

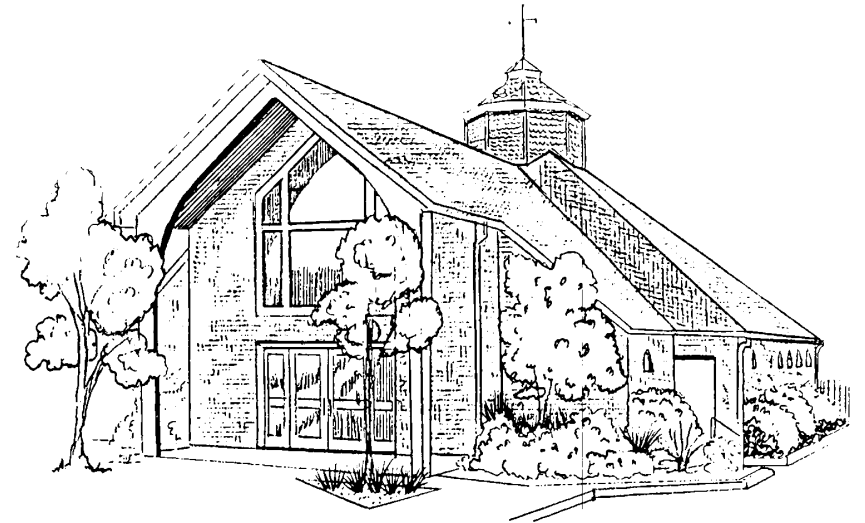
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St Janik of Devic

He was a Serb from Zeta. As a young man, overcome with love for Christ, he left his home and went off to the region of the Ibar, to the mouth of the Black River, to a narrow cave in which, according to tradition, St. Peter of Korisa had lived in asceticism before him. But when his fame began to spread among the people, he fled to Drnica and hid himself in the thick forest of Devic. St Janik spent years there in solitude, silence and prayer. According to tradition, the Serbian Prince George Brankovic brought his mad daughter to him, and the saint healed her. In gratitude, George built a monastery in that place known today by the name of Devic. Here are kept Janik's holy and wonderworking relics. In this monastery there lived almost to the present day a famous and godly nun, Euphemia, better-known in the Kosovo region as Blessed Stojna. She entered into rest in the Lord in 1895.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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April 26, 2026
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers

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.

*As we move into the summer months, the weather is always very warm. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, "spaghetti" strap garments, sleeveless or "tanktop" type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

Epistle Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel Reading: St. Mark 15:43-16:8

Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea with Venerable Glaphyra;
Stephen, bishop of Perm; Venerable Ioanikios of Devitch in Serbia.

Spiritual Counsels...

A wise man is mightier than a strong man, and a man of knowledge than he who has strength; for by wise guidance, you can wage your war and in abundance of counselors there is victory. – Prov. 24:5, 6

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Most English-speaking Orthodox Christians have used the Orthodox Study Bible (OSB) since it first published the Old and New Testament in one volume in 2008. For the Old Testament, it provides an English translation of the Greek Septuagint prepared by the St. Athanasius Academy of Orthodox Theology. The Septuagint is the earliest Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible used by Jesus and the Apostles. For the New Testament, the Orthodox Study Bible offers the New King James Version (NKJV), a revision of the King James Bible, based on the Greek New Testament written during the first two centuries of Christianity. The NKJV was the product of Protestant translators. Since the OSB, other Orthodox bibles have become available. St. Ignatius Orthodox Press has published the **Orthodox Lectionary Bible**. This bible is organized in accordance with the Lectionary of the Orthodox Church. It is helpful for those who wish to follow the Church's recommended daily readings. However, because it follows the Lectionary, it is not a complete bible. The NewRome Press has published the **Holy Bible Reader's Edition**. It contains a new literal English Language Septuagint and the Eastern Orthodox New Testament from the Greek church. For a New Testament only, the Holy Apostles Convent offers **The Orthodox New Testament** in two volumes as well as a one volume pocket edition. For the serious Orthodox bible student, many choices are now available. May the words of the Holy Scripture inspire and enlighten us all —Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25th – No Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 2nd – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, May 3rd – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, May 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no fasting until Friday, May 22nd.

God willing, Father will be out of town from April 28 until May 7. Should you need the assistance of a priest, please call Fr. George Wilson at 504-282-0259.

God willing, the **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold its May meeting on Sunday, May 10th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

God willing, the **Parish Council** shall hold its May meeting on Sunday, May 17th, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Thursday, May 21, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Ascension of our Lord**.

God willing, Fr. Peter will meet with all **inquirers and catechumens** after coffee hour on Sunday, May 24th, in the nave of the church. The discussion is open to everyone.

Next meeting for **The Art of Myrrh Bearing** will be **May 2nd** at 11 am. This meeting will be held in the church hall of St. Basil's. This meeting will start part 3 MYRRHBEARERS IN ACTION. We will focus on the Introduction on p. 165 through Herman of Alaska ending on p. 234. June 6th will conclude our book study, time and place will be announced prior to that meeting. Please see Tania Russell for more information.

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

Our Littlest Members

Christ said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). In the Orthodox Church, we embrace and welcome our littlest parishioners to join in the Divine Liturgy. They are our future and we want them raised from birth involved in the liturgical experience.

While generally, silence and stillness are valued in worship, the noise of children, especially if they are playfully making noise or expressing themselves, is often viewed as a part of the joyful and vibrant nature of Orthodox worship. It is considered "Holy Noise."

The beautiful, resonating sound of our children's cooing or laughter is warming to our hearts.

However, if your child should become fussy, out of control, or inconsolable, please be respectful to those around you and leave the Nave to provide comfort for our little member. They can be brought outside or to St. Basil's Comfort Room. Once consoled and in good spirits, return with our sweet parishioner to resume the liturgy.

Please also remember that there is **NO FOOD** allowed in church and that includes baby formula (bottle-feeding) and snacks. If our little one is hungry, please bring them to the St. Basil's Comfort Room to feed them. The exception to that is our breastfed little ones. Breastfeeding during worship services is acceptable, but with a focus on discretion and modesty.

To our parents of little ones, we join you in loving prayer and support as you raise the next generation of Orthodox believers. GOD BLESS YOU!

ST. BASIL-NORTHSHORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

God being our helper, the Northshore Orthodox community shall have their next worship service at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, May 17, at 5:00 P.M. The address is 4499 Sharp Road, Mandeville, Louisiana, 70471. Everyone is welcome to the occasion, Orthodox Christians as well as non-Orthodox. Food and drinks are welcome for the social hour afterward. The following dates of worship are Sundays, June 21, and July 12, at St. Michael Church at 5:00 P.M.