

Announcements

Christ is Risen!

I am encouraged to let you know that Archbishop Alexander has given us a new directive. Along with our skeleton crew of servers, 21 additional people will be allowed to attend the Divine Liturgy. It is my hope that in offering three Divine Liturgies each week, we will be able to accommodate the majority of our parish in three weeks. At the archbishop's direction, in-person confessions may also resume in the church at this time.

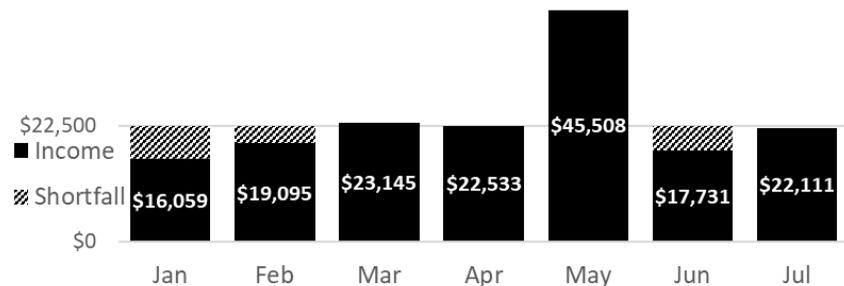
We will use Sign Up Genius to organize attendance for the services. You may sign up for one service. Because I am trying to give as many opportunities as possible for people to worship, please only sign up for Sunday if that is the only day you can come to Liturgy. If you are able to attend on Thursday or Saturday, please do so. Please remember that each person in your family takes up an appointed spot, so please sign up for every single person coming to Liturgy. It is extremely important that you are on time to the service as we must personally account for every person who attends. All services will continue to be served by a strictly limited number of participants on a fixed roster.

In Christ,
Fr. Photius Avant

Service Attendance: Please refer to the announcement at www.stsavaoca.org for detailed instructions regarding who may attend and the manner of precautions which must be followed upon entering the Church. The sign up link is also found there.

Coffee Hour: Following the Divine Liturgy livestream, a virtual coffee hour will be hosted via Zoom. All are encouraged to get a cup of coffee or tea and join us for fellowship after the service.

2020 Parish Income



Thanks to the faithful generosity of all, our July income was almost exactly on target at the end of the month.

YTD RUNNING TARGET	\$157,500
ACTUAL DONATIONS	\$166,182
	703,818 Remaining

St. Sava Orthodox Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF OUR NEIGHBORS

Schedule

A limited number of people will be permitted to attend services. All will need to sign-up in advance and follow the instructions given. Services will also be available to view online at www.facebook.com/stsavatx

Saturday (August 01)

Dormition Fast begins

9:30am—Divine Liturgy

6:00pm-7:00pm—Confession (by sign-up only)

Sunday (August 02)

9:30am—Divine Liturgy (by sign-up only)

11:30am—Virtual Coffee Hour (see Zoom invitation)

Wednesday (August 05)

6:30pm—Festal Vigil

Thursday (August 06)

Feast of the Transfiguration

9:30am—Divine Liturgy

7:00pm—Youth Group with Dn. Herman

Friday (August 07)

6:00pm-7:00pm—Confession (by sign-up only)

Saturday (August 08)

9:30am—Divine Liturgy

6:00pm-7:00pm—Confession (by sign-up only)

Sunday (August 09)

9:30am—Divine Liturgy (by sign-up only)

11:30am—Virtual Coffee Hour (see Zoom invitation)

Wednesday (August 12)

6:00pm-7:00pm—Confession (by sign-up only)

7:15pm-7:45pm—Bible Study (See email for Zoom credentials)



SAINT SAVA

ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 02, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Blessed Basil of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ

Translation of the Relics of Protomartyr Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople (ca. 428)

Our Parish Rector, **Fr. Photius Avant**, may be reached by phone at **(972) 612-3881** or email to **fatherphotius@gmail.com**.

Visit our website at stsavaoca.org to keep up to date with the church calendar, Fr. Photius' sermons, upcoming events, photos and more!

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8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.

Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople (ca. 428), and the finding of the Relics of the Righteous Nikodemos, Gamaliel, and Abibas (ca. 428). Blessed Basil of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (1552). Bl. Basil of Kubensk (15th c.). Hieromartyr Stephen, Pope of Rome, and those with him (257).

Hymns

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.

To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.

*For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,
granting the world great mercy.*

(Resurrectional Troparion—Tone 7)

*Thy relics have risen from the depths of the earth,
like a treasury for the immortal life of all creation.*

*The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them,
duteously honors thee, O Protomartyr Stephen.*

Preserve us from error and heresy by thy intercession!

(Troparion of Protomartyr Stephen)

*The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.*

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:

"The Savior has come to those in faith;

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

(Resurrectional Kontakion—Tone 7)

Thou wast the first to be sown on the earth

by the Heavenly Husbandman,

O all-praised one,

and wast the first to shed thy blood on the earth for Christ,

O blessed one.

Thou wast the first to receive the crown of victory from Him in heaven,

O Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.

(Kontakion of Protomartyr Stephen)

John 20:11-18 (*8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel*)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

I Corinthians 1:10-18 (*Epistle*)

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had bap-

tized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 14:14-22 (*Gospel*)

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

