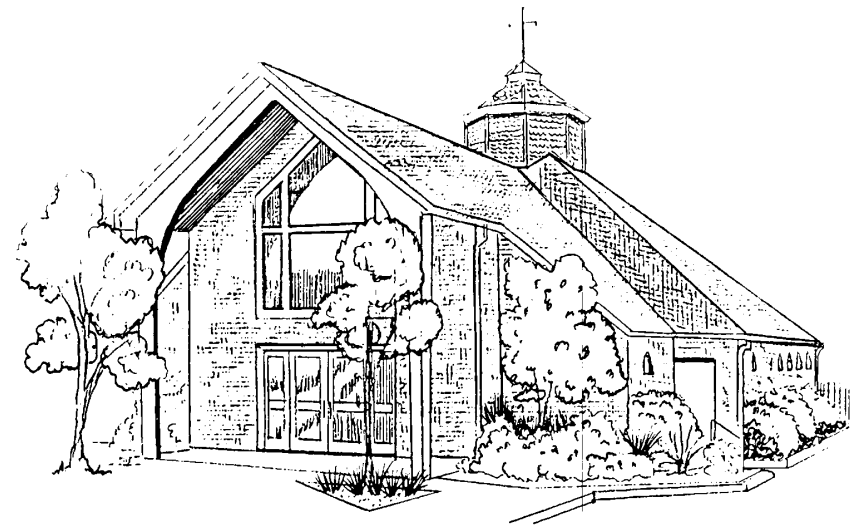


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The Venerable Gerasimus the New

Gerasimus was from Trikala in the Peloponnese of the prominent Notaras family. He was born in 1509. He lived a life of asceticism on Mount Athos, and then in Palestine, where he fasted for 40 days. After that, he settled on the island of Cephalonia, where he founded a convent. By his prayer he brought down rain, healed the sick, and foretold the future. He rested in the Lord on August 15, 1579. Gerasimus was a miracle-worker both during his life and after his repose.

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October 20, 2024
The 16th Sunday After Pentecost
The 6th Sunday of St. Luke

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: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1.

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39.

Saints of the Day

Great-martyr Artemios at Antioch; Martyrs Ebores and Enoës of Persia; Martyrs Zebinas, Gemanus, Nicephorus, Antoninus and Manatho the Virgin; Gerasimos the New Ascetic and Wonder-worker of Kephallenia; Venerable Matrona of Chios; Artemius of Verkola.

Spiritual Counsels...

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart." Proverbs 21:2

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thurs., Nov. 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

On November 8, the Holy Orthodox Church observes the "Synaxis of all Angels." It is a special observance to remind us that humans are sheltered by heavenly hosts.

St. Basil the Great teaches that a guardian angel is placed in charge of every believer providing we do not drive the angel away. The angel is assigned to us at birth with the special task of protecting us from harm and to guide us through life. Children are especially sheltered since their angels "always behold the face of God the Father." Matt.18:10. The Psalms assure us that an angel of the Lord surrounds those who fear God and protects them from harm." Ps. 34:7. In addition, Psalm 91:11 promises that God shall give his angels charge over us and to safeguard us. Every Sunday we pray for "an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies." Most Orthodox prayer books contain a special "Canon to the Guardian Angel." We are invited, indeed urged, to have a special relationship with our guardian angel. On Mondays of every week and on November 8 of every year, let us pray in the words of the Canon:

"O Holy Angel of God, my holy Guardian, keep my life in the fear of Christ God; strengthen my mind in the true way; and wound my soul with heavenly love, so that guarded by Thee, I may obtain of Christ God the great mercy."—Theo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to the Middle Eastern ladies of the parish who organized and provided our **50th Anniversary fundraiser** this past Sunday. Thank you as well to everyone who supported them by buying meals, assisting with cooking, cleanup, purchases, etc. May God bless you all.

An Archdiocese-wide **second collection** for hurricane relief will be taken up today.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their October meeting today, Oct. 20, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

A **men's workday** for the parish is planned for Saturday, Oct. 26, beginning at 7:00 A.M. They will be cleaning gutters and removing unwanted plants from the courtyard. Ladders, gardening equipment and trashbags are needed. All men of the parish are encouraged to help. Thank you.

A **Fall Retreat** is planned for Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2 with the **Very Reverend Father John Oliver** as our featured speaker. The topic is "The Indescribable Wonder of Being a Christian: the Virgin Mary as Our Guide". The first session is on Friday, Nov. 1, at 7:00 P.M. On Saturday, Nov. 2, Coffee is available from 9:30-10:00 A.M. and the second session is from 10:00-11:30 A.M. Lunch is from 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The final session begins at 1:00 P.M. and will be, God willing, the first stasis for the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos.

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