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September 6:
The Miracle of Archangel Michael
at Colossae in Chonia.

Online Classes with Father Anthony:



SCRIPTURE CLASS:

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

Sept. 8: Prayers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

Sept. 15: "It is no Longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"

EASTERN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS CLASS:

Thursdays @ 7:00pm

Sept. 10: The Cross in our Liturgical Tradition

Sept. 17: Saints of September: St. Nicetas the Goth, St Sophia and her three Daughters. St Gregory the Illuminator of Armenia

To be placed on our emailing list: www.stbasil.org/online-classes

Please Pray For:

Irene Challberg

Don Ehle

Helen Mikulik

Leo & Arden Parrott

Emma Welsh

Irene Williams



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What is a Catechumen?

A **catechumen** is person who is preparing for Baptism. The **catechumenate** is formation in preparation for the Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and the Divine Eucharist.



Formation includes:

- **Catechesis**: Instruction in the teachings of our holy Faith.
- **Liturgy & Prayer**: Participation in the Liturgical services of the Church and personal prayer, and fasting.
- **Conversion**: Putting on the mind and heart of Christ, living in accord with His love, truth and holy Commandments.

Related terms:

Catechist is a teacher of the faith

Catechism is instruction in the faith

A book summarizing the teachings of the Church is also called a **catechism**.

The words **catechism/catechesis** are from the Greek word **katēkhein** meaning *to sound* or teach by word of mouth. The **ech** (ekh) of this word is related to the word **echo**, to re-sound, to receive and recount teaching. The catechumen “echos” back what he or she was taught, not only in being able to recount what one learned, but also by proving that they received the word by their behavior, i.e., by putting it into practice.

St John Chrysostom in speaking to his catechumens said: “For I do not speak only that you may hear, but that you may remember what I said and give me proof of it by your deeds; rather, you must give proof to God, who knows your secret thoughts. This is why my discourse is called a catechesis, so that even when I am not here my words may echo in your minds.”

Safe Environment Eparchy of Phoenix

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Great Feasts of September



The Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of the Theotokos (Sept. 8)

Monday, Sept. 7, Pre-Festive: Vigil: Great Vespers 7:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 8, Feast Day: Canon of Matins @ 9:30am

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00am

Saturday, Sept. 12, Leave-taking of the feast day:

Moleben to the Theotokos @ 10:00am

The Feast of the Universal Exaltation (Elevation) of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross (Sept. 14)

Pre-Festive: Sept. 13, Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross:

Matins @ 9:00am

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00am

Monday, Sept. 14, Feast Day:

Traditionally a Day of Strict Fast (no meat, eggs, milk, wine)

Canon of Matins @ 9:30am

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00am

Saturday, Sept. 21, Leave-taking of the feast day:

Moleben to the Holy Cross @ 10:00am

St Basil's Church is part of the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix, and our Bishop is the Most Reverend Artur Bubnevych, D.D., S.T.L.

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