

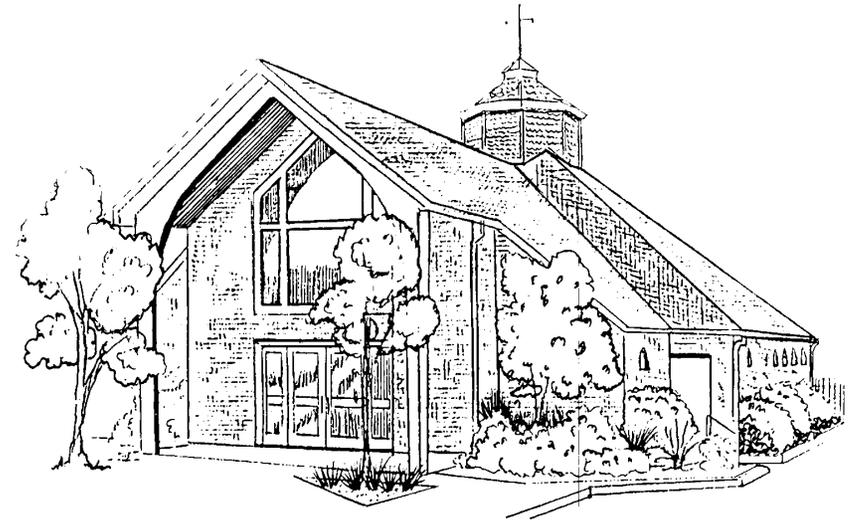
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The Priest-Martyr Artemon

Artemon was a priest in Laodicea during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. Before his tormenting judge, he spoke of himself: "I am called Artemon, a slave of Christ, my God. For 16 years I was a lector and read books in the Church of my God. For 28 years, I was a deacon and read the Holy Gospel. With the help of Christ, I have fulfilled 33 years as a presbyter teaching men and placing them on the path of salvation." The judge brought him to the temple of Aesculapius, where the soothsayers nursed large reptiles dedicated to this "god." They all assumed that the snakes would bite Artemon. Artemon crossed himself, and by the power of the cross, nailed all the snakes to the ground rendering them unable to move. After that, he brought them all out into the courtyard, breathed upon them and all of them died instantly. All of the soothsayers were in great fear. Upon seeing this miracle, Vitalis, the chief soothsayer of this temple, fell to his knees before Artemon and cried out: "Great is the Christian God!" The martyr then baptized him along with several of his friends. The malicious judge remained persistent in his malice and tortured the aged Artemon in various ways. Once, he wanted to throw him into a vat of boiling pitch but, he fell off his horse into the pitch and he himself was incinerated. Two eagles were seen who swooped down upon the judge, lifted him from the horse and dropped him into the pitch. St. Artemon remained free for a period of time and traveled about, always accompanied with his two beloved deer, and instructed the people. Again, he was captured and was beheaded in the year 303 A.D. and his soul took up habitation in the Kingdom of Christ our God, Whom St. Artemon faithfully served.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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April 13, 2025
The Sunday of Palms

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: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel Reading: St. John 12:1-18

Saints of the Day

Martin the Confessor, pope of Rome; Martyr Eleutherios of Persia; Martyrs Zoilos of Rome and Theodosios; Hieromartyr Artemon, presbyter of Laodicea in Syria.

Spiritual Counsels...

All day long the wicked covets, but the righteous gives and does not hold back. – Proverbs 21:26



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

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 – Vespereal 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 – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

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.

Saturday, May 10th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, May 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Guild is providing fried fish for Palm Sunday (April 13). They welcome side dishes from anyone who would like to bring something. Remember fish and oil are permitted on that day. Donations to help with the cost of the fish are appreciated.

The Ladies Guild is also raffling off a basket full of goodies. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$12. For more details, please see Tania Russell.

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 **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 2. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 3.