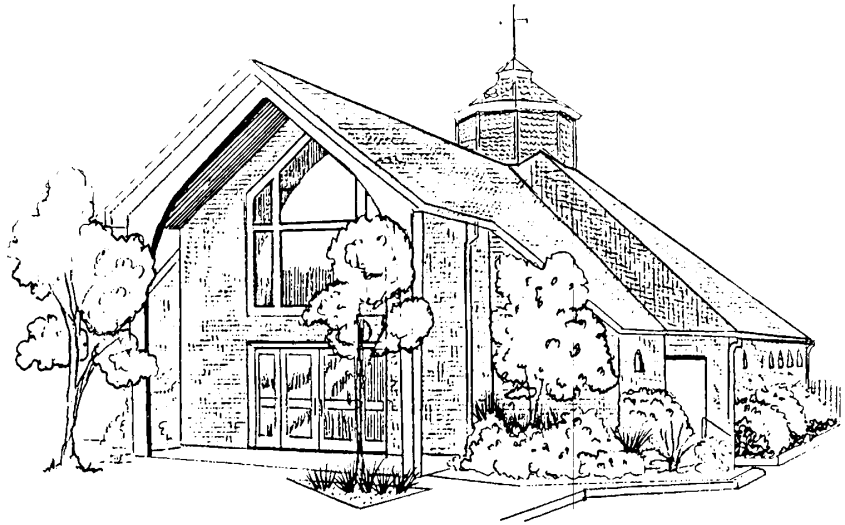
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The Holy Martyr Menignus

Menignus was born on the Hellespont. He worked as a linen-bleacher, for which he was called "the Fuller." At the time of Emperor Decius, he tore up the imperial decree declaring a persecution of Christians. For this, he was thrown into prison, where the Lord Himself appeared to him and encouraged him, saying: "Be not afraid, I am with thee." At that moment his chains melted like wax, the prison opened of itself, and he went out. He was arrested again and tried. They tortured him inhumanly, severing his fingers and toes and beheading him. At night, his severed head glowed like a lamp.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



November 22, 2026
The 9th 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.

As Orthodox Christians *it is always appropriate to stand (still) at the following times: the beginning and ending of all divine services, during a censing of any kind, when the Holy Gospel is being read or when the homily is given, when others are receiving Holy Communion, during a blessing, e.g., "Peace be to all." Likewise, if you arrive at church during the reading of an epistle, gospel or the homily, please remain in the narthex until the homily is finished, then quietly seat yourself. Of course, if you have physical limitations, exceptions are understood.*

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7
Gospel Reading: St. Luke 12:16-21

Saints of the Day

Apostles Philemon, Apphia, Archippos and Onesimos of the Seventy; Clement, bishop of Ochrid and enlightener of Bulgaria; Heiromartyr Sisinios; Martyr Cecilia of Rome and those with her; Venerable Kallistos Xanthopoulos of Athos; Martyr Michael, prince of Tver.

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Spiritual Counsels…

With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone. – Prov. 25:15

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Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

Worshippers who attend Orthros before the Liturgy will be familiar with the beautiful hymn that begins with "Glory to Thee who has shown us the light." Near the conclusion of the morning service, the lights are turned on in the temple, and the choir begins to chant what is called the Great Doxology. It is the high point of the morning prayer service, a continuation of the practice of praising God in the pre-Christian Jewish synagogues. It is as old as the second and third century Christian church. In the Doxology, God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is praised, blessed, worshipped and glorified as the fountain of life. Christ is thanked for taking away the sins of the world and acknowledged as sitting at the right hand of the Father. In addition to praises, intercessory prayers are included to keep the day without sin and for God's loving kindness, mercy and forgiveness. Instruction in God's statutes is prayed for three times with a plea to be taught God's will. The hymn is followed by the Trisagion prayers and the Troparia for the day as the congregation prepares for the Divine Liturgy. This treasure does not have to be saved for worship only in church. Using the Doxology at home offers another good way to offer praise, pray for forgiveness and give thanks to God. "Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in Thee." — Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 28th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Nov. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Advent Fast** begins today, November 15, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the trad-

itional 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.

Our Middle Eastern ladies are having a **Thanksgiving Bake Sale**. Items are available for purchase on **Nov. 15** & **22**, and are $3 each or $25/dozen. The menu includes **Baklava, Lemon Bars, Date Mamoul, Walnut Mamoul, Cream Cheese/Chocolate/Brandy Muffins, Pumpkin Rum Muffins,** and **Helbea**. The proceeds shall go to the cost of replacing our church carpet.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple**.

There is no **Catechumen meeting** in November and December.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS PROJECT

The Ladies Guild prayerfully ask everyone's help in making this a joyous Christmas for the single women and their children currently residing at Hotel Hope. This is a women's shelter which helps families to get their lives in order.

A collection box will be placed in the Church Hall after Thanksgiving. The children range in age from infant to 16 years. Toys, certain clothing items (see below) as well as gift cards to Walmart, Amazon, or Walgreens ($25 denominations if possible) are welcome! Please bring gift cards to Yazmin, Tania, or Diana.

PLEASE BRING BY DECEMBER 12:

Toys such as: playdoh, kinetic sand kits, board games, card games, art sets, headphones (for older kids), legos, duplo blocks, magna tiles, footballs/soccer balls/sports games

Clothes (for summer and winter) for boys and girls, especially sizes 4 and 5

Women's slippers, all sizes

Gift cards to Walmart, Amazon of Walgreens to Yazmin, Tania, or Diana.

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 Saturday, December 12, at 10:00 A.M. The address is 4499 Sharp Road, Mandeville, Louisiana, 70471. Everyone is welcome, Orthodox Christians as well as non-Orthodox. Food and drinks are encouraged for the social hour afterward. The next dates of worship are Saturday, January 9, 2027, and February 13, 2027, at St. Michael Church at 10:00 A.M.