

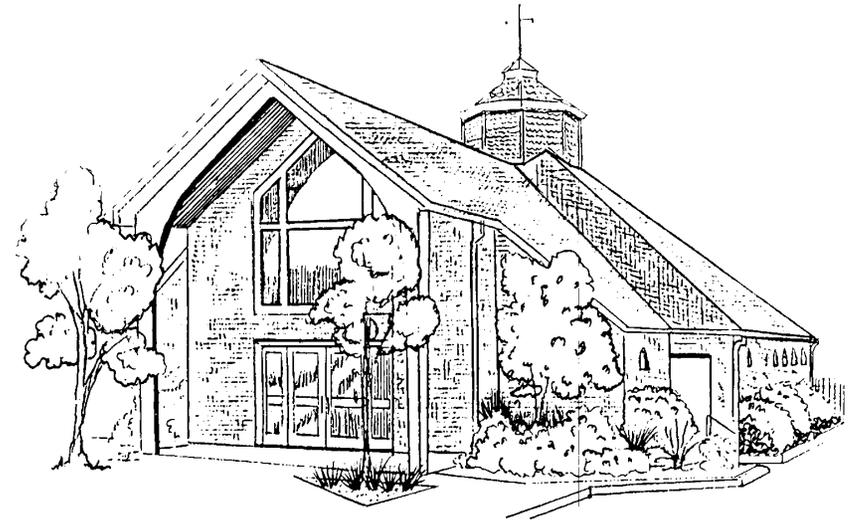
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Our Holy Father, the Martyr Euthymius

Born in the village of Dimitsana in the Peloponnese, he lived as a Christian as a boy, but later went to Romania and there gave himself over to great debauchery. In this debasement, the evil spirit led him to embrace Islam. No sooner had he done so than he began to repent bitterly. He returned to the Christian faith and became a monk on the Holy Mountain. After several years spent in strict fasting and prayer, he made up his mind to die for Christ. With the blessing of his spiritual father, he went to Constantinople, where he somehow succeeded in gaining access to the Grand Vizier. He began to make the sign of the Cross in front of him, to praise Christ and to denounce Mahomet. After long, drawn-out torture, he was condemned to death and was slain on March 22, 1814, on Palm Sunday. Many miraculous hearings of the sick were wrought through his relics. His precious head is in the Russian monastery of St Panteleimon on the Holy Mountain. Thus this 20-year-old youth first died to Christ and then died for Christ.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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March 22, 2026
The Sunday of John Climacus

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 censuring 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: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel Reading: St. Mark 9:17-31

Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra; Martyr Kallinika of Rome; Venerable-martyr Euthymios of Prodromou Skete on Athos.

Spiritual Counsels...

My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways. For a harlot is a deep pit; an adventuress is a narrow well. She lies in wait like a robber and increases the faithless among men. – Proverbs 23:26-28

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



St. Thalassios (commemorated on May 20) was the abbot of a Libyan monastery during the 7th century. His writings are found in Volume Two of the new edition of The Philokalia. A friend of St. Maximos the Confessor, he wrote about the difficulty of living a spiritual life. This powerful prayer by him seems very helpful for Orthodox Christians during Great

Lent:

“Christ, Master of all, free us from all these destructive passions and the thoughts born of them. For Thy sake we came into being, so that we might delight in the paradise which Thou hast planted and in which Thou hast placed us. We brought our present disgrace upon ourselves, preferring destruction to the delights of blessedness. We have paid for this, for we have exchanged eternal life for death. O Master, as once Thou hast looked on us, look on us now; as Thou becamest man, save all of us. For Thou camest to save us who were lost. Do not exclude us from the company of those who are being saved. Raise up our souls and save our bodies, cleansing us from all impurity. Break the fetters of the passions that constrain us, as once Thou hast broken the ranks of the impure demons. Free us from their tyranny, so that we may worship Thee alone, the eternal light, having risen from the dead and dancing with the angels in the blessed, eternal and indissoluble dance. Amen.”

—Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, March 20th – Akathist Hymn (4th Stasis), 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Wed., March 25th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, March 27th – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 1st – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Sat., April 4th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, April 5th – Bridegroom Service, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, Apr. 6th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
 Monday, Mar. 6th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
 Tuesday, Apr. 7th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
 Tuesday, Apr. 7th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
 Wednesday, Apr. 8th – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.
 Wednesday, April 8th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
 Thursday, April 9th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
 Thursday, April 9th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
 Friday, April 10th – Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.
 Friday, April 10th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
 Friday, April 10th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
 Saturday, April 11th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
 Saturday, April 11th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
 Sun., April 12th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 AM
 Sunday, April 12th – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.
 Saturday, April 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday, April 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all persons who attended and/or assisted with our **Annual General Parish Meeting** last Sunday. A special thank you is given to our outgoing Parish Council member, **Andy Mahoney**, who so ably assisted us. A posthumous thank you is also offered to **Laurie Bolanos**, who was elected Parish Council Vice Chair as identified in our March 23, 2025, meeting minutes. **Bill Harrison** and **DJ Landry** were each re-elected for a three-year term. **Diana Canahuati** was appointed by Fr. Peter for a three-year term and **Therese Dagher** was appointed to a two-year term. **Philip Khoury** was elected to fill a one-year vacancy on the Parish Council. Returning to the Parish Council for one more year are **Elias Ioup** and **Mark Fleming**. Returning to the Council for two more years are **Sevin Russell** and **Stephen Pituch**. **Eric Canahuati** is designated as an alternate Council member should a vacancy on the Council occur. Congratulations to all our Council members and may God grant you many years.

Meatfare Week began on Monday, Feb. 16. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat

products. From Pure Monday, Feb. 23, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday (April 5).

The Middle Eastern Ladies are having a **Lenten food sale** today and on Sundays during Great Lent. Please see their flyer or speak to **Nadia Khashou**, **Therese Dagher** or **Alexa Hamauei** for details.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then please make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

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

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

On Sunday, April 5th, an **Archdiocese-wide second collection** shall be taken up for the Patriarchate of Antioch. Donations by check should be made payable to “St. Basil Church.” On the memo line, please write, “Patriarchate Collection”. May God bless your generosity.

An **Easter Egg Hunt** for the little people in our parish shall be held after Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 5th. For more information, please see **Pam Nugent**.

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services. Thank you.

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

Next meeting for **The Art of Myrrh Bearing** will be **May 2nd** at 11 am. This meeting will be held in the church hall of St. Basil's. This meeting will start part 3 MYRRHBEARERS IN ACTION. We will focus on the Introduction on p. 165 through Herman of Alaska ending on p. 234. June 6th will conclude our book study, time and place will be announced prior to that meeting. Please see Tania Russell for more information.

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,

April 19, 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 welcome for the social hour afterward. The following dates of worship are Sundays, May 17, June 21, and July 12, at St. Michael Church at 5:00 P.M.