

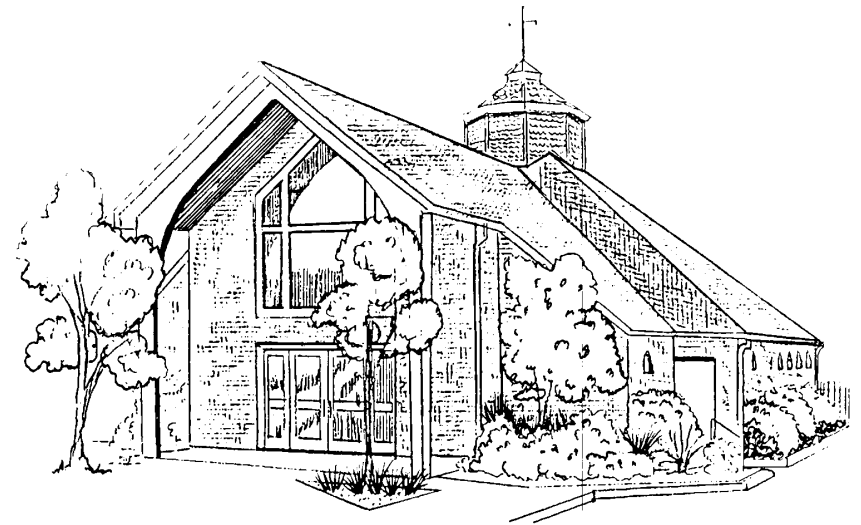
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**The Venerable Sava the Sanctified**

The unknown village of Mutalaska, in the province of Cappadocia, became famous through this great luminary of the Orthodox Church. Sava was born there of his parents John and Sophia. At the age of eight, he left the home of his parents and was tonsured a monk in a nearby monastic community called Flavian's. After 10 years, he moved to the monasteries of Palestine and remained longest in the Monastery of St. Euthymius the Great (January 20) and Theoctistus. The clairvoyant Euthymius prophesied of Sava that he would become a famous monk and a teacher of monks and that he would establish a lavra greater than all the lavras of that time. After the death of Euthymius, Sava withdrew to the desert, where he lived for five years as a hermit in a cave shown to him by an angel of God. Afterward, when he had been perfected in the monastic life, he began by divine providence to gather around him many who were desirous of the spiritual life. Soon, such a large number gathered that Sava had to build a church and many cells. Some Armenians also came to him, and for them he provided a cave where they would be able to celebrate services in the Armenian language. When his father died, his aged mother Sophia came to him, and he tonsured her a nun. He gave her a cell located at a distance from his monastery, where she lived a life of asceticism until her death. This holy father endured many assaults from all sides: from those who were close to him, from heretics, and from demons. But he triumphed over them all: those close to him, by kindness and indulgence; the heretics, by his unwavering confession of the Orthodox Faith; the demons, by the sign of the Cross and calling upon God for help. He had a particularly great struggle with demons on Mount Castellium, where he established his second monastery. In all, Sava established seven monasteries. He and Theodosius the Great, his neighbor, are considered to be the greatest lights and pillars of Orthodoxy in the East. They corrected emperors and patriarchs in matters of the Faith, and to everyone they served as an example of saintly humility and the miraculous power of God. After a toilsome and very fruitful life, St. Sava entered into rest in the year 532, at the age of 94. Among his many wondrous and good works, let it at least be mentioned that he was the first to compile the Order of Services for use in monasteries, now known as the Jerusalem Typicon.

**from: The Prologue from Ochrid**

# St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



**December 5, 2021**  
**St. Savvas the Sanctified**  
**The 10<sup>th</sup> 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... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

**Epistle Reading:** Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2

**Gospel Reading:** St. Luke 13:10-17

## Saints of the Day

Venerable Sabbas the Sanctified; Martyr Anastasios; Martyr Diogenes; Martyr Abercius; Nonnus; Gratus; Venerable Nektarios of Iagri Kelli and Philotheos of Karyes on Athos; Venerable-martyrs from the kellia of Karyes on Athos; Martyr Crispina of Thagura; Nicetius, bishop of Treves; Gurios, missionary bishop of Kazan.

## A Message from the Parish Council on Hurricane Ida Damage

Dear Parishioners, while the Church was unscathed, Hurricane Ida left our Parish Hall with over \$100,000 in damages. The roof needs to be replaced and parts of the building were damaged by water and require repairs and mold remediation. We closed the men's restroom. For the foreseeable future, the ladies' restroom will be used by all with the aid of a lock on the door. We are working with our insurance carrier. We are in the process of obtaining estimates for the necessary repairs. We

are grateful for the financial assistance offered by the Archdiocese, the Diocese and some of you. It will take several months to put things back together but we have faith that we will come out of this better and stronger. Thank you and God bless our Parish—Rob Booms, Chairman, Parish Council.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Royal Hours of the Nativity, 9:00 A.M.  
Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 10:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



On Sunday mornings, Father Peter always throws out breadcrumbs from the side door of the church. It's a special treat for St. Basil's possum family. We asked him to explain what it's all about. It turns out that the crumbs are from one or more loaves of bread being prepared for the Eucharist.

The bread is baked by devout ladies from the Parish from white, bleached, self-rising flour, a little yeast, salt and water. The loaf is called prosphora, meaning "oblations." On top of each loaf is impressed a cross with the Greek inscriptions IC, XC, NI, and KA which signify "Christ prevails." This section of the bread, the "Lamb," is cut out of the loaf and is consecrated during the Liturgy to become the Body of Christ. The remainder of the loaf (the "Antidoron" or "Qurban"), is also blessed during the Liturgy. It is cut up into small pieces and distributed to all at the end of the Liturgy. Any unused crumbs from the preparation of unconsecrated bread are disposed of outside for us animals, for which we are very grateful. God bless all—Theo

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### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“He whose heart is wise is proclaimed discerning; sweetness of speech makes words the more persuasive.” – Proverbs 16:21

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**Today's Ushers:** Dwight Gillis. **Next Week:** Michael Zelesnik.

**Today's coffee hour:** Team 1. **Next Sunday:** Team 2.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Advent Fast** began Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

Fr. Peter would like to meet with the **inquirers and catechumens** today, Dec. 5, after Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** is scheduled to visit our parish in December. He, God willing, will arrive on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12. On Monday, Dec. 13, he would like to meet with the those who are not working that day and the seniors of our parish for a Lenten potluck lunch. Monday evening at 6:30 P.M., daily vespers will be served followed by a Lenten potluck dinner with the rest of the parish. Please make every effort to attend one of those two occasions. Thank you.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their December meeting next Sunday, Dec. 12, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

The **Antiochian Men** are meeting today. Please see **Michael Zelesnik** for more information.

The **Winter Retreat** for the **Diocese of Miami and the Southeast** (DOMSE) will be held on January 28 & 29, 2022 at St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, please visit DOMSE.ORG.

**Parish Financial Summary:** The donations through October 2021 totaled \$142,314.58. The expenses through October 2021 are \$149,759.74.

### **Christmas Angels Project**

Christmas is coming and the Ladies Guild will sponsor children, from five families, who attend Bissonet Plaza Elementary School, as our traditional Christmas Angels Project. Those are children identified by the school's staff to be in the greatest need.

This year has been extremely difficult for many and we hope that St Basil Parish will again generously support these local families whose needs are greater than ever. Your donation will bring joy, smiles, and happiness to them all.

Again, due to COVID-19 pandemic, we will not purchase gifts but, instead, we will provide each of the five families with gift cards.

#### **Please:**

- Only **Monetary Donations** will be accepted.
- Make checks out to **St Basil Ladies Guild**.
- **Please write in memo 2021 Angels Project.**

Donations will be accepted by **Sunday, December 12, 2021.**

**If you are attending church services, please give your donation (check) to Ms. Diana Lindley.**

**If you are NOT attending church services on regular bases and would like to participate, please mail the check to the church address or drop it in the church's mailbox.**

Thank you for your always great generosity. God bless.