

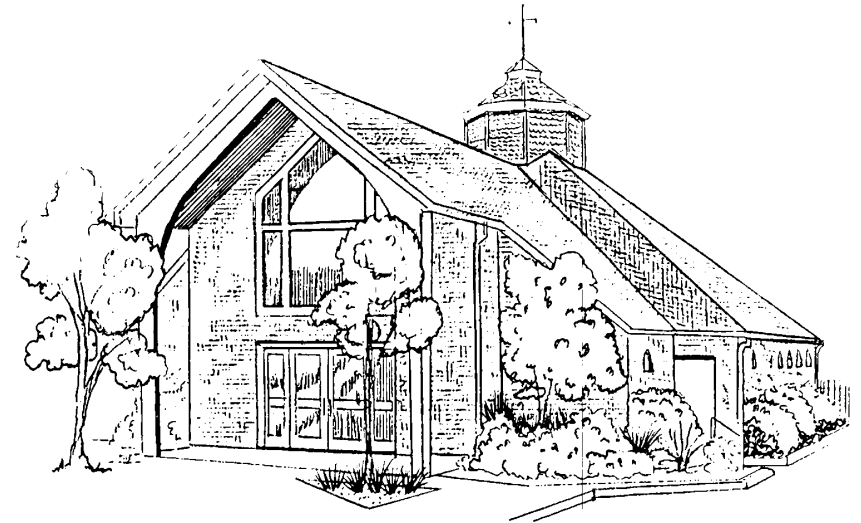
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The Holy 120 Martyrs, who suffered in Persia

When the Persian Emperor Sapor plundered the lands of Byzantium, he enslaved 120 Christians. Since his attempts to persuade them to deny Christ and worship fire proved to be in vain, the emperor tossed them into the fire and burned them alive. Among those martyrs, were nine virgins dedicated to God. They all suffered honorably between the years 344 A.D. and 347 A.D. and took up habitation in the mansions of Christ the King.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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April 6, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

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: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Reading: St. Mark 10:32-45

Saints of the Day

Mary of Egypt, Eutychios, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Platonida of Nisibis in Syria; Venerable Gregory Byzantios of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable-martyr Gennadios of Dionysiou monastery on Athos; the Martyrs of Samothrace; Methodios, archbishop of Maravia and enlightener of the Slavs.

Spiritual Counsels...

The desire of the sluggard kills him for his hands refuse to labor. – Proverbs 21:25



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

As we Orthodox Christians run to Great Lent's finishing line, it is well to contemplate questions posed by St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (1749-1809). St. Nicodemus, who was glorified in 1955, practiced inner stillness as a monk at Mt. Athos for over 30 years. In his meditations he observes: "My salvation is a matter entirely my own. If I do not have concern for it, who else will? My salvation is a matter concerning my whole soul and body. If I do not make sure of my salvation, who else will make sure it for me? My salvation is a matter concerning all eternity. If I do not work for it, who else will work for it for me? And what do I do? Why don't I care at all for the salvation of my soul? I do not have anything worth more than this immortal soul. So, if I lose it just one time, I will have lost the greatest good for all eternity. I ask my conscience: For what purpose did God bring me into the world? It replies that God brought me into the world for me to be saved. Condemn the evil you have committed and decide to live according to the commandments of the Lord, for this very hour may be the last hour of your life. Give thanks to the Lord for having mercy on you and for giving you time for repentance."—Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 9th – Presanctified Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Sat., April 12th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, April 13th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 14th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Apr. 15th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 16th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 17th – Vespertal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 17th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 18th – Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.

Friday, April 18th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 18th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 19th – Vespertal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Saturday, April 19th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sun., April 20th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 AM
Sunday, April 20th – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 24. From that date until PASCHA, it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 3, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 13).

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health & salvation of the soul & body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great & Holy PASCHA, then please make every effort to care for your soul & have confession at least once during Great Lent.

The ladies are raffling off a basket full of goodies. The drawing will be held on Palm Sunday (April 13) during coffee hour. Tickets are available for \$5 each or 3 for \$12.

Parents and teachers, please note there is no Church School on Sundays, April 13 and April 20.

As Great Lent draws to a close, please remember to return your **Food For Hungry People coin boxes**. The proceeds will be sent to

the Archdiocese office for distribution. Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

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

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their April meeting Sunday, April 27, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Bookstore News: Purchases can now be made using the QR code by the clipboard in the bookstore area. Please see **Kathleen Field** or **Elias Ioup** for more information. (Remember to jot down your items on the clipboard, however you may pay for them.)

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 1. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 2.