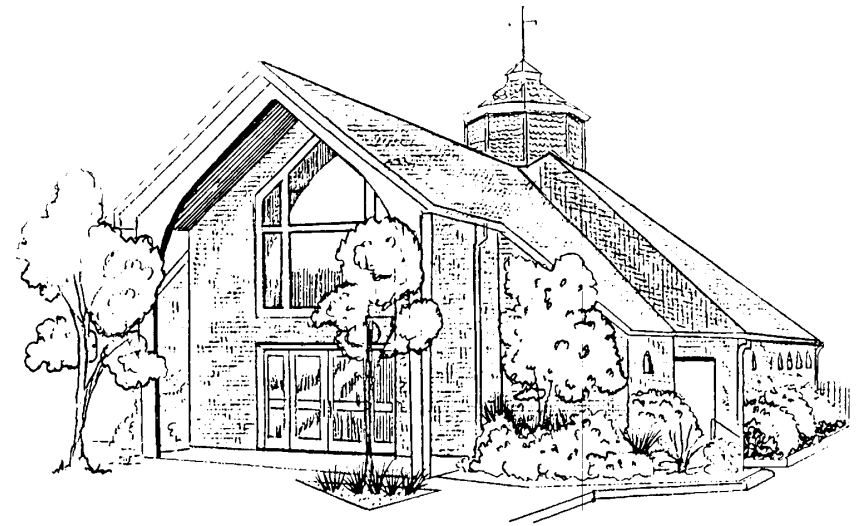


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The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch

Lucian was born of noble parents in the Syrian city of Samosata. In his youth, he acquired a very broad education, both secular and spiritual. He was a man distinguished in learning, as well as in the austerity of his ascetic life. Having distributed his goods to the poor, Lucian supported himself by compiling instructive works, and thus fed himself by the work of his hands. He performed a great service to the Church in that he corrected many Hebrew texts in Holy Scripture (that heretics, in accordance with their own false teaching, had distorted). Because of his learning and spirituality, he was ordained a presbyter in Antioch. During Maximian's persecution, when St. Anthimus of Nicomedia and St. Peter of Alexandria were tortured, St. Lucian was on the list of those the emperor wanted to kill. Lucian fled the city and hid, but an envious heretical priest, Pancratius, reported him. The persecution was horrible and not even young children were spared. Two boys who did not want to eat food sacrificed to idols were thrown into a boiling bath, where in torments they gave up their holy souls to God. A disciple of Lucian named Pelagia (October 8) preserved her virginal purity from dissolute attackers by praying to God on her roof-top: she gave up her soul to Him, and her body fell from the roof. Lucian was brought to Nicomedia before the emperor. Along the way, his counsels converted 40 soldiers to the Christian Faith, and all died a martyr's death. Following interrogation and flogging, St. Lucian was cast into prison where he suffered starvation. St. John Chrysostom writes of St. Lucian: "He scorned hunger: let us also scorn luxury and destroy the power of the stomach that we may, when the time that requires such courage comes for us, be prepared in advance by the help of a lesser ascesis, to show ourselves glorious at the time of battle." He received Holy Communion in prison on the Feast of Theophany, and on the following day rendered his soul to God. St. Lucian suffered on January 7, 311.

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October 15, 2023
Sunday of the 7th 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: Titus 3:8-15

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15

Saints of the Day

Great-martyr Nikita the Goth; Martyr Porphyrios the Mime; Vissarion, bishop of Larisa; New-martyr John of Crete; Venerable Philotheos and Gerasimos; Joseph the New of Partos, the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Timisoara. Venerable Symeon, archbishop of Thessalonica.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear parishioners, we have been able to pay all the insurance premiums for the year. A new shed was donated. Volunteers changed light bulbs in high places, made church repairs and cleaned the church and parish hall. The Ladies' Guild had a successful ice cream social. A splendid lunch was prepared for Bishop NICHOLAS and he was warmly received by all. Many good things done by many good people. Thank you and let us bless the Lord for allowing us to minister to each other in this place--Rob Booms, Council Chairman.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 14th - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 15th - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 21st - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 22nd - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 28th - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 29th - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 4th - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 5th - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 11th - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 12th - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



There are some important messages and prayers contained in the large icons of the church. Behind the altar table, there are icons of four saints. Each is holding a scroll. St. James, the brother of our Lord, admonishes us "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." St. John Chrysostom's scroll proclaims "It is meet and right to hymn thee, to bless thee, to praise thee, to give thanks to thee, and to worship thee in every place of thy dominion." Our patron St. Basil's icon invokes the Lord to "Unite all of us to one another who become partakers of the one bread and cup." There is also an icon of St. Gregory Dialogos, a Pope of Rome from 590 to 604 A.D. He is the author of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. His scroll is a prayer that the Lord "Look upon us thine unworthy servants who stand at this holy altar as at thy cherubimic throne." In the iconostasis, St. Herman of Alaska urges that "From this day, from this hour, from this minute, let us love God above all." St. Anthony the Great observes that "A great work for a man is repenting of his sins before God and expecting temptation to his last breath." As we reflect on these iconic messages, may the meditations of our hearts be always acceptable unto thee, O Lord. ---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“Good sense makes a man slow to anger, and it is glory to overlook an offense.” Proverbs 19:11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Oct. 15, we, God willing, will have our annual Archdiocese-wide, second collection for our seminaries.

The Parish Council is scheduled to hold its October meeting on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members, please attend.

The Ladies Guild will have a Spaghetti Dinner on Nov. 5th. The dinners are \$10 age 6 & up and free for 5 & under, and will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad and a dessert. Tickets are on sale now! For tickets and more information, please see Tania Russell.

With God’s help, we will have a mini-retreat after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 19. Fr. Peter will speak in-depth on the Church’s teachings on personhood and what it is to be male and female. Everyone is invited to participate.

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.

Today’s Coffee Hour: Team 3. Thank you. Next Week: Team 4.