

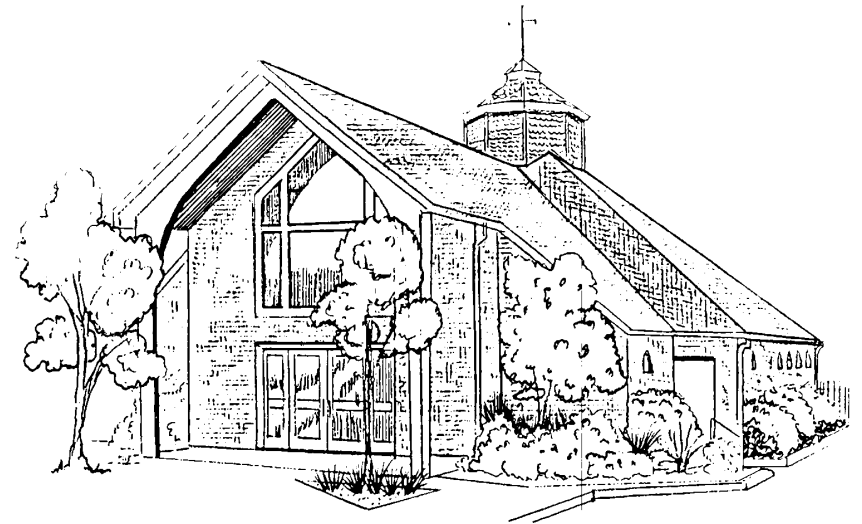
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## **St. Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna on Crete**

Euphrosyne was the daughter of Paphnutius, a wealthy and distinguished man of Alexandria. Her childless parents had besought God with prayer for the birth of a child, and they were given her. Her devout parents raised their daughter in the Christian Faith. Not wanting to enter into marriage, the young Euphrosyne hid from her father, changed into men's clothing, and presented herself to the abbot of a monastery as a eunuch of Emperor Theodosius, giving the name Smaragdus. The abbot received her, and turned her over to the spiritual father Agapitus for guidance. By her fasting and prayerful asceticism, Smaragdus quickly surpassed all the monks in that monastery. When she had completed 38 years of strict asceticism, her father Paphnutius visited that monastery, and the abbot directed him to Smaragdus for prayer and counsel. Smaragdus recognized Paphnutius, but Paphnutius did not recognize Smaragdus. When the father confessed his grief for his lost daughter, Smaragdus told him not to lose hope, for he would see his daughter again in this life, and besought him to come again within three days. When Paphnutius came again, Smaragdus was on her deathbed. The dying one said to Paphnutius: "I am Euphrosyne, your daughter; you are my father!" For a long time, the father was unable to come to himself due to his severe shock. Then, the Blessed Euphrosyne breathed her last, and her father wept over her. After burying her, Paphnutius himself entered the monastery, and settled in the cell of his holy, reposed daughter. After 10 years of asceticism, Paphnutius also entered into rest in the Lord.

***from: The Prologue of Ochrid***



**September 25, 2022**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke**

# 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:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**Gospel Reading:** St. Luke 5:1-11

## Saints of the Day

Venerable Euphrosyne of Alexandria; Venerable-martyr Paphnoutios of Egypt and those slain with him; repose of Venerable Sergios of Radonezh; translation of the relics of Herman, archbishop of Kazan; Basil, patriarch of Antioch; Finbar, bishop of Cork.

## 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, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>– Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – 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

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## ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord.” – Proverbs 17:14

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their October meeting after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Oct. 9. For more information, please contact the all-knowing **Tania Russell**.

God willing, on Friday, Nov. 4, through Sunday, Nov. 6, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** will visit us on the occasion of the **45<sup>th</sup> 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 4

**Next Week:** Team 1

**Ushers: This Week:** Tania/Sevin Russell

**Next Week:** Michael Z

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