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The Holy Apostles Euodus and Onesiphorus

Euodus and Onesiphorus were apostles of the Seventy. St. Ignatius the God-bearer mentions Euodus with great praise in his Epistle to the Antiochians. Euodus was a disciple of the Apostle Peter, and his successor as Bishop of Antioch. The Apostle Peter himself consecrated him. Euodus wrote a work on the Holy Theotokos, in which he related how the Holy Virgin Mary was brought to the Temple at the age of three, and remained in the Temple for 11 years; how, on entering her 15th year, she was entrusted to St. Joseph for protection; and how, at age 15, she gave birth to the Lord. Euodus also wrote another work entitled "The Beacon." However, both of these works were destroyed during the persecution of Christians. He was slain for Christ during Emperor Vespasian's persecutions in Antioch. The Apostle Paul mentions St. Onesiphorus as his sincere friend and helper (II Timothy 1:16-18). St. Onesiphorus suffered for Christ in Colophon, where he was bishop. It is said that he was tied to wild horses and pulled apart. Thus, these faithful soldiers of Christ honorably served on earth, and entered into the joy of their Lord.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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September 7, 2025
The Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

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: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel Reading: St. John 3:13-17

Saints of the Day

Martyr Sozon of Cilicia; Apostles Euodos and Onesiphoros of the Seventy; New-martyr Athanasios; John, archbishop of Novgorod; Venerable Kassiane, Venerable Cloud of Nogent-sur-Seine.

Spiritual Counsels...

He who loves purity of heart, and whose speech is gracious, will have the king as his friend. – Proverbs 22:11



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

On September 24, the Holy Orthodox Church observes the feast day of Saint Thekla. Her icon is included in St. Basil's Iconostasis. Saint Thekla was born in Central Turkey, then part of the Roman Empire, about 25 years after the birth of our Lord. She was a beautiful young woman from a wealthy family. When she was 18, her parents arranged for her to be married. However, Saint Thekla had heard a sermon by the Apostle Paul and decided to devote her life to preaching the Gospel. The fiancé blamed Saint Paul who was then locked up in prison. Saint Thekla visited St. Paul in prison until he was banished from the city. Continuing to refuse marriage, Saint Thekla was sentenced to die by burning. However, a downpour of rain extinguished the fire. She was able to escape and joined Saint Paul, Saint Barnabas and others to preach the Gospel in Antioch. Another young man sought to marry there but she also refused his offer. Condemned to death for being a Christian, Saint Thekla was twice caged with hungry wild animals who only licked her feet. She was tied to two oxen to be torn apart but the cord broke like cobwebs. Finally, at age 90, threatened by pagan sorcerers, the Lord saved her by opening a rock which then became her tomb. Holy Thekla, Equal of the Apostles, pray to Christ our Savior, to save us from our sins. — Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, Sept. 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 20th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Sept. 21st – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their September meeting today, Sept. 7, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM! The **Ladies Guild** is having their **Ice Cream fundraiser** on Sept. 7. Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale now. We can beat the heat together. Please see **Tania Russell** for tickets.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 8th, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their September meeting next Sunday, Sept. 14, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Parents and teachers: there is **no Church School** on Sept. 14.

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 14. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations and donation, and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

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.

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!