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**The Priest-Martyr Mocius (Mokios)**

Mocius was Roman by birth and a presbyter in Amphipolis, a town in Macedonia. He suffered during the reign of Diocletian. By prayer he destroyed the statue of the god Dionysius which embittered certain pagans against him and others he converted to the Faith. He was beheaded for Christ in the year 295 A.D.

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

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**Antiochian**  
**Orthodox Church**



**May 11, 2025**  
**The Sunday of the Paralytic**

# 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 9:32-42

**Gospel Reading:** St. John 5:1-15

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost following liturgy

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



## Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

In the Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches, the celebration of Pascha is followed closely by the Radonitsa holiday. It is observed nine days after, on the Tuesday following Bright Week. On this day, faithful Orthodox Christians clean and decorate the graves of family and friends and say prayers for them. However, in the spirit of Pascha, it is not to cry for the dead but to feast with them. Radonitsa means “day of rejoicing.” The custom goes back to the 4th Century and was promoted by St. John Chrysostom. At the grave, Paschal hymns and “Memory Eternal” are sung. Remaining Paschal foods are consumed, and a Paschal egg is placed on the graves with the chant “Christ is Risen”. While this event for the dead may seem out of place during the Paschal season, it is consistent with the Orthodox faith’s emphasis on resurrection to eternal life rather than on death. Bringing to the graveyard a festive spirit with foods, sweets and drink is a reminder that we will all be resurrected some day with Christ. Then, in our incorruptible bodies, we will eat and drink together with our loved ones. In the words of St. John Chrysostom’s Paschal sermon: “O Death where is thy sting? O Hell, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, and thou art overthrown...Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. To him be glory and dominion unto the ages of ages.”—Theo

## Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Mokios, priest in Macedonia; Cyril and Methodios, equals-to-the-Apostles and enlighteners of the Slavs; New-martyr Argyros of Thessalonica; Venerable Martyr Olympia of Karyes in Mytilene; Martyr Joseph of Astrakhan.

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## Spiritual Counsels...

A false witness will perish, but the word of a man who hears will endure. – Proverbs 21:28

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### **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.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and wives of the parish. May God grant you many years.

**Middle Eastern pastries** are available for purchase today after Divine Liturgy. For more information, please see Nadia Khashou or Therese Dagher.

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 **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.

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

The Parish Council will be conducting a **workshop on June 1<sup>st</sup> following Coffee Hour** to allow all individuals identified by the **Archdiocese Youth Protections Policy** to meet the requirements of the policy. All participants are encouraged to bring their laptop computers. Thank you all for helping St. Basil's to comply with the Archdiocese's policy. **Those persons needing to participate in the workshop include members of the Parish Council and Church School teachers.**

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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

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.

Fr. Peter will be out of town from May 12 until May 21. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr. George Wilson at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral at 504.282.0295.

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