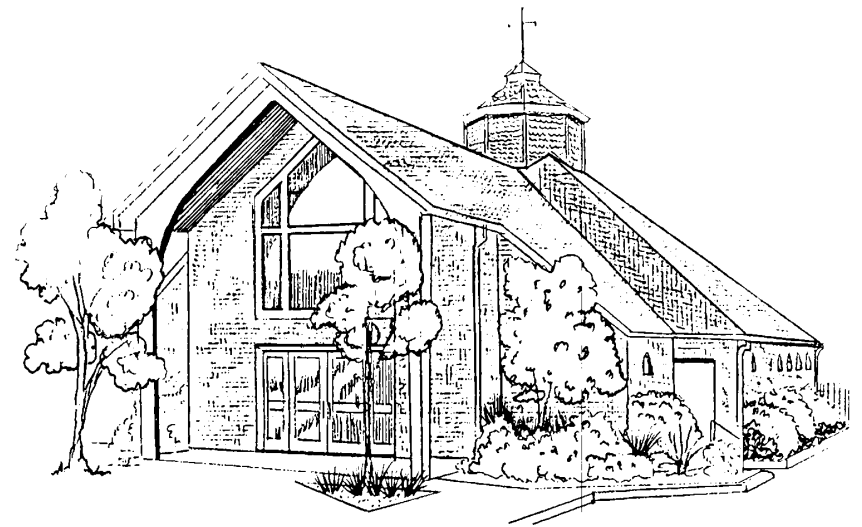


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The Holy Martyr Isidore

During the reign of Decius, Isidore was taken by force into military service from the island of Chios. From childhood, Isidore adhered to the Christian Faith and spent his entire life in fasting, prayer and good works. But when in the army, Isidore declared himself a Christian, the commander seized him, demanded an explanation, and urged him to deny Christ and offer sacrifices to the idols. The saint replied: "Even if you kill my body, you have no authority over my soul. I possess the True, Living God, Jesus Christ, Who lives in me now and after my death. He will be with me, and I am in Him and will remain in Him, and I will never cease to confess His holy name as long as my soul is in my body." First, the commander ordered that Isidore be whipped with bullwhips, and after that they cut out his tongue. Even without his tongue, Isidore, by the Spirit of God, spoke and confessed the name of Christ. Meanwhile, the punishment of God came upon the commander, who suddenly became mute. Finally, the mute commander gave the sign to behead Isidore. Isidore was elated at this sentence. After praising God, went to the scaffold, where he was beheaded in the year 251 A.D. His companion, Ammon, buried his body and then also suffered and received the martyr's wreath.

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May 14, 2023
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Saints of the Day

Martyr Isidore of Chios; Hieromartyr Therapont, bishop of Cyprus; New-martyrs John of Bulgaria and Mark of Crete; Venerable Isidore of Rostov, fool-for-Christ.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, we want to show our appreciation to Dave Abramson for his many years of service as Parish Treasurer. Also, special thanks to Yordan Yordanov and Greg Lindley for cleaning out the grease trap in the kitchen, a very dirty job indeed. After the annual meeting, the Parish Council elected the following officers: Rob Booms, President; Stephen Pituch, Vice-President; Bill Harrison, Treasurer; and Stephen Zelesnik, Secretary. The council usually meets on the third Sunday of the month after coffee hour. Please feel free to contact them with any suggestions or concerns--Rob Booms.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Apr. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, May. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May. 20th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, May. 21st – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, May. 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, May. 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May. 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jun. 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jun. 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, June 4th – Kneeling Vespers, immediately following liturgy

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Many of us sustain our faith with the daily Bible lessons the Orthodox Church lists in its monthly wall calendars and the Lectionary of the Orthodox Bible. Another great resource for spiritual growth is the Prologue of Ohrid.

This is a two-volume work which contains lives of the saints for each day along with hymns, reflections and homilies. The author is St. Nikolay Velimirovic. St. Nikolay, a Serbian Orthodox Bishop, lived between 1880 and 1956. Caught up in World War II, he was sent to the Dachau concentration camp by the Nazis in 1944 where he was tortured. After the camp was liberated by the allies, he came to the United States as a refugee. He taught at several American seminaries, including St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's. Sometimes called the "Serbian Chrysostom," he was glorified as a Saint by the Serbian Orthodox Church in 2003. In his sermons, he often said that his chief spiritual exercise was the visualization of God's presence to prevent sin and despair. St. Nikolay based his work on the ancient Slavic Prologue of Saints which had become largely inaccessible because of its archaic language. The Prologue is available from several book publishers. In St. Nikolay's words: "O resurrected Lord, cleanse our heart from the deadly guests who dwell in it and do thou Thyself take up dwelling in it, that we may live and glorify thee." ---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.” Proverbs 18:15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our diocesan **Parish Life Conference** will be held in Miami, Florida, from June 14-17 of this year. Information on the conference may be found at www.DOMSE.org There, you will find links to hotel information, conference registration, conference scheduling etc. Your lovely smile is most desired. ;-)

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday, May 25.

On June 4, the Sunday of Holy Pentecost, the **Antiochian Men (AMEN)** will host a barbeque during coffee hour following the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost.

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.

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 2. Thank you **Next Week:** Team 3