

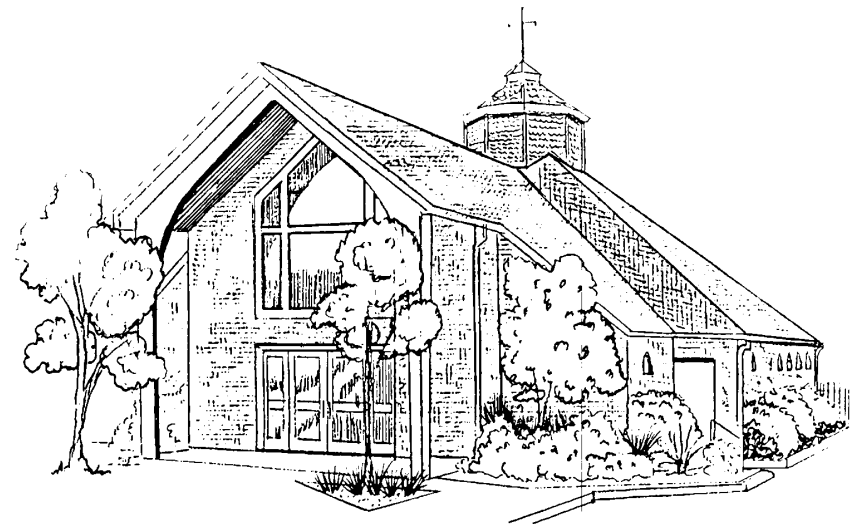
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**The Holy Martyr Marina**

Born in Pisidian Antioch of pagan parents, Marina only heard of the Lord Jesus at the age of 12, of His incarnation of the most pure Virgin, His many miracles, His death by crucifixion and His glorious Resurrection. Her little heart was inflamed with love for the Lord, and she vowed never to marry and, further, desired in her soul to suffer for Christ and be baptized with the blood of martyrdom. Her father hated her for her faith, and would not regard her as his daughter. The imperial governor, Olymbrius, hearing of Marina and learning that she was a Christian, at first desired her for his wife. When Marina refused, he ordered her to sacrifice to idols. To this, Marina replied: 'I shall not worship nor offer sacrifice to dead idols, lacking breath of life, which have no awareness of themselves and are not even aware of our honoring or dishonoring them. I will not give them that honor that belongs to my Creator alone.' Then Olymbrius put her to harsh torture, and threw her into prison all wounded and bleeding. Marina prayed to God in the prison, and, after she had prayed, there appeared to her first the devil in the form of a terrible serpent, which twined itself about her head. When she made the sign of the Cross, the serpent split asunder and disappeared. Then she was bathed in heavenly light; the walls and roof of the prison disappeared and a Cross was revealed, resplendent and lofty. On the top of the Cross was perched a white dove, from which there came a voice: 'Rejoice, the day of thy joy is drawing near!', and Marina was healed by the power of God of all her wounds. The demented judge tortured her the next day by fire and water, but Marina endured it all as if not in her own body. She was beheaded in the time of the Emperor Diocletian, but remains alive in soul and in power in heaven and on earth. One of her hands is preserved in the monastery of Vatopedi on the Holy Mountain. Even in Albania, in the Langa mountains overlooking Lake Ochrid, there is a monastery of St Marina with some of her wonderworking relics. Numerous miracles have been wrought in this monastery and still are, witnessed not only by Christians but also by Moslems. The Turks have such a veneration for this holy place that they have never laid hands on either the place or the monastery's possessions. At one time, a Turk was caretaker of the monastery.

***from: The Prologue of Ochrid***

# **St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church**



**July 17, 2022**  
**Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

*As we move into 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:** St. Matthew 5:14-19

## Saints of the Day

Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia; Venerable Irenarchos of Solovky.

## A Message from the Parish Council on Parish Hall Repairs

Dear Parishioners, we are making good progress with repairs to the Parish Hall. The new metal roof has been installed. Sections of the Parish Hall are now being sheet-rocked and painted. The men's restroom will be repaired with new fixtures. The women's restroom will also be updated. We give thanks for the beautiful new Transfiguration Icon in our Temple, the work of Cheryl Pituch. Many thanks also to Cynthia Hibbs and Alexa Hamauei for coordinating a great Greek lunch fundraiser which generated over \$1,000 for the parish! Thanks be to God! --Rob Booms

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



I am sometimes asked what makes a good Orthodox member. This can be a difficult thing in a parish where so many people commute from a great distance. St. Basil is clearly not a neighborhood church. We are more like an extended family and that gives us special responsibilities. Metropolitan PHILIP endorsed a little book by Father Abramtsov, an Antiochian

Orthodox priest, called ***The Orthodox Companion***. He gives the following pointers:

Attend Liturgy on Sundays and all Holy Days.

Be regular about confession and receive Holy Communion at least 4 times a year.

Observe the fasts in diet but also in word and deed.

Be kind to other parishioners and, especially, your priest. Forgive slights readily.

Make regular financial contributions to the Parish if you are able.

Volunteer for Parish activities and belong to a Parish organization.

Invite others to attend the church and welcome visitors.

Be loyal to God, the Church and the parish at all times.

Help us O Lord, to be good, obedient and kind always--Theo

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## ***Spiritual Counsels...***

"An evildoer listens to wicked lips; and a liar gives heed to a mischievous tongue" – Proverbs 17:4

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Parish Council shall hold its July meeting today, July 17, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

On Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Transfiguration will be celebrated with Orthros at 9:00 A.M. followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.

The blessing of the grapes will occur at the end of the Divine Liturgy on August the 6<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who would like to bring grapes (or other fresh fruits) are invited to do so.

To offset the coffee hour team members expenses for coffee hour, the team leaders are asking for one-dollar donations from adults for each coffee hour to cover the expenses for plates, bowls, forks, spoons, knives, cups, etc. They continue to generously provide us with snack/lunch items at no expense to us. Donations by check should be made payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Thank you for your assistance in making this happen. God bless you.

Fr. Peter, God willing, will be in Pennsylvania from July 18-22 attending the Clergy Symposium. Should you need the assistance of a priest, please call Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 504.282.0259.

**Coffee Hour:** This Week: Team 3. Next Week: Team 4.

**Ushers:** This Week: Mihai Leustean. Next Week: Pam Nugent.

**Parish Financial Summary:** The donations through June 2022 totaled \$16,386.75. The expenses for June 2022 are \$98,118.08.