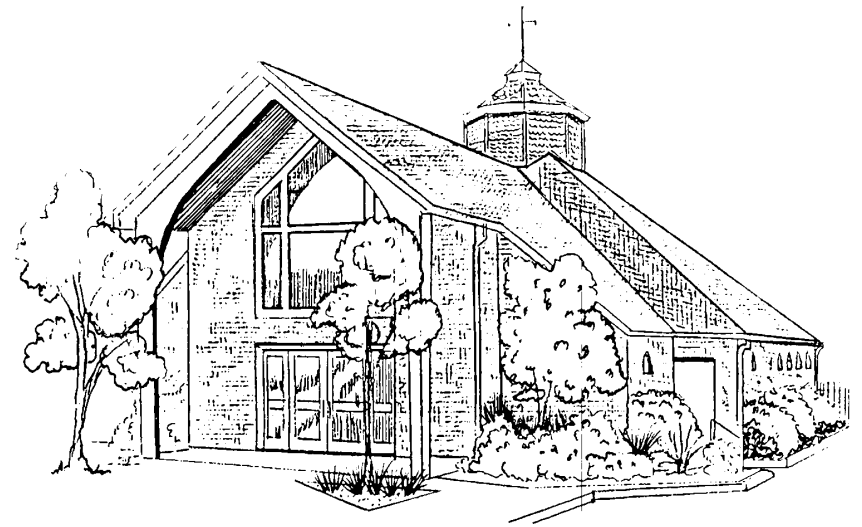


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The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and Others with them

Chrysanthus was the only son of Polemius, a distinguished patrician, who moved from Alexandria to Rome. As the son of wealthy parents, Chrysanthus studied all the secular subjects, having the most learned men for instructors. But secular wisdom confused him and left him in uncertainty as to what is truth. As a result of this, he grieved. But God, who plans all and everything, alleviated his grief: a written copy of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles came into the hands of the young Chrysanthus. Having read them, Chrysanthus was enlightened with the truth. He desired a teacher and found one in the person of a certain priest, Carpophorus, who taught and baptized him. This did not please his father, who by all means attempted to dissuade him from believing in Christ. Not succeeding, the wicked father at first tried to corrupt him by placing him alone with an immoral woman. But Chrysanthus was victorious over himself in this, and persevered in chastity. His father then coerced him into marrying Daria, a pagan girl. Chrysanthus counseled Daria to embrace the Christian Faith and to live together with him as brother and sister, although pretending to be married. When his father died, Chrysanthus began to confess Christ openly and to live as a Christian, both he and his entire household. During the reign of Emperor Numerian, he and Daria were cruelly tortured for their faith. Even the torturer Claudius, witnessing the forbearance of these honorable martyrs and the miracles which were manifested during their sufferings, embraced the Christian Faith along with his entire household. For this Claudius was drowned, both of his sons were beheaded, and his wife, after having recited her prayers, died on the gallows. Daria was so steadfast in her martyrdom that the pagans cried out: "Daria is a goddess!" Finally, it was decreed that Chrysanthus and Daria be buried in a deep pit and covered with stones. Later a church was erected on this site. There was a cave near this pit where some Christians assembled for prayer and Communion in memory of the martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria. Hearing of this, the pagans attacked and sealed off this cave, and thus they drove these Christians from this world to a better world where Christ reigns eternally. These glorious martyrs, Chrysanthus and Daria and the others with them, among whom were the priest Diodorus and the deacon Marianus, suffered for Christ in Rome in 283 or 284 A.D.



March 19, 2023
Sunday 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: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38, 9:1

Saints of the Day

Martyrs Chrysanthos, Daria, Jason, Mauros and Diodoros of Rome; Martyr Pancharios of Nicomedia; New-martyr Demetrios the Joiner of Constantinople; Venerable Innocent of Komel.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, please plan to attend the annual parish membership meeting on Sunday, March 19. At that time, we will receive reports from Father Peter and the parish organizations. We will be voting on the annual budget. We will also be filling three vacancies on the Parish Council. **Dave Abramson** is retiring from the Council and as treasurer, creating a vacancy. We are very grateful for his many years of service. **Yordan Yordanov** and **Therese Dagher** have completed their first terms but would like to be considered for re-election. Accordingly, the Parish Council is nominating **Bill Harrison, Yordan** and **Therese** to fill the three vacancies. However, nominations can be made from the floor providing the person nominated is in good standing

and is willing to serve for three years. To vote, you must be a member of the parish for one year, in good sacramental and financial standing with the Church and have completed the Parish Registration/Pledge Form. Thank God for our Church – Rob Booms.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, Mar. 17th – Akathist Hymn (3rd Stasis), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Mar. 18th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Mar. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Mar. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Mar. 22nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Mar. 24th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, Mar. 24th – Great Vespers/Akathist Hymn (4th Stasis), 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Mar. 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Mar. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Mar. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Mar. 29th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Mar. 31st – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, Mar. 31st – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Apr. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Apr. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Apr. 5th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Apr. 7th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Saturday, Apr. 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Apr. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Apr. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, Apr. 9th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Monday, Apr. 10th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Monday, Apr. 10th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Apr. 11th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Tuesday, Apr. 11th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, Apr. 12th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 12th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 13th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 13th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 14th – Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.
Friday, April 14th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 14th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Apr. 15th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Apr. 15th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sunday, Apr. 16th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.
Sunday, Apr. 16th – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Visitors to an Orthodox church are often surprised by how much kissing goes on. When entering and leaving the church, people kiss the icons of Christ, the Theotokos and the patron saint. Before the Liturgy starts, parishioners will be seen to go the front of the church where they kiss large icons of the Lord and his blessed mother. Some will kiss icons of saints who line the walls. Meanwhile, folks are often greeting each other with two or three kisses on the cheeks. At the end of the Liturgy, the priest presents a Hand Cross to be kissed by those who are being blessed for a special occasion and for travelling. This is also when worshippers kiss the right hand of the priest as he distributes the Holy Bread. An Orthodox believer will kiss the priest's right hand when a blessing is given. This is not done out of veneration of the person but rather to the sacred office bestowed upon him. He has been set aside to provide spiritual guidance, to hear confessions, to conduct baptisms, weddings, and burials. It is his hand that consecrates the precious Body and Blood of the Lord. Just as we kiss our loved ones and pictures of deceased family members, the Orthodox church offers the great gift of a Holy Kiss. Let us not be shy or reluctant to use this expression of love and devotion.

Blessings be upon your Lenten season---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to himself.” Proverbs 18:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents and Teachers please note there is no Church School on Sunday March 19, and April 9 and 16

The traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed 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 25th) and Palm Sunday.

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and 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.

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.

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

On Monday, April 3, His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS will visit us. A Lenten potluck luncheon will be served at 11:30 A.M. At 6 P.M. that evening we shall have a Lenten potluck dinner. Please join us for one of those meals as we receive our beloved bishop.

The Ladies Guild will be collecting donations for Love Moved First during the year of 2023. Love Moved First is a home for woman in crisis to recover and heal. We will have a collection bin set out and a list of needs next to it. There is much needed so even a little is a big help. If you have any questions about Love Moved First, please see Cheryl Pituch or Tania Russell. Thank you for your support.

A Message from the Ladies Guild

Dear Parishioners, His Eminence Metropolitan ANTONIOS has changed the focus of NAB Project 2023 from fundraising for expanded worship space at the Antiochian Village to the Disaster Relief for Turkey and Syria considering the dire situation and the great need in the area. He asks us to “redouble our efforts so that those suffering unthinkable tragedy might receive the fruits of our labor as a life-sustaining support and a gesture of love.” As you know, St. Basil's as a whole has collected donations for the Disaster Relief, however this is separate. The Ladies Guild will be sending in a donation as well. If there is anyone who was unable to give during the three-week period of collections and would like to may still do so through the Ladies Guild. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have or to donate. Yours in Christ – Tania Russell

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.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 3. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 4

Today's Ushers: Rose Hrabar & Naheel Rafeedie **Next Week:** Zarah Russell

Epistle Reader: Natalia Pituch