

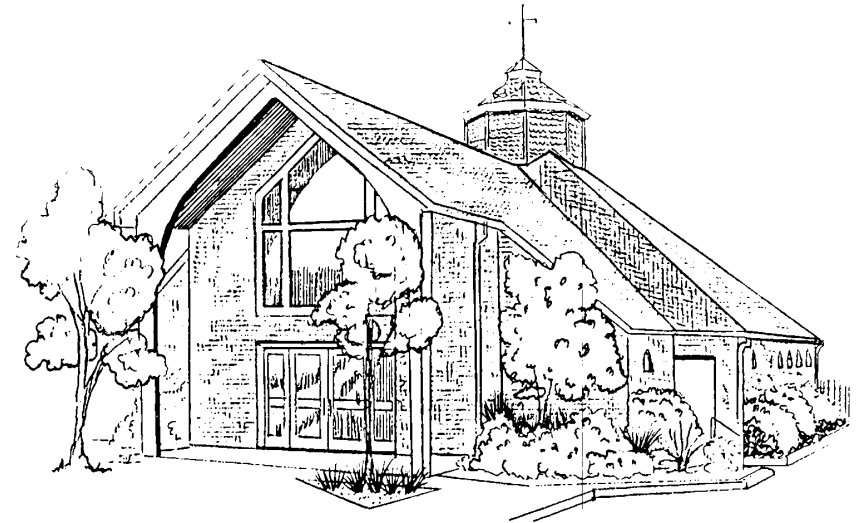
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The Priestly-Martyr Irenaeus, bishop of Lyon

In his youth, Irenaeus was a disciple of Polycarp, who was a disciple of the apostles, who sent him to preach in Gaul. Following the martyrdom of St. Pothinus, Irenaeus was installed as bishop. In his countless writings, Irenaeus at times defined the Orthodox Faith and, again at times, he defended it from heretics. Irenaeus was martyred and died for Christ at the time of Emperor Severus in the year 202 A.D., along with many thousands of Christians (19,000).

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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August 23, 2026
The 12th Sunday of St. Matthew
The Leave-taking of the Dormition

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: I Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 19:16-26

Saints of the Day

Martyr Loupos, servant of the Great-martyr Demetrios; Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympos.

Spiritual Counsels...

Do not bear witness lightly against your neighbor, nor with your lips deceive. – Prov. 24:28



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

Many Christians have an inherited sense of what Jesus 'looks like'. Most likely it comes from the earliest icons of our Lord. Among them is the icon Orthodox people know as the 'Image Not-Made-by-Hands'. According to tradition, it came about when Abgar, a Syrian ruler, was seeking a cure for leprosy. He had heard about Jesus' healing powers. He wrote a letter to Christ asking him to come and cure him. If Jesus could not come in person, he instructed his court painter, Ananias, to paint Jesus' image since he believed that it, by itself, would suffice for a cure. Ananias could not get close enough to Jesus. Perceiving this, Jesus called over Ananias and promised to send his disciple to heal Abgar. Then Jesus called for water and a towel. He wiped his face with the towel. This left an imprint of His Divine Image. Ananias returned to Syria with the Image and, with it, Abgar's healing began. Later, the Apostle Thaddeus completed the cure when he visited Abgar. The icon was in Orthodox hands until seized by the Crusaders. It is believed to reside in a Roman Catholic church in Genoa, Italy. The Image Not-Made-By-Hands is visible at St. Basil directly above the large icon of the Theotokos in the Altar and in the Narthex under the icon of the Transfiguration of Christ. The observance of this miraculous icon occurs on August 16. We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. — Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, Aug. 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

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

Saturday, Sept. 5th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

Thank you to the Middle Eastern ladies of the parish who provided a wonderful **luncheon for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**. Thank you also to all of you who supported their efforts. May God bless you all.

Parents and Church School teachers please note **Church School** shall begin, God willing, today, Aug. 23, after Divine Liturgy.

God willing, Fr. Peter will meet with all **inquirers and catechumens** after coffee hour today, August 23rd, in the nave of the church. The discussion is open to everyone.

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY September 27 Tickets \$5 now available
Enjoy a yummy treat and support your LADIES GUILD!

You choose your toppings (cherries, whipped cream, gummy bears, brownies, etc) to create a delicious sundae! See Tania, Jane, Michelle, or Rhonda for tickets.

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

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 Saturday, September 12, at 10:00 A.M. The address is 4499 Sharp Road, Mandeville, Louisiana, 70471. Everyone is welcome, Orthodox Christians as well as non-Orthodox. Food and drinks are encouraged for the social hour afterward. The next dates of worship are Saturdays, October 24, November 14, and December 12, at St. Michael Church at 10:00 A.M.