

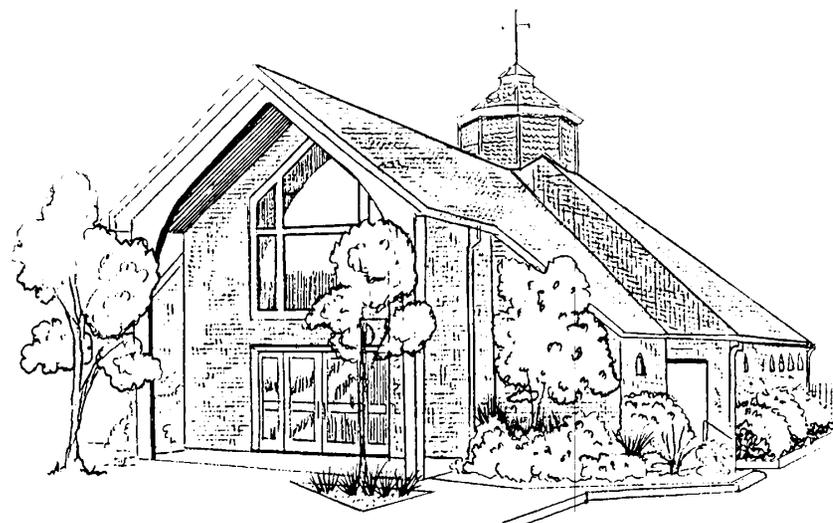
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St. Anna, the Mother of the All-Holy Birth-Giver of God

Today is the commemoration of the falling asleep of St. Anna but her principal feast is celebrated on September 9, on which date is written her service and her hagiography. Anna was from the tribe of Levi and the daughter of Matthan, the priest. After a long and God-pleasing life she died in extreme old age.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid



July 25, 2021
The Dormition of St. Anna
The 5th Sunday of Matthew

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: Galatians 4:22-27

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 8:28-34, 9:1

Saints of the Day

Dormition of Rigeous Anna, the mother of the Theotokos; Olympias, the deaconess of Constantinople; Venerable Eupraxia of Tabenna; Four Martyrs of Lyons; Venerable Makarios of Zheltovodsk and Unzha.

July Financial Status Report

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the summer months, weekly giving generally slows down and expenses sometimes exceed income. Right after we paid nearly \$15,000 for the last phase of the air conditioning repairs, we learned that our property insurance premium of \$12,500 would be more than doubled. Our insurance carrier is now charging an additional \$16,000 for a year of wind and hail coverage. We are having to pay that in monthly instalments. If you are behind in your financial commitment to the Parish, we would really appreciate it if you could catch up and maintain your weekly support. Thank you for your cooperation.

—Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, July 20th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, July 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, July 27th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, July 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, Aug. 2nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, Aug. 4th – Paraclesis Service, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, Aug. 5th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, Aug. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Monday, Aug. 9th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, Aug. 11th – Paraclesis Service, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, Aug. 13th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Aug. 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



In the tradition of the Orthodox Church, my possum parents baptized me with the name “Theodore” (the Martyr, September 5) or Theo for short. Orthodox people are blessed in that they may celebrate both a birthday and a “Name Day.” Every saint has a designated day on the Liturgical calendar. On our Name Day, we honor the Saint for whom we were named at Baptism or Chrismation. We venerate the saint’s icon and pray the saint’s troparion and kontakion if there is one. After the Liturgy, Fr. Peter asks persons with a Name Day to come forward and receive a blessing. We then greet the person with “May your name be healthy and well.” The relationship with our Name Saint is especially important for our spiritual health and should be fostered by faithful observance of the Name Day. If the church does not have your saint’s icon on the walls, please consider purchasing a small one so that we can add it to the “great cloud of witnesses” who surround us every Sunday. God bless all — Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“Let the Lord be please with a man’s way of life and He makes his very enemies into friends.” – Proverbs 16:7

Today’s Ushers: Yordan Yordanov. **Next Week:** Mihai Leustean.

Today’s coffee hour: Team 4. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

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

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

God willing, on Tuesday, July 27, we shall celebrate the **feast of the Great-martyr Panteleimon** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the “Worship Schedule” for times.

The **Dormition Fast** begins Sunday, August 1st, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Friday, Aug. 6th, for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, and an allowance for alcohol and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The fast ends with the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on Sunday, August 15.

Fr. Peter would like to meet with all **inquirers and catechumens** during coffee hour next Sunday. Please get your food and drinks and meet with him in the large classroom. Thank you.

God willing, on Monday, Aug. 2, we shall celebrate the **feast of the transfer of the relics of Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the “Worship Schedule” for times.

God willing, on Wednesday, Aug. 4, a **Paraclesis Service to the Mother of God** will be served. Please see the “Worship Schedule” for times.

God willing, on Thursday, Aug. 5, we shall celebrate the **forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the “Worship Schedule” for times.

God willing, on Friday, Aug. 6, we shall celebrate the **feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the “Worship Schedule” for times.

God willing, we shall have the **blessing of the grapes** on Friday, Aug. 6. Those persons who wish to bring grapes (or other fruits) to be blessed are invited to do so.

God willing, on Monday, Aug. 9, we shall celebrate the **feast of St. Herman of Alaska** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the “Worship Schedule” for times.

God willing, on Wednesday, Aug. 11, a **Paraclesis Service to the Mother of God** will be served. Please see the “Worship Schedule” for times.

God willing, on Friday, Aug. 13, we shall celebrate the **leave-taking of the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the “Worship Schedule” for times.

As of July 9, 2021, 35 pledges were received for 2021 totaling \$78,874. The donations for June 2021 totaled \$17,090.50. The expenses were \$18,990.47 for an end-of-month balance of \$20,058.56. Thank you.