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St. Michael the Prince and St. Theodore the Boyar

Prince Michael of Chernigov visited the Tartar horde with Theodore, his Boyar, at the invitation of Khan Batu. Since they refused to follow the Tartar custom of passing through fire and worshiping idols before gaining audience with the king, they were beheaded. This occurred in the year 1244. Their relics, witnesses of their martyric death for Christ the Lord, repose in the Church of the Archangel in Moscow.

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September 20, 2020
The Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy 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.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer and early fall months of the year. 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: Galatians: 2:16-20

Gospel Reading: St. Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Saints of the Day

Great-martyr Eustathios and his family; Venerable-martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete on Athos; Venerable John of Crete; Martyrs Michael, prince of Chernigov, and his councilor Theodore.

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, Sept. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 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 – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Oct. 4th – Typica Service, 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.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family under your altar likes to gather after supper to study a chapter or two from the Holy Bible. Members of the family take turns reading chapters aloud. We use the Orthodox Study Bible, which we call the “OSB.” This bible first came out in 1993 and has been approved for use by the Greek, Antiochian and OCA churches and was highly recommended by Metropolitan PHILIP. The OSB was the result of a unique collaboration of Orthodox scholars including Fr. Peter Gillquist and Fr. Thomas Hopko. It contains a good article by Bishop KALLISTOS (Ware) on how to read the bible and other study articles. There are many notes and commentaries, which clarify the Orthodox viewpoint on important passages in the bible. The OSB also contains 12 icons and an introduction to the Orthodox Church. It has maps and a glossary of bible terms. A good feature is the daily lectionary so that you can follow the recommended church calendar readings throughout the year. Orthodox morning and evening prayers are also included. Critics say that the OSB could have been a better Orthodox bible but none say that it is not theologically sound. The Parish bookstore usually has copies or it can be purchased on line. May you and your family find it helpful on your Orthodox journey. Blessings to all—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“Better a dish of herbs when love is there than a fattened ox and hatred to go with it.” – Prov. 15:17

Today’s Ushers: Rose Hrabar. **Next Week:** Mihai Leustean.

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

As of Sept 11, 2020, 44 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$86,950. The donations for August 2020 totaled \$9,832.65. The expenses were \$10,290.28, for an end-of-month balance of \$25,564.94. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled today after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church.