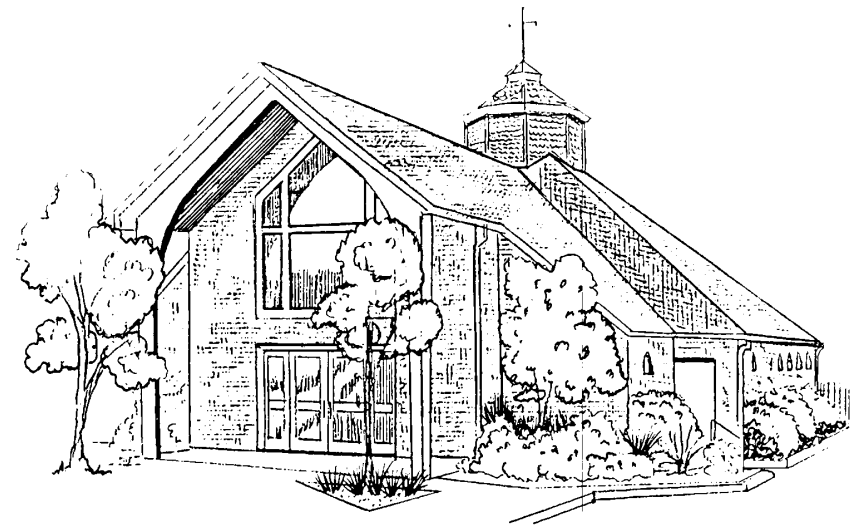


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The Holy Apostles Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Paramenas

All four were numbered among the Seven Deacons and the Seventy Apostles. The remaining deacons were Stephen, Philip and Nicholas. Stephen, the first martyr, is commemorated separately on December 27 and Philip on October 11. Because of his heresy, Nicholas did not enter into the ranks of the saints. The first four do not have a separate day of celebration but are commemorated on this one day, July 28. St. Prochorus was ordained by the Apostle Peter to be the bishop of Nicomedia. For a time, he was in the service of St. John the Evangelist and, on the Island of Patmos, copied the Book of Revelation which he heard from the mouth of St. John. After that he returned to Nicomedia where he exerted much effort and labor to convert the people to the Faith. He died a martyr's death in Antioch where he was slain by unbelievers. St. Nicanor suffered in Jerusalem the same day as St. Stephen the Archdeacon and, soon after him, 2,000 other Christians were slain by the wicked Jews. St. Timon was a bishop in Arabia and suffered on the cross for Christ. St. Paramenas died before the eyes of the apostles and was mourned and buried by them.

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July 28, 2024
5th 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: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

Saints of the Day

Prochoros, Nikanor, Timon and Parmenas, deacons and Apostles of the Seventy; Venerable Paul, founder of Xeropotamou and St. Paul monasteries on Athos; Venerable Irene of Chrysovalantou; Pitirim, bishop of Tambov.

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, July 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, Aug. 5th – Great Vespers, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Aug. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thurs., Aug. 15th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wed. Aug. 28th – Vespertal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



After Pentecost, Orthodox believers do not look for great feasts until the Transfiguration. But this season truly begins with the Great Vespers served after the Pentecost Liturgy. Known as the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost, this service is meant to prepare us for the challenges of life in the coming months. It contains three prayers written by St. Basil in the 4th century. They are read aloud quickly by the priest. Since they are long and said while kneeling (in some Orthodox churches on a bare floor), it is sometimes difficult to appreciate these prayers. Yet they are powerful. They seek forgiveness of sins, guidance in keeping the commandments and salvation for those who have departed. The Kneeling Prayers are included in the Liturgikon published by the Antiochian Orthodox Church, but are also available online. During this time after Pentecost, their beautiful language is a gold mine for private devotions. From the First Prayer: “Thou art our God, but since our days have passed in vanity, we have been stripped of thine help, we have been deprived of every defense. But emboldened by thy compassions, we call out: Remember not the sins our youth and our ignorance and cleanse thou us of our secret sins, cast us not away in time of old age; when our strength faileth, forsake us not...make us worthy to turn again unto thee, and attend to us in favor and grace.”—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“Do not say, “I will repay evil”; wait for the LORD, and he will help you.”

Proverbs 20:21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, Fr. Peter will meet with the **catechumens** and **inquirers** on Sunday, July 28, after coffee hour. The meeting is open to everyone.

God willing, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** shall visit our parish on Monday, August 5. The ladies of the parish are invited to meet with His Grace from 9-11 A.M.; the youth are invited to meet with him from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M. and have lunch with him at that time. The men are invited to meet with him from 1-3 P.M. Liturgy will be celebrated that evening for the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. More information to follow.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated for the feast of the **Dormition of the Theotokos** at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, on Thursday, Aug. 15.

God willing, a **Vesperal Divine Liturgy** shall be celebrated for the feast of the Beheading of the Forerunner at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, August 28.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 4. **Next Week:** Team 1.