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**The Holy Prophet Baruch**

He was a disciple and faithful friend of the great prophet Jeremiah. He prophesied the return of the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity, the destruction of Babylon, and the coming of the Son of God to earth. It is held that he was slain by the Jews in Egypt, as was the Prophet Jeremiah, in the seventh century before Christ.

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

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**September 28, 2025**  
**The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. 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.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, “spaghetti” strap garments, sleeveless or “tanktop” type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Gospel Reading:** St. Luke 5:1-11

## Saints of the Day

Venerable Chariton the confessor, abbot of Palestine; Prophet Baruch; Venerable Neophytos and Auxentios of Cyprus; Martyr Heliodoros and companions in Pisidia; Martyr Wenceslaus, prince of the Czechs.

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## Spiritual Counsels...

The sluggard says, “There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!” – Proverbs 22:13

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## Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

On September 24, the Holy Orthodox Church observes the feast day of Saint Thekla. Her icon is included in St. Basil’s Iconostasis. Saint Thekla was born in Central Turkey, then part of the Roman Empire, about 25 years after the birth of our Lord. She was a beautiful young woman from a wealthy family. When she was 18, her parents arranged for her to be married. However, Saint Thekla had heard a sermon by the Apostle Paul and decided to devote her life to preaching the Gospel. The fiancé blamed Saint Paul who was then locked up in prison. Saint Thekla visited St. Paul in prison until he was banished from the city. Continuing to refuse marriage, Saint Thekla was sentenced to die by burning. However, a downpour of rain extinguished the fire. She was able to escape and joined Saint Paul, Saint Barnabas and others to preach the Gospel in Antioch. Another young man sought to marry there but she also refused his offer. Condemned to death for being a Christian, Saint Thekla was twice caged with hungry wild animals who only licked her feet. She was tied to two oxen to be torn apart but the cord broke like cobwebs. Finally, at age 90, threatened by pagan sorcerers, the Lord saved her by opening a rock which then became her tomb. Holy Thekla, Equal of the Apostles, pray to Christ our Savior, to save us from our sins. — Theo

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

God willing, Fr. Peter will meet with all **inquirers and catechumens** after coffee hour today, Sept. 28, in the nave of the church. The discussion is open to everyone.

God willing, Fr. Peter will meet with our **Northshore members** after coffee hour next Sunday, Oct. 5, in the nave of the church. The discussion is open to everyone.

October is **Seminarian Month** and **Youth Month** is the Antiochian Archdiocese. A second collection, God willing, shall be taken up for our seminarians next Sunday, October 5.

**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 4. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 1.

### **Our Littlest Members**

Christ said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). In the Orthodox Church, we embrace and welcome our littlest parishioners to join in the Divine Liturgy. They are our future and we want them raised from birth involved in the liturgical experience.

While generally, silence and stillness are valued in worship, the noise of children, especially if they are playfully making noise or expressing themselves, is often viewed as a part of the joyful and vibrant nature of Orthodox worship. It is considered "Holy Noise." The beautiful, resonating sound of our children's cooing or laughter is warming to our hearts.

However, if your child should become fussy, out of control, or inconsolable, please be respectful to those around you and leave the Nave to provide comfort for our little member. They can be brought outside or to St. Basil's Comfort Room. Once consoled and in good spirits, return with our sweet parishioner to resume the liturgy.

Please also remember that there is ***NO FOOD*** allowed in church and that includes baby formula (bottle-feeding) and snacks. If our

little one is hungry, please bring them to the St. Basil's Comfort Room to feed them. The exception to that is our breastfed little ones. Breastfeeding during worship services is acceptable, but with a focus on discretion and modesty.

To our parents of little ones, we join you in loving prayer and support as you raise the next generation of Orthodox believers. GOD BLESS YOU!