

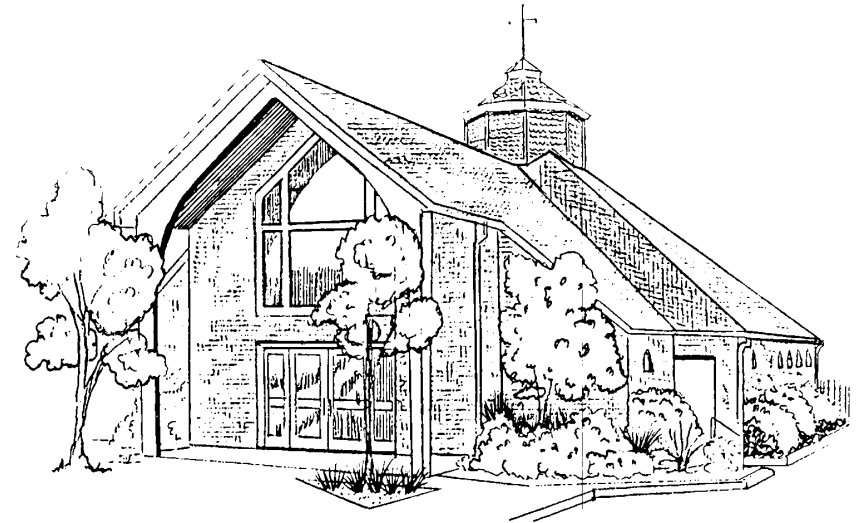
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The Venerable Michael of Maleinos

Michael was a wealthy man of noble birth. Rejecting earthly goods in his youth, he withdrew to Mt. Malea, near Mt. Athos, where he lived a life of asceticism, purifying his heart through fasting and prayer. Later on, he had many disciples, of which the most prominent was St. Athanasius the Athonite. Michael died peacefully about the year 940 A.D.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



July 12, 2026
The 6th Sunday of St. Matthew

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.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. 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: Romans 12:6-14

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 9:1-8

Saints of the Day

Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra; Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by our Lord; Venerable Father Paisios the New of Athos.

Spiritual Counsels...

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the Lord see it, and be displeased, and turn away his anger from him. – Prov. 24:17, 18



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

Since most parishioners never enter the Sanctuary, little is known by most Orthodox about the furnishings behind the Iconostasis. On the Altar, there is always a rectangular cloth called the Antimension. In Greek, the word means “in place of a table.” It depicts the Entombment of Christ. The four Evangelists are shown in the corners. Sewn into it is a small relic of a Saint. (At St. Basil, the Antimension contains a relic of St. James the Apostle). The Antimension identifies the church name, the date the Antimension was issued and the Bishop’s signature. This cloth is, in effect, the permission slip for celebrating the Eucharist at a particular Orthodox church. Such cloths have been in use since the late 12th century when clergy, in addition to Bishops, were needed to celebrate the Eucharist. Ordinarily, the Antimension is not removed from the Altar. As a consecrated object, it may only be touched by a Bishop. Priest or Deacon. In emergencies, or with the Bishop’s permission, the Antimension may be used as a portable Altar. St. Basil has been granted the right to use its Antimension for the celebration of the Eucharist at the Northshore Mission. During the Liturgy, the Antimension is unfolded and the Eucharist is celebrated upon it. When not in use, the Antimension stays under the Gospel book on the Altar folded within a second wine-colored cloth known as the Eiliton. Thanks be to God for our Mother Church. — Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, Aug. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, Aug. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, the **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold its July meeting today, July 12th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

God willing, the **Parish Council** shall hold its July meeting on Sunday, July 19th, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

The **Dormition Fast** begins Saturday, August 1st, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Thursday, Aug. 6th, for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, and an allowance for alcohol and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The fast ends on the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on Saturday, August 15.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord**.

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

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 Sunday, July 12, 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 encouraged for the social hour afterward. The next dates of worship are Saturdays, August 8, September 12, October 24, November 14, and December 12, at St. Michael Church at 10:00 A.M.