

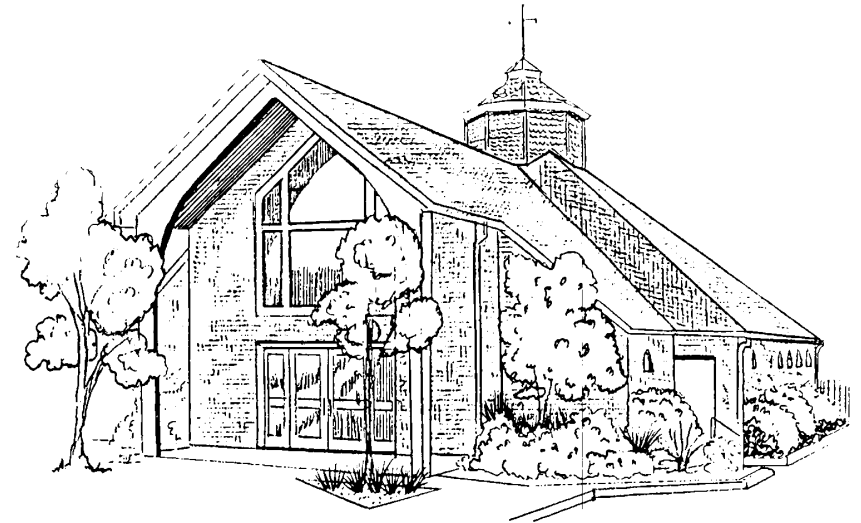
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The Feast of the Icon of our Lady Nursing the Christ Child
(Mlekopitatelnitsa)

This is the name of the icon of the All-Holy Mother of God, which the Serbian St. Sava [Sabas] brought from the Monastery of St. Sabas the Sanctified, near Jerusalem. And so, the prophecy spoken of by St. Sabas the Sanctified, some 800 years earlier, that a certain Serbian priest by the name of Sava [Sabas] will come and that this icon and his crozier (staff) be given to him, was fulfilled. When St. Sava the Serbian visited the Monastery of St. Sabas the Sanctified, the monks recalled the prophecy of the founder of their monastery and gave to Sava the Serbian this icon and crozier. This icon [Mlekopitatelnica] was placed on the right side of the Royal Doors on the iconostasis, in Sava's hermitage [Isposnica-House of Silence] in Karayes [Mt. Athos] and the crosier placed in an adjacent cell known as the "Paterica."

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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January 12, 2025
The Sunday after Theophany

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: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 4:12-17

Saints of the Day

Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those with her; Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine; Virgin-Martyr Euthasia; Martyr Mertios of Mauretania.

Spiritual Counsels...

"A gift in secret averts anger; and a bribe in the bosom, strong wrath." – Proverbs 21:14

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Friday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Jan. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Jan. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 1st – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Feb. 2nd – Readers Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Feb. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



St. Cosmas the Aetolian attracted thousands of Orthodox followers in Greece and Albania during the 1700's. Murdered by the Turks in 1779, he was declared a saint and martyr in 1961. He taught that making the Sign of the Cross should be seen as an opportunity for prayer. After joining the three fingers of the right hand together, we should touch the forehead and say "Just as the angels glorify the Holy Trinity in heaven, so I, an unworthy servant, glorify and worship the Holy Trinity. Just as the fingers are three, and yet one, so is the Holy Trinity three persons and one God." Next, when we touch the breast, we say "I worship you and adore you, my Lord, because you humbled yourself and became incarnate in the womb of the Theotokos for my sins." When we touch the right shoulder, we pray "I beg you, my God, forgive me and place me on your right together with the just." When we touch the left shoulder, we say "I beg you, my Lord, do not place me on your left with the sinners." After this, bending down to the ground, we pray "I glorify you, my God. I worship and adore you, for just as you were placed in the grave, so will I be." And finally, standing up straight again, say "I glorify and worship you my Lord, for you rose from the dead, granting us eternal life."—Theo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boxed sets of donation envelopes for 2025, along with calendars, pledge forms and house blessing forms are in the dining room of the Church Hall for each household in the parish. Please get yours today. Additional forms and calendars are available.

Please contact Fr. Peter if you wish to have your home blessed.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their January meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated for the **Feast of St. Anthony the Great** at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, on Friday, Jan. 17.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their January meeting next Sunday, Jan. 19th, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Ladies Guild News - The ladies will have their annual gift exchange/game on January 19, 2025, after coffee hour. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend. Please keep gifts to \$20 or under. If you would like to bring a light snack or finger food to share, it would be most welcome.

The subject of the **availability and pricing of the 3-day candles** was discussed in the Parish Council meeting on Sunday, December 22, 2024. As a result of this discussion, **the Parish Council voted upon and approved a price increase of these candles.** The new price of the 3-day candles, effective January 1, 2025, is **\$5 per candle.** Your assistance in making the adjustment to this price is requested. Thank you and God bless you.

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