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PROPHET ELIJAH

Antiochian Orthodox Church



Apolytikion / Troparion (Tone 4)

*The incarnate Angel, and
the Prophet's summit and boast,
the second forerunner of the
coming of Christ our God,
Elijah, the glorious, from above
sent down his grace upon Elisha;
he doth cast out sickness
and also cleanse lepers,
and unto all that honor him,
he poureth forth streams of cures.*

Our Mission is dedicated to the Prophet Elijah,
Patron and protector of our community.

Sunday, December 28th, 2025
After-Feast of & Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

Tone 4 / Eothinon 7
Epistle: Galations 1:11-19
Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23
Homilist: Fr. Paul Moses Jaroslaw

OUR PASTOR:

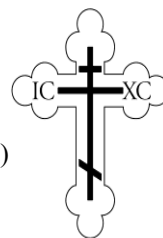
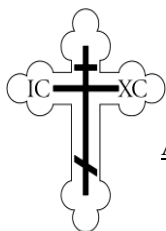
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OUR METROPOLITAN:
+Metropolitan SABA

OUR BISHOP: +Bishop ANTHONY

Attached Clergy: Rev. Fr. Andrew Bardwell (Retired)



Announcements for the Week

1. Today, Sunday, December 28th:



Inquirer / Catechism classes this Sunday!



Bible Study in Cle Elum this Monday!



Holy Cross House teaching this Tuesday!



Teaching Time Together this Thursday!

2. This Thursday, January 1st:

The Feast of St. Basil the Great, the Circumcision of the Lord & New Years!

Come join us on **Wednesday evening, December 31st** for the Vigil of the Feast beginning @ **10:00 PM** (note time change!) w/ a **Midnight Divine Liturgy** of **St. Basil the Great** ending about 1:30 AM...
..... followed by breakfast together @ IHOP @ about 2 AMand the cutting of the 1st Vasilopita!!!!

(See the attached PDF)



3. **Divine Liturgy this Friday evening @ 6:00 PM**(but there will be a Vespers Service, God-willing!)

Looking Ahead

1. NEXT Monday & Tuesday, January 5th – 6th: [Services for the Great Feast of Theophany](#)

(See the Service schedule attached as PDF!)



NORMAL SCHEDULE FOR DAILY SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:45am – Orthros

10:00am – Divine Liturgy

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Midnight <u>Divine Liturgy</u> (twice a month)		8:00am Orthros	8:00am Orthros		
	6:00pm Vespers	6:00pm <u>Divine Liturgy</u>	6:00pm Vespers	6:00pm <u>Divine Liturgy</u>	6:00pm Great Vespers

*(Fr. Paul hears **confessions** on Saturday's before, during & after Vespers, & by appointment!)*

*On Sunday, "We should encourage the people to come to Orthros from the very beginning. In the Six Psalms of Orthros, we find all the Christian advice, wisdom, and morality. We cannot come to the Divine Liturgy and receive the Holy Communion without preparation. Orthros is about how to prepare for Divine Liturgy."
(former) **Metropolitan JOSEPH***

NAME DAYS

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name Day</i>	<i>Patron Saint</i>
Dn. Basil Hinkle	January 1st	St. Basil the Great
Juliana Howard	January 2nd	St. Juliana the Merciful
Genevieve Schoos	January 3rd	St. Genevieve of Paris

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Member</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Celebration</i>
Nicholas Marcu	December 29th	20th Birthday!
Paisios Pruitt	January 1st	Birthday

Spiritual Morsels

("If the world is against truth, then I am against the world!" St. Athanasius the Great)

Nevertheless, even after baptism Satan still acts on the soul, often, indeed, to a greater degree than before. This is not because he is present in the soul together with grace; on the contrary, it is because he uses the body's humours to befog the intellect with the delight of mindless pleasures. God allows him to do this, so that a man, after passing through a trial of storm and fire, may come in the end to the full enjoyment of divine blessings. **St. Diadochus, bishop of Photike**

Working within and around himself, the Christian gives himself entirely to asceticism, but he does this, and is able to do it, only through the ceaseless activity of the divine power that is grace. For the Christian no thought, no feeling, no action can come from the Gospel without the help of God's grace. **St. Justin (Popovic) of Chelije in Serbia**

"Grant us, O our Lord, to bring Thee three choice gifts. Grant us, O our Lord, to burn three aromatic censers before Thee. Grant us, O our Lord, to light for Thee three brightly burning lamps: the spirit, the soul and the body, these three gifts for the One Trinity." -- **St Ephraim the Syrian**

Only he who is in constant spiritual communion with Christ can bring the fruits of Christian perfection: "Without me you can do nothing." **Archbishop Averky (Taushev)**

One night St. Anastasia asked St. Theodota how she was able to come to her after her death. Theodota replied that the souls of the martyrs are given special grace from God, so that after departing this world they may return to speak to whomever they desire for the imparting of instruction and comfort. – **St. Nicholai of Zica**

As a grain of sand weighed against a large amount of gold, so, in God, is the demand for equitable justice weighed against his compassion. As a handful of sand in the boundless ocean, so are the sins of the flesh in comparison with God's providence and mercy. As a copious spring could not be stopped up with a handful of dust, so the Creator's compassion cannot be conquered by the wickedness of creatures. **St. Isaac of Syria**

Be careful. Watch out for your soul! Turn your thoughts away from what will soon pass away and turn them towards what is eternal. Here you will find the happiness that your soul seeks, that your heart thirsts for. **St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco**

The world is of divine origin, and consequently its end will also be in God. The world is of a good root, and consequently it will bring forth good fruit. It proceeded from the chamber of light, and it will end in light. When we know that the beginning is good, then we know that it tends toward good and that the end will be good. - **St. Nicholai of Zica**

Unless we look at a person and see the beauty there is in this person, we can contribute nothing to him. One does not help a person by discerning what is wrong, what is ugly, what is distorted. Christ looked at everyone he met, at the prostitute, at the thief, and saw the beauty hidden there. Perhaps it was distorted, perhaps damaged, but it was beauty none the less, and what he did was to call out this beauty. **Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh**

When you pray, try to mentally embrace the feet of Christ, like the sinful woman. Do not abandon prayer. Fear negligence. If you pray in the morning with devotion, you will "fly" all day. But if you go without prayer, the whole day will be off. **St. Nektarios of Aegina**

Photos of our Parish

St. Basil the Great's Midnight New Years Liturgy last year in January 2025

