

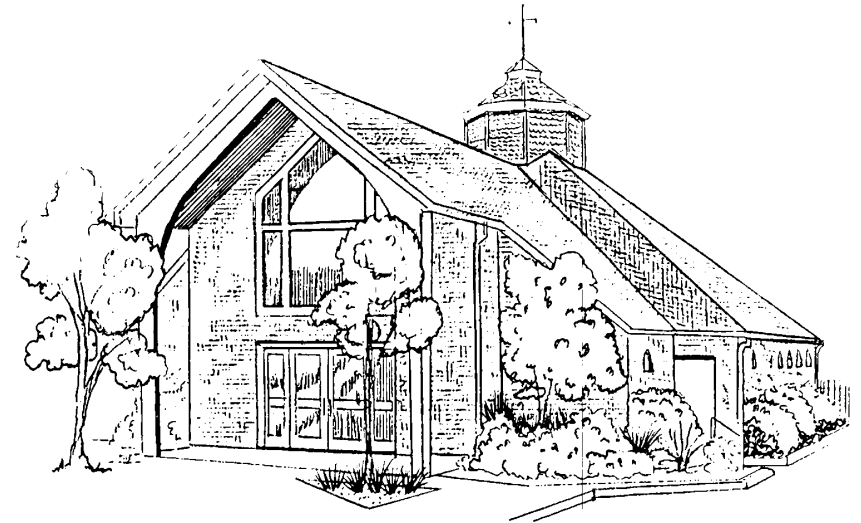
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The Holy Martyrs Justin, Chariton, Charita, Euelpistus, Hierax,
Paeon, Valerian (Liberianus) and Just

They all suffered martyrdom in Rome during the reign of Marcus Aurelius and the Roman prefect [eparch] Rusticus. When Rusticus asked: "Do you think that if you die for Christ you will receive a reward in heaven?" St. Justin replied: "We do not think, we know!" Following that, they were all beheaded in the year 163 A.D. and took up habitation in the eternal kingdom of Christ the God.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



June 1, 2025
The Sunday of the Holy Fathers
of the First 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.

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 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel Reading: St. John 17:1-13

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

Saturday, June 7th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

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

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

Sunday, June 8th – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost following liturgy

Saturday, June 14th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

Saturday, June 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Spiritual Counsels...

No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the Lord. – Proverbs 21:30



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

Martyr Justin the Philosopher & companions at Rome; Hieromartyr and Bishop Pyrros the Virgin; Chariton of Rome; Martyr Thespesios of Cappadocia; Archimandrite Justin Popovic of Serbia; Venerable Dionysios the Wonderworker of Glushetsk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

The Parish Council will be conducting a **workshop on June 1st 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.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their June meeting next Sunday, June 8, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

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.

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