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The Venerable Theodore the Sanctified

Theodore was a disciple of St. Pachomius. He was born and raised as a pagan but as a young man came to the knowledge of the True Faith and was baptized. Learning about St. Pachomius, he secretly fled from his parent's home to Pachomius' monastery. St. Pachomius tonsured him a monk and admired him because of his unique zeal and obedience. When his mother arrived to ask him to come home, Theodore did not even want to appear before her but prayed that God would enlighten her with the truth. Indeed, not only did her son not return home, but she herself did not return home. Seeing a convent not far away which was under the spiritual direction of Pachomius' sister, she entered the convent and was tonsured a nun. After a period of time, Paphnutius, Theodore's brother, also came to the monastery and was tonsured a monk. In time, the bishop of Panopolis called St. Pachomius to establish a monastery for those who desired the monastic life. Pachomius took Theodore with him and entrusted him with the duty of establishing this new monastery. After the death of Pachomius, Theodore became the abbot of all Pachomius' monasteries and lived to a ripe old age. Theodore lived a life pleasing to God, directing the many monks on the road to salvation. He died peacefully and took up habitation in the kingdom of Eternal Light in the year 368 A.D.

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May 16, 2021
The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

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... *we stand as long as the Holy Eucharist is in the nave; we are in the presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We remain standing as communicants come forward to receive the Holy Gifts. Of course, if you have a physical disability or are unable to stand due to pain, please do sit as necessary. Otherwise, we should always stand at this time.*

Epistle Reading: Acts: 6:1-7

Gospel Reading: St. Mark 15:43-16:8

Saints of the Day

Venerable Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Pachomios the Great; Alexander, archbishop of Jerusalem; New-martyr Nicholas of Metsov; Venerable Ephraim of Perekop, wonder-worker of Novgorod; Venerable Brendan of Clonfert.

A Spring Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, as we welcome the spring, we are now able to ease some of the restrictions required by the Archdiocese and Jefferson Parish. We were able to have our annual parish meeting and thank you for your participation. Until we are completely sure that it is safe, please continue to wear masks and observe social distancing in church and in the parish hall. The reception of Holy Communion is encouraged but, as always, is optional. We will try to offer snacks and coffee again after the liturgy as soon as possible. Thanks be to God for blessing our parish during these difficult times

—Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, May 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 22nd – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, May 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 29th – No Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 30th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

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

Sunday, June 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

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

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family was under the altar, a few Sundays ago, listening to Father Peter's sermon about angels. Except for some of the new age people, our secular society does not believe in angels. Yet the Bible and the Orthodox Church teach that they are very real and have played important roles in the Old and New Testaments. To mention just a few, think of Gabriel and Michael and the angel who was present at the tomb of our Lord. Orthodox Saints and theologians also tell us that each of us has a guardian angel whose job is to protect and guide us. After we die, the guardian angel can advocate for us. Whether we wish to acknowledge the angel's presence is a personal decision but the angel is always there and ready to help. It is proper to pray to your guardian angel and to view the angel as your adviser and companion. In the Orthodox liturgy, there is a prayer for "an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies." For such an angel, let us entreat the Lord — Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"He who rejects discipline despises his own self; he who listens to correction wins discernment." – Proverbs 15:32

Today's Ushers: Pam Nugent. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

Today's coffee hour: Potluck. **Next Sunday:** Potluck.

A-Peal for the Bell...



The bell was originally used in the National Shrine of St. Anna in the Tremé neighborhood of New Orleans during the 19th century and early part of the 20th century. Please consider contributing to the cost of the bell and its installation. Any gifts should be marked "Church Bell". You are also invited to several upcoming fundraising lunches and hope that you can attend. —Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council



The Bookstore Bee

This month in St. Basil's bookstore we would like to bring attention to the beautiful icons we have for sale. We offer a variety of icons in many sizes. For your traveling purposes, we also have small triptych and diptych icons. These are also a great addition to an icon corner in your home. If you are looking for a particular icon, we can also order those.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to return your Lenten coin boxes. The collection, God willing, will be tallied up and forwarded to the Archdiocese office.

There is no fasting until Friday, June 11.

Our patriarchate collection on Palm Sunday was \$1,699.00, and is being forwarded to the Archdiocese office. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God bless you.

Many thanks to all of you who helped with the services during Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. Many of you did things, of which, most of us are not even aware. May God bless you for your sacrifice, dedication, piety and, most of all, your love for our dear Lord.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold its May meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their May meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

God willing, on Friday, May 21, we shall celebrate the **feast of Ss. Constantine and Helen** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the "Worship Schedule" for times.

God willing, on Thursday, June 10, we shall celebrate the **feast of the Ascension of our Lord** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the "Worship Schedule" for times.

As of May 11, 2021, 35 pledges were received for 2021 totaling \$78,874. The donations for April 2021 totaled \$15,533.35. The expenses were \$22,202.25 for an end-of-month balance of \$41,065.46. Thank you.