

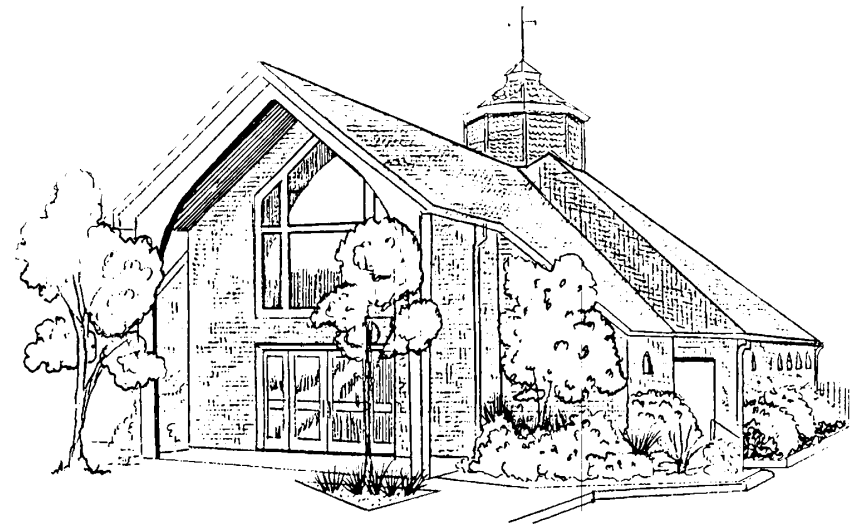
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St. Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna on Crete

From his youth, Eumenius wholeheartedly followed Christ, freeing himself of two heavy burdens: the burden of wealth and the burden of the flesh. He freed himself of the first burden by distributing his entire estate to the poor and needy, and the second burden by strict fasting. In this way, he first healed himself and, then, began to heal others. Passionless and filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Eumenius shone with a light that could not be hidden. As it is written, A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid (Matthew 5:14), so the holy Eumenius could not be hidden from the world. Witnessing his goodness, the people chose him as Bishop of Gortyna, and he governed the flock of Christ as a good shepherd. He was a father to the poor, wealth to the needy, consolation to the sorrowful, a healer of the sick and a most wonderful miracle-worker. By his prayers, he worked many miracles: he subdued a poisonous serpent, cast out demons and healed many of the sick, and he did this not only in his own town, but also in Rome and in the Thebaid. In a time of drought in the Thebaid, he obtained rain from God by prayer. There, in the Thebaid, his earthly life ended, and he took up his habitation in the eternal home of his Lord. He lived and labored in the seventh century.

from: The Prologue of Ochrid

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September 18, 2022
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... *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: Galatians 2:16-20

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

Saints of the Day

Eumenios the wonder-worker, bishop of Gortyna; Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, we are close to finishing the repairs to the Parish Hall needed after Hurricane Ida. The Parish Hall has a new metal roof which is warranted for 30 years. The Men's Restroom was completely redone. When it is completed, the Women's Restroom will have new plumbing fixtures and partitions. Throughout the Parish Hall, you will notice fresh paint and repair of cracks in the stucco. New faucets will be installed in the kitchen sinks. The Narthex in the church has been repainted to complement the new Transfiguration icon. All of this has been made possible with insurance moneys and generous gifts from the Archdiocese, the Diocese and private donors. We anticipate that all this work will be completed without needing any funds from our savings. Thanks be to God--Rob Booms

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 1st – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Oct. 2nd – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



After the liturgy one Sunday, while in our den under the altar, I heard some folks talking about how the church now has so many non-Arab members including Slavs, Greeks, Ethiopians and “Americans.” Some were apprehensive about this. Others said that welcoming them was essential to the church's growth. It seems that St. Basil Parish was founded mainly by Arab-American Christians some 45 years ago. However, even then, it advertised services in English, Russian, Greek, and Arabic. The American Antiochian Orthodox Church, of which it is a part, was founded by a Syrian, St. Raphael (Hawaweeny). While his plan was mainly to provide a church home for Arabic-speaking Christians, he was ordained as the first Orthodox bishop in America by the Russian Orthodox Church wearing vestments given to him by Tsar Nicholas II. He established a church in Brooklyn in 1895 and started 30 parishes throughout the United States. He also assisted in the founding of St. Tikhon's Monastery, started The Word magazine, and recommended the use of our current English Service Book. He once said that he had been sent to America to tend the flock of Christ whether they be “Russians, Slavs, Syro-Arabs or Greeks.” He rested from his labors in 1915. He was glorified in 2000 by the Orthodox Church in America with the participation of the Antiochian and Greek Archdioceses. Our church has an icon of St. Raphael containing the saint's relics. Through the prayers of the Holy Bishop Raphael, may we always be a home for all Orthodox people—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“If a man returns evil for good, evil will not depart from his house.” – Proverbs 17:13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Parish Council** shall hold their October meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

On October 9th, the youth group of St. Basil's will be participating in a walk-a-thon. This is to raise money for Ancient Faith Kids. This walk-a-thon is not limited to our youth, you may join us. For more information, please see Tania or Sevin Russell.

God willing, on Friday, Nov. 4, through Sunday, Nov. 6, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** will visit us on the occasion of the **45th anniversary** of our parish. Please join us for a memorable occasion.

To offset the team members expenses for coffee hour, the team leaders are asking for one-dollar donations from adults for each coffee hour to cover the expenses for plates, bowls, forks, spoons, knives, cups, etc. They continue to generously provide us with snack/lunch items at no expense to us. Donations by check should be made payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Thank you for your assistance in making this happen. God bless you.

Coffee Hour: This Week: Team 3 **Next Week:** Team 4

Ushers: This Week: **Next Week:**

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through June 2022 totaled \$16,386.75. The expenses through June 2022 are \$98,118.08.