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The Hieromartyr Benjamin the Deacon

This soldier of Christ was a Persian who zealously preached the Gospel and brought many pagans, both Persians and Greeks, to the Christian Faith. He suffered during the reign of the Persian King Yezdegerd, circa 412. When he was cast into prison, one of the king's nobles defended him to the king. The king then released him, under the condition that he no longer preach Christ to the people. Benjamin boldly said: "This I can never give up. For he who hides the talent given him will be given over to great suffering," and he continued to spread the Christian Faith. The emperor had him seized, and commanded that thorns be driven under his nails, and he was further tortured until he rendered his spirit to God.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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October 13, 2019
The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
The 4th 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 we move through 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: Titus 3:8-15

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15

Saints of the Day

Martyrs Karpos, Papylos, Agathodoros, and Agathonika at Pergamos; Venerable Hieromartyr Jacob of Hamatoura; Martyr Benjamin the deacon; Martyr Florentios of Thessalonika; New Virgin-martyr Chrissa (Zlata) of Meglin in Bulgaria.

From Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council

Parish Library. Yes, we do have a Parish library. It's on the left wall of the Parish Hall across from the bookstore. Unfortunately, it has not been kept up. Several folks have volunteered to inventory and catalog the books but we need more help. We are also soliciting Orthodox book donations and may acquire some books from the Parish bookstore. If you would like to help or donate books, please see me after church.

The Parish Council thanks all donors, chefs and helpers who have provided the wonderful food after our liturgies. We had five groups of volunteers. As we prepare for the rest of the church year, we hope to

have six groups sharing this ministry. But we need more volunteers to make this happen. Please remember that it is not necessary for any group to prepare a big meal and the groups are not in competition. It's really just about breaking the fast and having fellowship. If you would like to be involved in a group, please contact Tania Russell after church. God bless--Rob Booms

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Nov. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



One Sunday morning, our possum family overheard Fr. Peter talking about "God's plan." We thought about what that means for us. We live happily in a den underneath the altar. Our babies are born and nursed in mother's pouch. When the young ones are old enough, we carry them on our backs until they can walk. We feed on rodents and insects. We eat 90% of the ticks that cause Lyme disease in humans. Since we're immune to snake venom, we also keep dangerous snakes under control. We don't harm anyone and, when we're attacked, we defend ourselves by playing dead very convincingly. Maybe Fr. Peter was saying that God has a similar plan for Orthodox Christian people: To nurture one another in families, to go about life's tasks without complaining, to be peaceful and to do no harm. In the words of Jesus, God's plan for all of us is simply to "love one another." It does not seem very complicated but it's easier said than done. Let us pray for the Lord's help so that we can accomplish this every day of our lives. Oh, how different our lives would be. God bless--Theo

Today's Ushers: Mihai Leustean. **Next Week:** Dwight Gillis.

Today's coffee hour: Team 24. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

As of Oct. 9, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for Oct. 6, 2019, totaled \$2,558.92 for a year-to-date amount of \$111,141.30, a weekly average of \$2,778.53. As of Oct. 3, 2019, our expenses are \$106,318.62, a weekly average of \$2,657.97.

Spiritual Counsels...

“The heart knows its own grief best, nor can a stranger share its joy.” – Prov. 14:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to have their October meeting today. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Today, an Archdiocese-wide second collection shall be taken up for the seminaries, which serve to educate our young men and women who shall serve our churches in the future. Donations by check should be made payable to “St. Basil Church.” On the memo line, please write, “Seminary Collection.” May God bless your generosity.

The altar candle is sponsored today by Simion Olga Donea for the health of Simion, Olga, Xenia and Dumitru. May God grant them many years.

The holy oblation is sponsored today by Rose and Phil Hrabar for the health of Trey, Christopher Angelia, Zack, Amy, Philip, Michael, Andrew, Phil, Rose and the Hrabar and Dudish families (many years), and for the repose of Trey Hrabar and the departed members of the Hrabar, Goff, Campbell, Do & Duddish families (memory eternal).

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to have their October meeting next Sunday. All Council members please attend.

On Oct. 20, our youth are accepting donations for **Special Olympics Awareness Day**. Donations by check should be made payable to “St. Basil Church.” On the memo line, please write, “SOAD.” One check shall be sent to the Archdiocese office. Your generosity and assistance with this collection is most appreciated.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Nov. 5 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!