

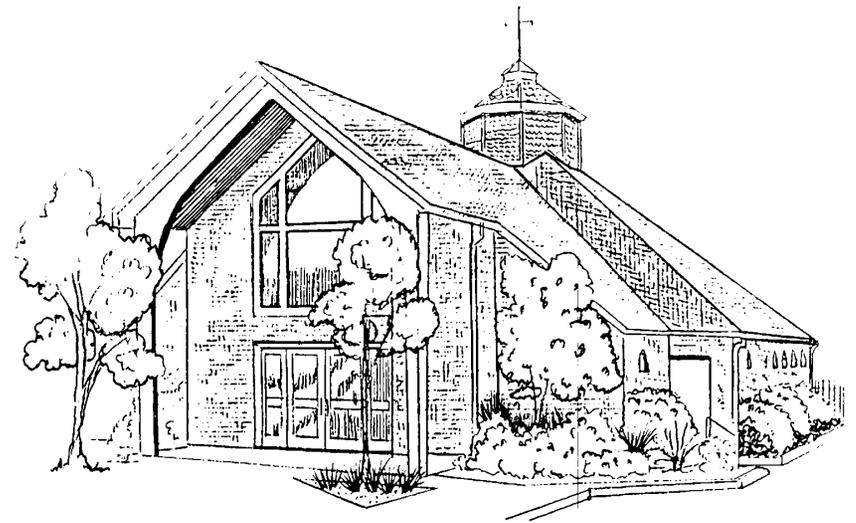
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The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia

They were brother and sister from Nicomedia. During one of the terrible persecutions of Christians by Maximian some of the faithful fled Nicomedia and hid. The young Eulampius was sent into the city to buy bread. There he saw the imperial edict decreeing the persecution of Christians posted on a wall. He laughed at it, removed it, and tore it up. He was arrested and immediately brought before the judge. When the judge advised him to deny Christ, Eulampius counseled the judge to reject the false idols and to acknowledge Christ as the One Living God. The judge ordered that he be flogged for a long time until his blood flowed, and that he be tormented with other cruel tortures. Hearing of her brother's suffering, the virgin Eulampia came running, and she, together with her brother, suffered for Christ. She was flogged until blood flowed from her nose and mouth. After that, they were thrown into boiling pitch, and then into a red-hot furnace, but by the power of the sign of the Cross and the name of Christ, they rendered the fire harmless. Finally, Eulampius was beheaded, but Eulampia died before being beheaded. Two hundred other Christians were also slain, who had come to believe in Christ upon witnessing the power and miracles of St. Eulampius and his sister. All were crowned with martyrs' wreaths, and passed over into their eternal heavenly homeland.

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St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



October 10, 2021
The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
The 3rd Sunday of St. Luke

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: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 7:11:16

Saints of the Day

Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia at Nicomedia; Venerable Theophilus the confessor of Bulgaria; The 200 Monk-martyrs of Nicomedia; Righteous Vassianos of Constantinople; Ambrose and the 14 holy elders of Optina Monastery; Pinytos, bishop of Knossos; Paulinus, archbishop of York.

A Message from the Parish Council on the Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners, unfortunately, the COVID virus remains a problem for Louisianans. Unvaccinated persons and children under 12 are especially vulnerable. Governor Edwards has requested that masks be worn at all public gatherings. For this reason, as well as the previous directions from the Antiochian Archdiocese, we recommend that you wear a face mask in church except when receiving communion. In the Parish Hall, please wear a face mask unless you are drinking a beverage or eating food. Persons who are involved in the Liturgy and the Choir need not wear a mask while performing their duties. Please refrain from attending church if you are feeling unwell or a running a

fever. We will have a limited supply of face masks if you did not bring your own. Thank you for your cooperation—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 16th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Oct. 17th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 30th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Oct. 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family under the altar thinks that one of the most beautiful services in the Orthodox Church is the short memorial service offered for the departed just before or after the Liturgy. It may occur on the 3rd, 9th, or 40th day after death or at the one-year anniversary of the date of death.

Kollyva, a dish of boiled wheat, is often prepared and placed on a memorial table with an icon of our Lord and lit candles. During the service, the priest will swing a censer continuously as prayers are recited. Grieving persons will hold lighted candles and, at the end, join in the singing of Memory Eternal. The candles are then placed in the candle stands before the Iconostasis as a reminder that everyone present will also give up their souls in the end. The Kollyva is later shared with members of the congregation. Anyone who wishes to observe this tradition should contact Father Peter in advance to make the arrangements. May the Lord have mercy on the souls of all our departed loved ones. God bless all—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“To turn from evil is the way of honest men; he keeps his life safe who watches where he goes.” – Proverbs 16:17

Today's Ushers: Sevin/Tania Russell. **Next Week:** Mihai Leustean.

Today's coffee hour: Team 2. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.



The Bookstore Bee

This month in St. Basil's bookstore, we hope you notice the wide variety of books we have in our bookcases, from learning more about the Orthodox faith and books for our new catechumens to learning more on the Divine Liturgy or lives of the saints. The bookstore has also donated quite a few books to our parish library. **Charles** and **Yazmin Incaprera** have graciously taken the time to revamp the library and put it back in order. If you have any questions on ordering books from the bookstore or checking out books from the library, please see **April Pituch**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School, God willing, begins Oct. 24.

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

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their October meeting Sunday, Oct. 24, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Parish Financial Summary: The donations through August 2021 totaled \$116,025.72. The expenses through August 2021 are \$124,123.40.