

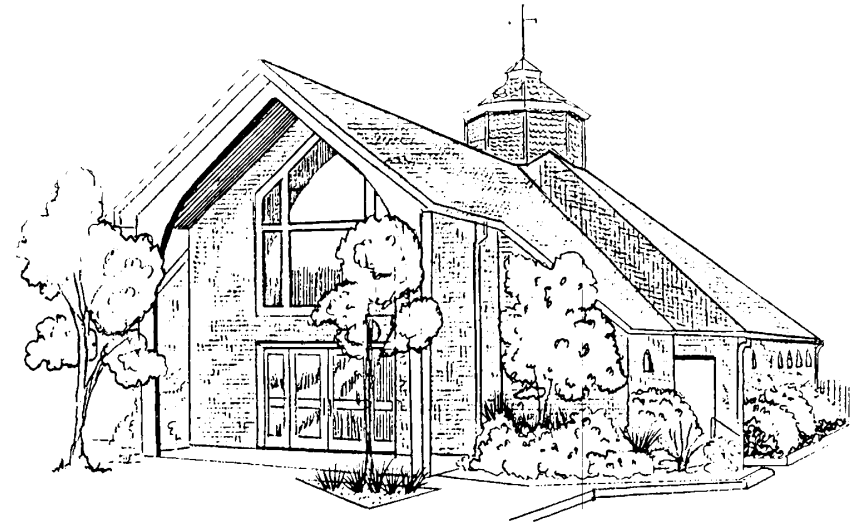
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The Priestly-Martyr Silvanus, Bishop of Gaza

At first, Silvanus was in the military service but later, driven by the power of his faith, entered into the spiritual service. Accused of converting pagans to Christianity, at first, he was cruelly tortured and, after that, was beheaded with 40 other soldiers in the year 311 A.D. Thus, they all became citizens of heaven.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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May 4, 2025
The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

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 6:1-7

Gospel Reading: St. Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

Saturday, May 10th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, May 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 17th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, May 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, May 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Sunday, June 8th – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost following liturgy



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

As we Orthodox Christians run to Great Lent's finishing line, it is well to contemplate questions posed by St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (1749-1809). St. Nicodemus, who was glorified in 1955, practiced inner stillness as a monk at Mt. Athos for over 30 years. In his meditations he observes: "My salvation is a matter entirely my own. If I do not have concern for it, who else will? My salvation is a matter concerning my whole soul and body. If I do not make sure of my salvation, who else will make sure it for me? My salvation is a matter concerning all eternity. If I do not work for it, who else will work for it for me? And what do I do? Why don't I care at all for the salvation of my soul? I do not have anything worth more than this immortal soul. So, if I lose it just one time, I will have lost the greatest good for all eternity. I ask my conscience: For what purpose did God bring me into the world? It replies that God brought me into the world for me to be saved. Condemn the evil you have committed and decide to live according to the commandments of the Lord, for this very hour may be the last hour of your life. Give thanks to the Lord for having mercy on you and for giving you time for repentance."—Theo

Saints of the Day

Venerable-martyr Pelagia of Tarsus; Athanasios, bishop of Corinth; Venerable Nikephoros the Solitary of Athos.

Spiritual Counsels...

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; how much more when he brings it with evil intent. – Proverbs 21:27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As Great Lent draws to a close, please remember to return your **Food For Hungry People coin boxes.** The proceeds will be sent to the Archdiocese office for distribution. Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

Fr. Peter would like to meet with the faithful of the Northshore after coffee hour today, May 4. The meeting is open to everyone.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their May meeting today, May 4, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Middle Eastern pastries are available for purchase next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. For pre-orders or more information, please see Nadia Khashou or Therese Dagher.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their May meeting Sunday, May 25, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated for the **Feast of the Ascension of our Lord** on Thursday, May 29, at 9 and 10 A.M., respectively.

On Saturday, June 7, God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the Saturday of Souls.

With God's help, Orthros, Divine Liturgy and the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost shall be served consecutively on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

God willing, Fr. Peter will attend the Parish Life Conference June 11-14. Great Vespers will not be served that Saturday, June 14; however, Orthros and Liturgy are scheduled for June 15.

Our **Diocese of Miami Parish Life Conference** is scheduled for June 11-14, 2025, and is hosted by St. George Church in Jacksonville, Florida. There is still time to register for, and participate in, the conference. Please go to DOMSE.ORG for more information.

Bookstore News: Purchases can now be made using the QR code by the clipboard in the bookstore area. Please see **Kathleen Field** or **Elias Ioup** for more information. (Remember to jot down your items on the clipboard, however you may pay for them.)

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 1. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 2.