

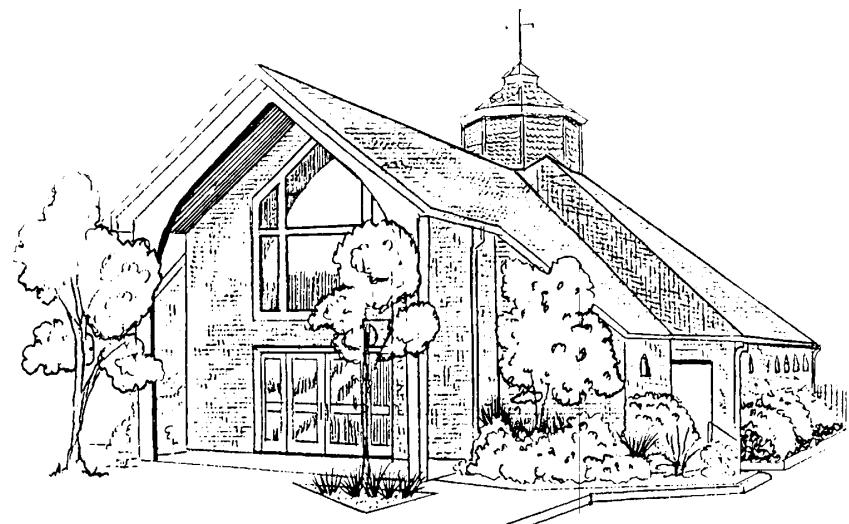
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The Venerable Procopius - Decapolit

This saint was from Decapolis [Ten Cities] surrounding the Sea of Galilea for which he was called "Decapolit." In his youth, he devoted himself to a life of asceticism and accomplished all prescribed efforts, by which the heart is purified and the spirit elevated to God. When a persecution began by the nefarious Emperor Leo Isaurian regarding icons, Procopius rose up in defense of icons showing that the veneration of icons is not idolatry; for Christians know that honoring icons they do not either bow down or honor lifeless material but rather honor living saints who are depicted on the icons. Because of that, Procopius was arrested, brutally tortured, flogged and scraped with an iron brush. When the wicked Emperor Leo was slain in the body, [for he had lost his soul earlier], icons were restored in the churches and Procopius returned to his monastery where he spent the remainder of his days in peace. In old age, he was translated into the kingdom of God where he gazes with joy upon the living angels and saints, whose images on icons he honored on earth. He died peacefully in the ninth century.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid



February 27, 2022
The Sunday of the Last Judgment

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... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 25:31-46

Saints of the Day

Venerable Prokopios the Confessor of Decapolis; Martyrs Gelasios of Heliopolis and Nisos; New-martyr Elias; repose of Raphael, bishop of Brooklyn.

A Message from the Parish Council on Parish Hall Repairs

Dear Parishioners, the Parish Council has decided to replace the damaged shingle roof on the Parish Hall with a metal roof like the one we have on the church. While a metal roof is more expensive, we believe it will pay off in the long run as we will surely be dealing with more hurricanes in the future. We accepted a bid (the lower of two) from the same contractor who put the metal roof on the church. That roof has served us well. The roof replacement will cost about \$80,000. Insurance, donations from the Archdiocese, the Diocese and other angels will cover most of the cost but we also need to make repairs to the restrooms. We will, at least temporarily, need to dip into reserve funds. The roof repairs

will be done in the spring. Restroom repairs cannot be made until the roof is restored. Please prayerfully consider these financial needs as you make your annual pledge. Thank you and God bless our Parish—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 26th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 9th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 11th – Akathist Hymn (1st Stasis), 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Wednesday, March 16th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 18th – Akathist Hymn (2nd Stasis), 6:30 P.M.

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

Sunday, March 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, March 23rd – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, March 25th – Akathist Hymn (3rd Stasis), 6:30 P.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family noticed on Sunday that some parishioners were wearing a small black bracelet on the left wrist. We learned that it was a prayer rope (mishaha in Arabic, chotki in Russian, komboskini in Greek). They come in many sizes but the one most commonly used by lay people is a small wool rope with 33 knots, representing the years in the life of our

Lord on earth. Each knot is specially made out of seven smaller crosses to foil the devil who tried to untie the prayer cross used by St. Anthony the Great. The rope is black and has a knitted cross to remind us of the need to repent for our sins. When not worn on the wrist, the prayer rope is in the left hand with the thumb and forefinger grasping the knots, leaving the right hand free to make the sign of the cross. The faithful say the Jesus Prayer for each knot. The Orthodox Church has provided its members with this useful tool so that we may follow St. Paul's admonition "to pray without ceasing." May your use of a prayer rope be a blessing to you and serve to deepen your faith—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"He who closes his eyes meditates mischief; he who purses his lips has already done wrong." – Proverbs 16:30

Today's Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Dwight Gillis.

Today's coffee hour: Catered Luncheon. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **catered luncheon** will be provided on Sunday, February 27, after Divine Liturgy. Tickets are \$12 for persons 12 years of age and older, and \$8 for persons under 12 years of age. Dine-in or to-go meals are available. The menu includes roast beef, stuffed cabbage rolls (w/vegetables), Arabic rice, soft drinks, iced tea, and baklava. A vegetarian option is available. Please see **Alexa Hamauei** for tickets. Donations for food, supplies, etc., are welcomed. The proceeds shall be used for parish hall repairs.

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 28. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 7, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 17).

The **line of forgiveness** will be held at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 6. Everyone is encouraged, but not required, to participate. As everyone exchanges forgiveness with one another, hymns will be sung. There should be no talking except for asking one another for forgiveness.

Fr. Peter will meet with inquirers and catechumens next Sunday, March 6, in the church after coffee hour. The discussion is open to everyone.

Our annual **Wine and Cheese Social** shall be held on Cheesefare Sunday, March 6, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

The procession of icons on **Orthodoxy Sunday** (March 13) will occur, God willing, at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Members of the parish are invited to bring an icon from home and participate in the procession along with the children of the parish.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then please make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the many years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you, place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for March 20, 2022, after Divine Liturgy and shall convene in the Church. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish, are eligible to vote.

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 27. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through January 2022 totaled \$43,472.81. The expenses through January 2022 are \$15,934.83.