

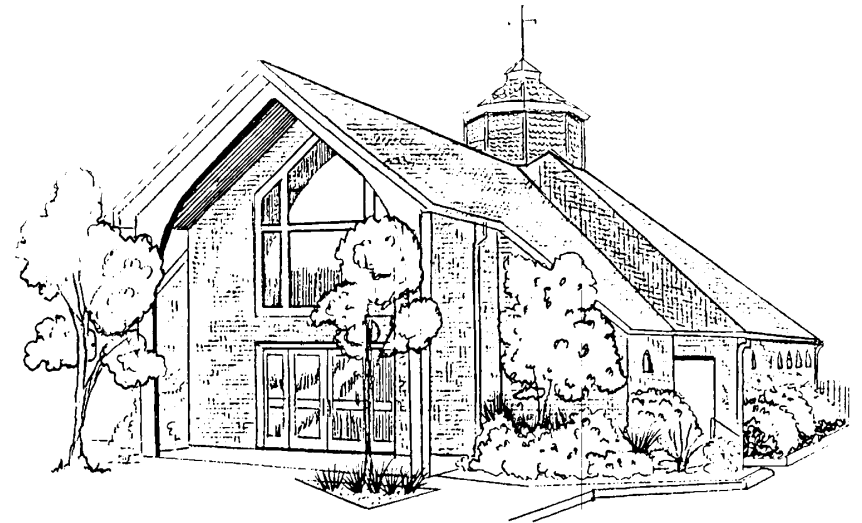
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**The Venerable David of Thessalonika**

David was Born in Thessalonica. At first he lived in asceticism near Thessalonica in a hut built beneath an almond tree. Later he continued his asceticism in Thessaly. So much did he purify himself by fasting, prayer and vigils that he was made worthy to receive great grace from God. Once he took live coals in his hand, placed incense on the coals and censured the emperor without any injury to his hand. Seeing this, the emperor bowed down to the ground before him. The people were amazed by his numerous miracles. He reposed peacefully and took up his habitation in eternal blessedness in the year 540.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

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**June 26, 2022**  
**The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*As we move into the summer months, the weather is always very warm. 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:** Romans 2:10-16  
**Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 4:18-23

## Saints of the Day

Venerable David of Thessalonika; John, bishop of the Goths in the Crimea.

## A Message from the Parish Council on Parish Hall Repairs

Dear Parishioners, thank you for your generous support of the Parish since Hurricane Ida. We are now in the middle of making the necessary repairs. The Parish Hall is getting a new metal roof. The men's room will see new fixtures and repairs. Parts of the Parish Hall will be re-stuccoed and painted. The narthex of our temple will soon have a beautiful new icon of the Transfiguration written by Cheryl Pituch. All of this in the 45th year in the life of our Parish. Thanks be to God! --Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

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## Spiritual Counsels...

"Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife" – Proverbs 17:1

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.  
Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.  
Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.  
Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



On Cheesefare or Forgiveness Sunday, the possum family was watching the forgiveness line through a crack under the altar. We heard people ask each other for forgiveness by saying "forgive me a sinner," and the response, "God forgives. I forgive. God forgive us all." We saw everyone kissing each other on the cheeks three times. But why forgive people you may never have offended and with whom you may not need to be reconciled? The Orthodox Church teaches that the forgiveness line ritual serves to remind us that all of us have sinned and all are called to forgive the sins of others. Studies have shown that, within a church, the ritual helps to resolve petty squabbles and builds a sense of community. How blessed Orthodox people are to be in a church where everyone can exchange a kiss of peace and actively seek reconciliation for slights and wrongs. Having experienced this, Orthodox believers are taught humility and better equipped for spiritual growth--Theo

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Council shall hold its June meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Wednesday, June 29, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

The Apostles Fast began on Monday, June 20, and ends on Tuesday, June 28, inclusively.

**Parish Financial Summary:** The donations through May 2022 totaled \$107,008.09. The expenses through May 2022 are \$103,549.29.