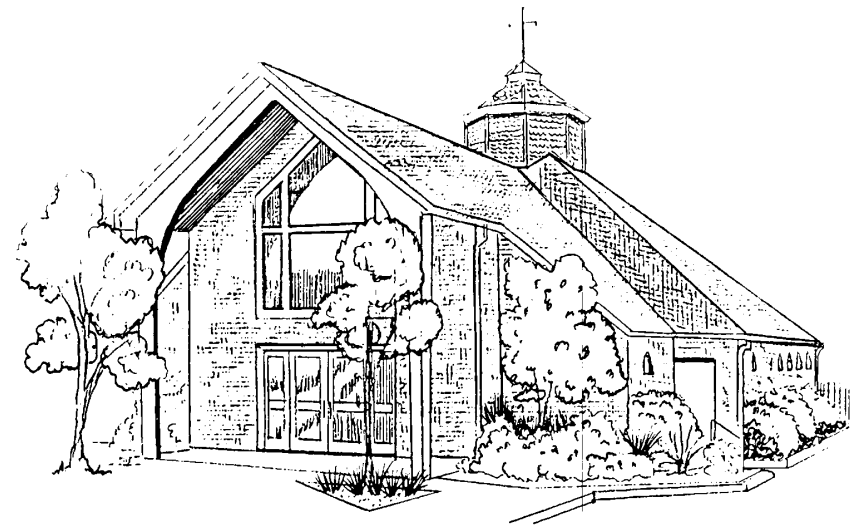


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St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

Epiphanius was a Jew by birth and, witnessing the Faith of Christ, was baptized with his sister Callithrope. At age 26, he was tonsured a monk in the monastery of St. Hilarion. Later, he established a separate monastery where he became famous throughout all of Palestine and Egypt because of his asceticism, spiritual wisdom and miracle-working. Fleeing from the glory of men, Epiphanius withdrew to Egypt. Enroute, he met up with the great Paphnutius who predicted that he would become bishop on the island of Cyprus. Indeed, after many years, by the Divine Providence of God, Epiphanius arrived at Cyprus where he, unexpectedly was chosen as bishop. At the age of 60, he became the bishop of Salamis and, as such, governed the Church of God for 55 years. He lived a total of 115 years on this earth and rested from this life so as to live eternally in the kingdom of Christ. Before his death, he was summoned to Constantinople by Emperor Arcadius and his wife Eudoxia to an assembly of bishops, which, according to the wish of the emperor and the empress, should have condemned St. John Chrysostom. Arriving in Constantinople, Epiphanius went directly to the palace of the emperor where the emperor and empress detained him for a long while trying to persuade him to declare himself against Chrysostom. The citizens and Chrysostom heard that Epiphanius agreed with the emperor against Chrysostom. That is why Chrysostom wrote him a letter: "Brother Epiphanius, I heard that you advised the emperor that I be exiled; know ye, that you will never see your throne again." To that Epiphanius replied to him: "O suffering John, withstand insults; know ye, that you will never reach the place to which you are exiled." And both prophecies of these saints were quickly fulfilled. Not wanting to agree in anyway with the emperor to the exile of Chrysostom, Epiphanius secretly boarded a boat and departed for Cyprus, but he died on the boat. The emperor banished Chrysostom into exile to Armenia. But, this saint died enroute. St. Epiphanius rested in the year 403 A.D. Among the many works of St. Epiphanius, the most famous is the Medicine Chest [Panarium] in which 80 heresies are listed and refuted.

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May 12, 2024
Thomas Sunday

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 of the Apostles 5:12-20

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Saints of the Day

Germanos, patriarch of Constantinople, Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus; Venerable Theodore of Kythera; New-martyr John of Wallachia; Hermogenes, patriarch of Moscow; Removal of the Sacred Relics of St. Joachim "Papoulakis" of Vatopaidi.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, the following persons will serve as your Parish Council until the next annual meeting in 2025: Fr. Peter Nugent, Sevin Russell (Chairman), Stephen Pituch (Vice-Chairman), Bill Harrison (Treasurer), Elias Ioup (Secretary), Laurie Bolanos, Therese Dagher, Mark Fleming, Natalia Flint & Yordan Yordanov. Please pray for them, support them in their work and contact them if you have any questions or concerns about the Parish.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



For the devout Orthodox believer, there are unlimited liturgical resources from which to draw strength. After the Great Lent, the penitential Triodion chants are left behind. A new historic text, the Pentecostarian, is used for worship services from the Great Sunday of Pascha until the Sunday of All Saints. The known authors are mostly from the 10th century. They include St. John Damascene, St. Andrew of Crete, and St. Joseph the Hymnographer. The first manuscript texts were in Greek and brought to the Kiev Caves Monastery in the eleventh century. The predominant theme of the Pentecostarian is water, including accounts of the miracles at the Sheep's Pool, the Well of Jacob, and the Pool of Siloam. The emphasis is on illumination, especially for those newly baptized during this season. The faithful are taught that Christ is the Living Water, received at Baptism and at the Eucharist, for the remission of sins and everlasting life. Many texts of the Pentecostarian are available online and are a rich source for prayer. From Matins of the Wednesday of Mid Pentecost: "With the streams of Thy Blood do Thou water my soul, which is grown dry and barren because of mine iniquities and offenses and show it forth to be fruitful in virtues. For Thou didst tell all to draw nigh Thee, O all-holy Word of God, and to draw forth the water of in-corruption...for Thou art truly the Well-spring of life for all." —Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"The hearing ear and seeing eye, the LORD has made them both."
Proverbs 20:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies Guild is raffling off two bowls made by Dwight Gillis. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be held on May 12, 2024. For more information, please see Tania Russell.

Trisagion prayers, God willing, shall be offered on Sunday, May 12, for the departed mothers and ladies of the parish. Please forward their names to the church office and identify them as either Orthodox or nonOrthodox Christians.

The Parish Life Conference for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast is June 12-15, 2024. Those persons interested in attending should go to www.DOMSE.org for registration and more information.

Fr. Peter will meet with the catechumens after coffee hour on Sunday, May 26. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 2. **Next Week:** Team 3.