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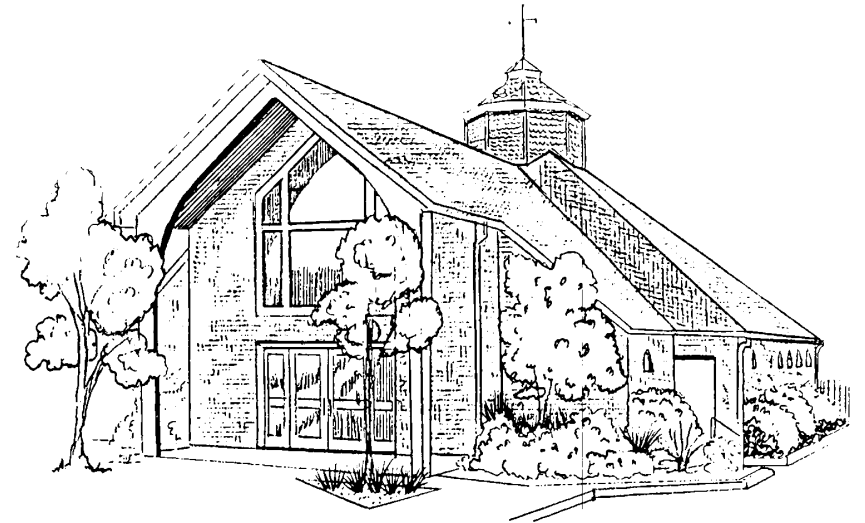
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Venerable Paul, The Physician

Paul was a Corinthian by birth. Completing his schooling, Paul withdrew to a monastery and was tonsured a monk. He had a difficult struggle with the impure spirit of fornication. However, when with the power of the cross he drove the impure spirit of fornication away from himself, that spirit created a malicious falsehood, i.e., [the spirit] gave approval to a depraved woman to say that she had given birth to a child by Paul. The heretics then dragged him from the monastery, placed the child in his arms and forced him to walk throughout the town for the people to spit on him. The baby was only a few days old. St. Paul prayed fervently to God and said to the people: "Behold, let the child himself say who is his father." The child stretched out its hand from the swaddling clothes and pointed to a blacksmith and said: "That man is my father and not Paul the monk!" The adversaries of Paul became ashamed and God granted great healing powers to Paul so that when he placed his hand on the sick, they became whole. Paul reposed peacefully in old age pleasing God by his life on earth. He lived in the seventh century.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid



June 28, 2026
The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. 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: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 8:5-13

Saints of the Day

The translation of the relics of Cyrus and John the unmercenary healers; Martyrs Papios and Paul of Corinth; Venerable Moses the Anchorite; Venerable Sergios and Herman, wonder-workers of Valaam.

Spiritual Counsels...

My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off. – Prov. 24:13, 14

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Most Orthodox people know about the “Great Schism of 1054.” This is when the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox church went their separate ways. The main reason for the schism was a dispute over the Roman patriarch’s authority over the Eastern church. He insisted on his supremacy over the Eastern patriarchs. There were, however, other fundamental differences between the Eastern and Western churches such as the Eastern church’s objection to Rome’s addition of the filioque clause in the Nicene Creed (the claim that the Holy Spirit descended from the Father and the Son, not just from the Father). Mutual suspicion and theological rivalry between the churches continued during the next 400 years. It led to bloody confrontations between the churches during the Crusades when the Pope’s private army devastated Mt. Athos. Monks who refused to convert to Catholicism were either killed or sold as slaves. Happily, while theological differences between East and West remain, Rome and Constantinople have entered constructive dialogue in recent years. In 1965, the churches lifted their mutual excommunications of 1054. In November 2025, on the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, Pope Leo XIV and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew met and signed a declaration affirming their commitment to a path toward full communion. The faith leaders urged all clergy and laypeople to pray and work together in obedience to our Lord’s prayer “that all may be one...so that the world may believe.” Thanks be to God. —Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, June 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, July 4th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

Saturday, July 11th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 12th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, July 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Apostles Fast** began on Monday, June 8, and ends on Sunday, June 28, inclusively.

God willing, Fr. Peter will meet with all **inquirers and catechumens** after coffee hour today, June 28th, in the nave of the church. The discussion is open to everyone.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Monday, June 29, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul**.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 4. Thank you. Next Week: Team 1.

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, July 12, 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, August **, at St. Michael Church at 5:00 P.M.