

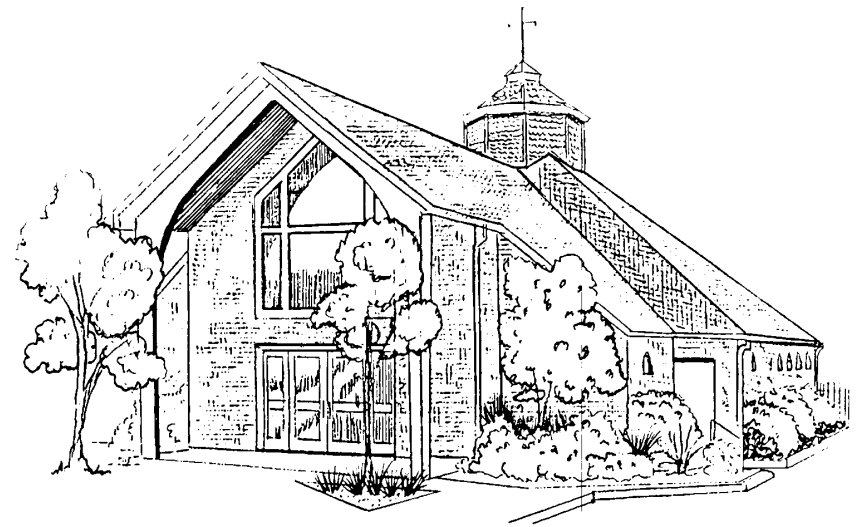
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The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon

In the third century, during the reign of Emperor Probus, when Atticus was governing Antioch, two Christians, Trophimus and Sabbatius, both eminent and honorable citizens, came to that city. They arrived just as a pagan festival and sacrificial offerings to the idol of Apollo were taking place at nearby Daphne. Atticus made every effort to ensure that all citizens took part in this festivity. When someone noticed that Trophimus and Sabbatius were not participating in the festivity, he told Atticus. Atticus brought them to trial, and when they refused to renounce Christ he subjected them to tortures, one after the other. After he beat and tortured Trophimus, Atticus sent him to Phrygia to Dionysius, an even crueler torturer of Christians. Then Atticus took Sabbatius from prison and began to try him. When the torturer asked Sabbatius who he was and what his rank was, he replied: "My rank and dignity and homeland and glory and wealth is Christ, the Son of God, Who lives forever, and by Whose providence the universe exists and is governed." For that, he was beaten and torn and scraped with an iron implement until the bones showed through beneath his flesh. Under these tortures he reposed. In Phrygia, the torturer Dionysius subjected Trophimus to great torture, then kept him in prison for even greater tortures. A certain senator Dorymedon, a secret Christian, came to the prison and ministered to Trophimus. When the torturer learned of this, he began to torture both of them in the same way, and finally threw them to the wild beasts, but the wild beasts did not touch them. Holy Dorymedon even shouted at the she-bear, pulling her ears so that she would tear him apart, but in spite of all that, the bear became gentler. In the end, the torturer ordered that Saints Trophimus and Dorymedon be beheaded with the sword. The souls of both of these holy martyrs now reign in heaven.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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September 19, 2021

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.

In our tradition... *we stand as long as the Holy Eucharist is in the nave; we are in the presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We remain standing as communicants come forward to receive the Holy Gifts. Of course, if you have a physical disability or are unable to stand due to pain, please do sit as necessary. Otherwise, we should always stand at this time.*

Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-20

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

Saints of the Day

Martyrs Trophimos, Dorymedon, Savvatos and Susanna; Theodore, prince of Smolensk, and his sons David and Constantine, wonderworkers of Yaroslav; Hieromartyr Plato the New of Patmos; Theodore of Tarsus, archbishop of Canterbury.

A Message from the Parish Council on the Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners, unfortunately, the COVID virus remains a problem for Louisianans. Unvaccinated persons and children under 12 are especially vulnerable. Governor Edwards has requested that masks be worn at all public gatherings. For this reason, as well as the previous directions from the Antiochian Archdiocese, we recommend that you wear a face mask in church except when receiving communion. In the Parish Hall, please wear a face mask unless you are drinking a beverage or eating food. Persons who are involved in the Liturgy and the Choir need not wear a mask while performing their duties. Please re-refrain from attending church if you are feeling unwell or are running a fever. We will have a limited supply of face masks if you did not bring your own. Thank you for your cooperation—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, Sept. 19th – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10:45 A.M.

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

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

Saturday, Oct. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family under the altar thinks that one of the most beautiful services in the Orthodox Church is the short memorial service offered for the departed just before or after the Liturgy. It may occur on the 3rd, 9th, or 40th day after death or at the one-year anniversary of the date of death.

Kollyva, a dish of boiled wheat, is often prepared and placed on a memorial table with an icon of our Lord and lit candles. During the service, the priest will swing a censer continuously as prayers are recited. Grieving persons will hold lighted candles and, at the end, join in the singing of Memory Eternal. The candles are then placed in the candle stands before the Iconostasis as a reminder that everyone present will also give up their souls in the end. The Kollyva is later shared with members of the congregation. Anyone who wishes to observe this tradition should contact Father Peter in advance to make the arrangements. May the Lord have mercy on the souls of all our departed loved ones. God bless all—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“The king’s wrath is the herald of death, but a wise man will appease it.”

– Proverbs 16:14

Today’s Ushers: Pam Nugent. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

Today’s coffee hour: Parish-wide Potluck. **Next Sunday:** Team 4.



The Bookstore Bee

This month in St. Basil's bookstore, we hope you notice the wide variety of books we have in our bookcases, from learning more about the Orthodox faith and books for our new catechumens to learning more on the Divine Liturgy or lives of the saints. The bookstore has also donated quite a few books to our parish library. **Charles** and **Yazmin Incaprerá** have graciously taken the time to revamp the library and put it back in order. If you have any questions on ordering books from the bookstore or checking out books from the library, please see **April Pituch**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome our father in Christ, **His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH** and Subdeacon Elio Nicholas who are visiting our parish today. May God grant His Eminence many years!

Church School begins on Sunday, Sept. 26, God willing. Teachers, please see Fr. Peter after services on Sunday.

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through July 2021 totaled \$106,743.17. The expenses through July 2021 are \$113,294.06.