

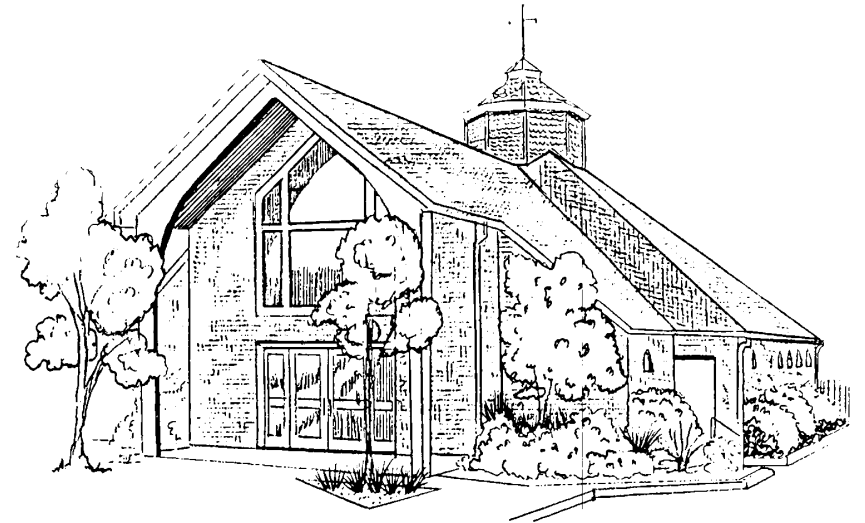
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The Holy Martyr Meletius Stratelates, Along With 1218
Soldiers, Their Wives And Children

Meletius was accused of demolishing a pagan temple during the reign of Emperor Antoninus. Nailed to a tree, Meletius gave up his holy soul. Many soldiers under his command, who refused to deny Christ their Lord, suffered with him. They all honorably suffered in the 11th century and took up habitation in the kingdom of Christ the God.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

St. Basil
Antiochian
Orthodox Church



May 24, 2026
Sunday of the Holy Fathers
Of the 1st Ecumenical Council

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.

*As we move into the summer months, the weather is always very warm. 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: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel Reading: St. John 17:1-13

Saints of the Day

Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zaleski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; Venerable Vincent of Lerins.

Spiritual Counsels...

The devising of folly is sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to men.
– Prov. 24:9

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Living the Orthodox life requires more than attending Sunday Liturgy. During the week Vesper services and Akathists are also offered. However, many devout Orthodox say daily prayers at home. There are several excellent prayer books that can assist. The Antiochian Orthodox church publishes a small paperback prayer book which can be purchased in the St. Basil bookstore. It contains helpful prayers for many situations, the Trisagion for the Dead, the Order of Confession, and includes Divine Liturgy. The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia prints the so-called "Jordanville Prayer Book." Oriented towards Russian Orthodox liturgical practices, it contains Divine Liturgy as well as many prayers, Troparia, Canons and Akathists. It is available from ROCOR's Holy Trinity Monastery. It also provides instructions on how to read Canons and Akathists at home. The Newrome Press offers a beautiful prayer book which favors Greek Orthodox Church practices. While it does not have Divine Liturgy, it is richly illustrated with icons and is also available in a travel-sized edition. It contains the Lesser Hours and instructions for fasting. It also offers brief meditations for each day of the month by St. Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain. Included in the book is a prayer by Metropolitan Philaret for the will of God when words of prayer books fail us: "Lord I do not know what to ask of You....You alone know what I need. Teach me how to pray and You Yourself pray in me!" —Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, May 30th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, May 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, May 31st – Pentecost Vespers, immediately after liturgy
Saturday, June 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 13th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, June 14th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 20th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 21st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Parish Council officers for 2026 are Sevin Russell, Parish Council Chair, Stephen Pituch, Parish Council Vice Chair, Elias Ioup, Secretary, and Bill Harrison, Treasurer.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

God willing, Fr. Peter will meet with all **inquirers and catechumens** after coffee hour on Sunday, May 24, in the nave of the church. The discussion is open to everyone.

God willing, on Saturday, May 30, Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Saturday of Souls**.

God willing, the **Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost** shall be served immediately following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 31.

Our last meeting for **The Art of Myrrh Bearing** will be **June 20th** at 11am in the church hall of St. Basil's. At this meeting will be bringing this book to a close. Thank you to all who have joined us. I look forward to seeing there, Tania Russell

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 4. Thank you. Next Week: Potluck.

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!

ST. BASIL-NORTHSHORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

God being our helper, the Northshore Orthodox community shall have their next worship service at St. Michael's Episcopal Church Sunday, June 21, at 5:00 P.M. The address is 4499 Sharp Road, Mandeville, Louisiana, 70471. Everyone is welcome to the occasion, Orthodox Christians as well as non-Orthodox. Food and drinks are encouraged for the social hour afterward. The next date of worship is Sunday, July 12, at St. Michael Church at 5:00 P.M.