

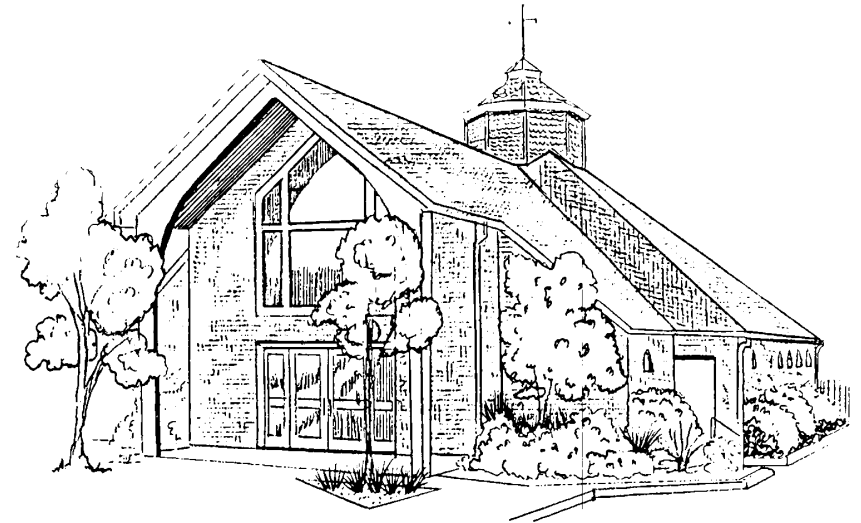
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The Holy Martyrs Macrobios and Gordian

They were from Paphlagonia. They began as imperial attendants, but when they declared themselves Christians, the emperor banished them to Scythia. There, they were thrown into a fire at a place called New Danube, in the year 320.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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September 13, 2026
The Forefeast of, and the Sunday before, the
Elevation of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross

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 Orthodox Christians** it is always appropriate to stand (still) at the following times: the beginning and ending of all divine services, during a censuring of any kind, when the Holy Gospel is being read or when the homily is given, when others are receiving Holy Communion, during a blessing, e.g., "Peace be to all." Likewise, if you arrive at church during the reading of an epistle, gospel or the homily, please remain in the narthex until the homily is finished, then quietly seat yourself. Of course, if you have physical limitations, exceptions are understood.*

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel Reading: St. John 3:13-17

Saints of the Day

The commemoration of the founding of the church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem; Hieromartyr Cornelios the centurion; Martyr Aristeidos; Venerable Hierotheos the Younger of Iviron monastery on Athos; Great-martyr Ketevan, queen of Georgia; Six Martyrs at Tomi in Romania.

Spiritual Counsels...

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. – Prov. 25:2



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

One of the great feasts of the Orthodox Church is celebrated on September 14, the Elevation of the Holy Cross. It commemorates the finding of Christ's Cross in 326 A.D. by the Byzantine Empress Helen, mother of St. Constantine the Great. The whereabouts of the Cross was unknown until St. Helen found a flower of rare beauty and fragrance in the area where the crucifixion took place. Upon excavation of the ground, three crosses were found along with a sign which read "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." To find the cross on which Christ had died, a very sick woman was asked to kiss all three crosses. When she kissed the third cross, she was immediately restored to health. The Persians captured the Cross as a prize of war when they sacked Jerusalem in 614 A.D., but it was recovered 26 years later and placed in the Church of Resurrection in Jerusalem. Over the years, possession of the True Cross changed hands many times and parts of it, even splinters, became relics. One such relic is believed to reside in the Stavrovouni Monastery in Cyprus. The feast day is observed by fasting and repentance. At the Divine Liturgy, a Cross is placed on a tray surrounded by flowers. Orthodox Christians rededicate themselves to the Crucified Christ by making three prostrations before it while chanting: **"Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify"**. — Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

Monday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 19th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Sept. 20th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Wed., Sept. 23rd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fast Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.

God willing, the **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold its September meeting today, Sept. 13th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 14th, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**.

God willing, Fr. Peter shall be out of town from Thursday, Sept. 17, until Sunday, Sept. 20. Should you need the assistance of an Orthodox priest, please contact Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral at 504-282-0259.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Conception of St. John the Baptist**.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY September 27 Tickets \$5 now available
Enjoy a yummy treat and support your LADIES GUILD!

You choose your toppings (cherries, whipped cream, gummy bears, brownies, etc) to create a delicious sundae! See Tania, Jane, Michelle, or Rhonda for tickets.

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

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 Saturday, October 24, at 10:00 A.M. The address is 4499 Sharp Road, Mandeville, Louisiana, 70471. Everyone is welcome, Orthodox Christians as well as non-Orthodox. Food and drinks are encouraged for the social hour afterward. The next dates of worship are Saturdays, November 14, and December 12, at St. Michael Church at 10:00 A.M.