

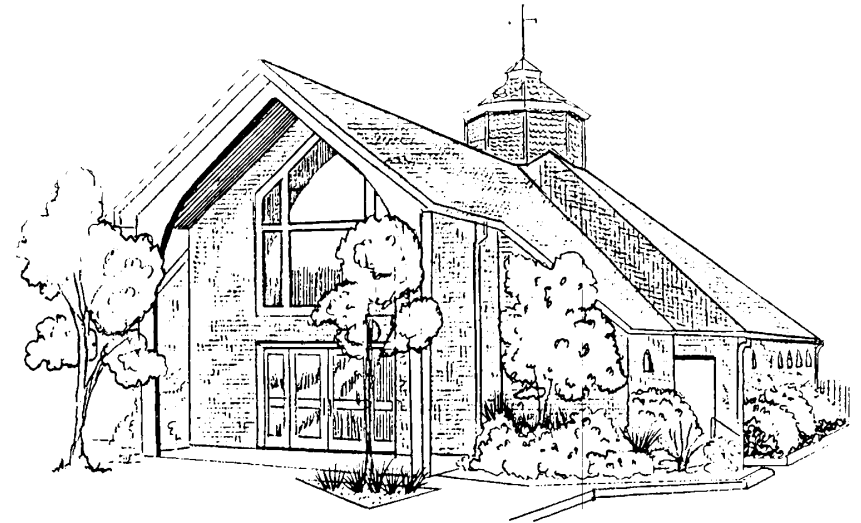
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St. Stefan Štiljanovic

Stefan was a Serbian despot, born of the Pastrovic clan. He governed the Serbian people during a most difficult period, struggling courageously against the Turks and the Latins. A righteous man and a patriot, this wonderful prince could be compared with St. Alexander Nevsky, or with the holy King Jovan Vladimir. He entered into rest in the 16th century (according to some, in 1515). Over his grave a light appeared at night, by which means his holy relics were discovered. They were brought to the Monastery of Šisatovac in Fruska Gora, where they repose for a long time. During the Second World War, St. Stefan's relics were transported to Belgrade and placed in the Cathedral Church beside the body of Prince Lazar. The prince's wife, Helena, seeing Stefan's incorrupt relics and witnessing miracles arising from the relics, was tonsured a nun, and gave herself over to asceticism until death.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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October 4, 2026
The 2nd Sunday of St. Luke

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 censing 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: II Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 6:31-36

Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens; Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria; Apostle Krispos of the Seventy; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria; uncovering of the relics of Gurios, first archbishop of Kazan; Barsanouphios, bishop of Tver; Martyrs Stephen (Stiljanovich) and Elizabeth of Serbia.

Spiritual Counsels...

Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. – Prov. 25:4, 5



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, 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.

Saturday, Oct. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

God willing, the **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold its October meeting on Sunday, Oct. 11th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

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

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.