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The Holy Martyr Diomedes [Diomidius]

Diomedes was of prominent birth and a physician from Tarsus. Healing the people, Diomedes taught them about the Faith of Christ. Emperor Diocletian ordered him beheaded in Nicaea in the year 298 A.D. Those who beheaded him and brought his head to the emperor were blinded and when they returned the head to the body and prayed, they were made whole again.

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August 16, 2020
The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
The 10th Sunday of 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: 1 Corinthians: 4:9-16

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 17:14-23

Saints of the Day

The commemoration of the icon not-made-by-hands of our Lord in Edessa. Martyrs Diomedes the physician of Tarsus in Cilicia and Alkiviades; Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephallenia; Timothy, bishop of Epiros; New-martyrs Nikodemos of Meteora and Apostolos (Stamatios) of St. Laurence; the New-martyrs of Magaris.

A Message from the Parish Council on the Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners,

St. Basil has always been a good citizen of Metairie and Jefferson Parish. The Lord has blessed us with no active cases of the corona virus. We have acted cautiously, made our weekly worship available through live-streaming on the internet and provided additional sanitary measures. Sadly, the virus seems to be taking another swing at the community. Our Governor and Parish President have asked us to take additional and stricter precautions. Starting on Sunday, July 5, we are asking that all persons wear a facemask in church or in the parish hall. The only

exceptions are the priest, the subdeacon, the acolytes and choir members during the liturgy when their duties require it. In addition, we ask that parishioners in the pews sit 6 feet apart unless they are members of the same family. We will have a limited supply of facemasks if you did not bring your own. Thank you for cooperation—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

Making the Sign of the Cross, Part 2



Last time, I gave you some simple guidelines on how and when to make the sign of the cross. Remember to form the right hand by putting the tips of the thumb and the first two fingers together. They represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The other two fingers are placed in the palm of the hand. They represent the human and divine natures of our Lord Jesus descending upon Earth. Here are some other times the sign of the cross should always be made:

8. At the words “Let us worship,” Worship,” and “We fall down...”
9. When the priest blesses the people with the Cross or the Gospel.
10. Before the dismissal, at the words “Glory to thee, O Christ God.”
11. At the dismissal: May Christ our True God...”

The sign of the cross is **not** to be made when the priest says “Peace be to all,” The blessing of the Lord be upon you,” and “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...” but a bow is made instead. In some Orthodox churches, there are also times when the sign of the cross is made with a metania (bow), a deep bend at the waist followed by a touching of the ground with the right hand. This practice is not common at St.

Basil but you should free to do so if it is within your tradition! May your worship be glorious—God bless all, Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“The mocker does not care to be reprimanded, he will not choose the wise for his companions.” – Prov. 15:12

Today’s Ushers: ???. **Next Week: ???.**

Today’s coffee hour: Team #2. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team #3.

As of August 5, 2020, 43 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$85,460. The donations for July 2020 totaled \$8,181.43. The expenses were \$17,325.49, for an end-of-month balance of \$26,022.57. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar candle is offered today by Charles and Yazmin for the health of **Charles, Yazmin**, the **Incaprera** and **Kaim** families, **Santos Reyes** family, **Namra** and **Michael** (many years); and for the repose of **Mary** and **Henry Kaim, Ruth** and **Michael Incaprera, Habous** and **Kamel Nacim, Namer** and **David Nacim, Hubert** and **Arlene** (memory eternal) on the occasion of the birthday of Charles’ father **Dr. Frank Incaprera**.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their August meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

God willing, we shall celebrate the Feast of the **Beheading of St. John the Baptist** on Saturday, Aug. 29. Please see the worship schedule for more information.

Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church.