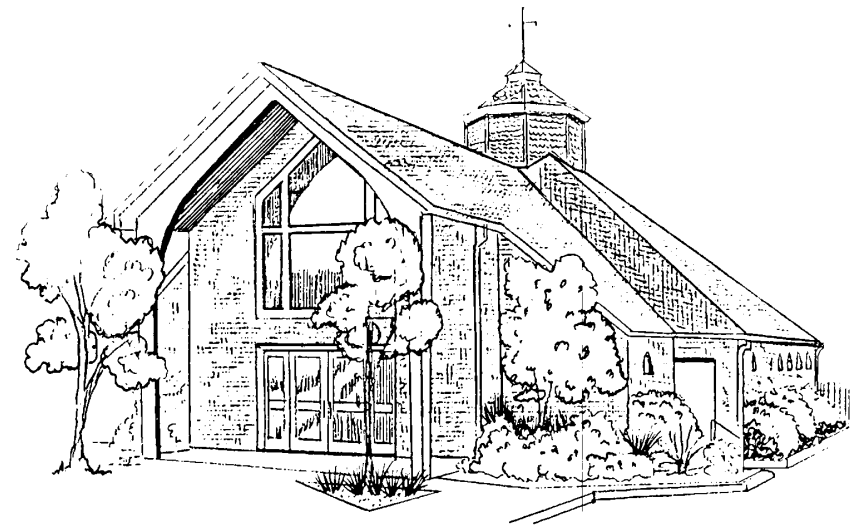


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The Venerable Martyrs Galaction and Episteme

Both Galaction and Episteme were born in the city of Edessa, in Phoenicia. Galaction's mother was barren until she was baptized. After her baptism, she converted her husband [Cleitophon] to the true Faith, baptized her son Galaction, and raised him in the Christian Faith. When Galaction was old enough to marry, his good mother, Leucippa, entered into rest, and his father betrothed him to a pagan-born maiden named Episteme. By no means did Galaction want to enter into marriage, and convinced Episteme to be baptized, then to be tonsured a nun at the same time that he became a monk. Both of them withdrew to Mount Publion—Galaction to a monastery and Episteme to a convent. They proved to be shining lights in their monasteries. They were first in labor, first in prayer, first in humility and obedience, and first in love. They neither left their monasteries nor did they see one another until just before their death. A fierce persecution began and both of them were brought before the tribunal. When the pagans mercilessly whipped Galaction, Episteme wept. Then they whipped her. After that, they cut off their hands, their feet and then their heads. Their friend, Eutolius, took their bodies and honorably buried them. Eutolius had been a slave of Episteme's parents, and then a monk with Galaction. He also wrote the life of these wonderful martyrs of Christ who suffered and received their wreaths in heaven in the year 253.

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November 5, 2023
5th 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: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Saints of the Day

Martyrs Glacktion and Epistima of Homs; Apostles Hermas, Linus, Gaius, Patrobas and Philologos of the Seventy; Hieromartyr Pamphilios; Jonah the wonderworker, archbishop of Novgorod; Martyr Dominos of Homs.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear parishioners, we have been able to pay all the insurance premiums for the year. A new shed was donated. Volunteers changed light bulbs in high places, made church repairs and cleaned the church and parish hall. The Ladies' Guild had a successful ice cream social. A splendid lunch was prepared for Bishop NICHOLAS and he was warmly received by all. Many good things done by many good people. Thank you and let us bless the Lord for allowing us to minister to each other in this place--Rob Booms, Council Chairman.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thursday, Nov. 9th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 11th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, Nov. 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 25th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Nov. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



There are some important messages and prayers contained in the large icons of the church. Behind the altar table, there are icons of four saints. Each is holding a scroll. St. James, the brother of our Lord, admonishes us “Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.” St. John Chrysostom’s scroll proclaims “It is meet and right to hymn thee, to bless thee, to praise thee, to give thanks to thee, and to worship thee in every place of thy dominion.” Our patron St. Basil’s icon invokes the Lord to “Unite all of us to one another who become partakers of the one bread and cup.” There is also an icon of St. Gregory Dialogos, a Pope of Rome from 590 to 604 A.D. He is the author of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. His scroll is a prayer that the Lord “Look upon us thine unworthy servants who stand at this holy altar as at thy cherubic throne.” In the iconostasis, St. Herman of Alaska urges that “From this day, from this hour, from this minute, let us love God above all.” St. Anthony the Great observes that “A great work for a man is repenting of his sins before God and expecting temptation to his last breath.” As we reflect on these iconic messages, may the meditations of our hearts be always acceptable unto thee, O Lord. ---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.” Proverbs 19:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies Guild will be having their Spaghetti Dinner today, Nov. 5th. If you didn't have a chance to purchase a ticket and would like to, please see one of the ladies. The cost is \$10 for ages 6 and up; 5 and under are free. As we approach this holiday season, the Ladies Guild would like to remind everyone of their “Angel Project”, these are families of children who attend Bissonnet School and could use a little help through the holiday season. The past few years we have been only doing monetary donations and will continue to do so this year as well. If you would like to make a donation by check please make it out to St. Basil Ladies Guild and in the memo line please write Angel Project. You may turn in your donation to any of our members or you can mail it to St. Basil at the address on your bulletin. Donations are being accepted until December 3rd. Lastly, the Ladies Guild is still collecting donations for Love Moved First, a home for women in crisis to receive and heal. If you have any questions about any of our projects, please see any of our ladies, we would love to let you know more. As always, Tania Russell

A joint celebration of the feast of the Holy Archangels is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8th, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Orthros is scheduled for 9:30 A.M. followed by Divine Liturgy at 11:00 A.M. Everyone is invited.

God willing, we shall have a bilingual (Arabic & English) Orthros and Divine Liturgy on Thursday, Nov. 9th, at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, for the feast of St. Nectarios of Aegina.

God willing, we shall have Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, for the feast of St. Menas the Wonderworker.

God willing, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, our Arabic ladies are selling lentil soup, lenten kibbe, spinach pies and rolled cabbage rolls on Sunday, Nov. 12th from 11 A.M.-2 P.M. The proceeds are for the benefit of the parish. The prices and quantities are:

Lentil Soup - \$8.00 or 2 for \$15.00

Kibbee - 2 pieces - \$5.00

Spinach Pies - \$25 per dozen; or \$3 each

Cabbage Rolls - 1/2 doz. for \$12.00; doz. for \$25

The Advent Fast begins Wednesday, November 15th, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol, and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20–24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

With God's help, we will have a mini-retreat after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 19. Fr. Peter will speak in-depth on the Church's teachings on personhood and what it is to be male and female. Everyone is invited to participate.

God willing, we shall have Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, for the feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple.

Today's Coffee Hour: Spaghetti Dinner. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 2.