

Announcements

Guidelines

When signing up for Vespers and Divine Liturgy, please only sign up for one spot for your entire family. For example, simply type in "Avant Family". It does not matter how many people are in your family; just sign up for one spot for that service.

When attending services, please be sure to keep all of your family members together in your spot. Extra chairs may be moved over if needed. Please do not allow children to wander around the church.

The faithful may kiss the icons, holy objects, and the priest's hand.

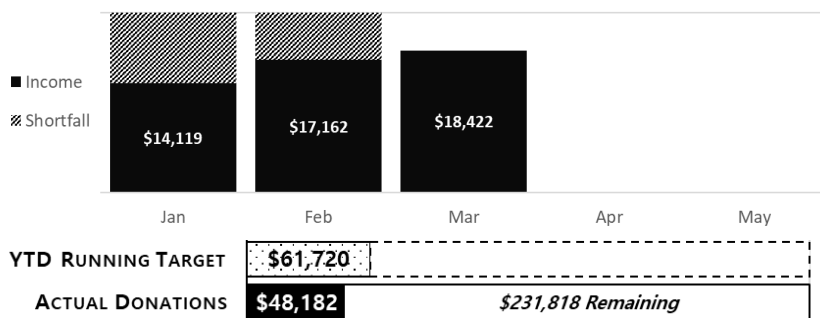
St. Sava Kitchen Journey to Pascha Food Drive

Throughout the period of the Great Fast, we will be collecting items to stock the St. Sava Kitchen to benefit those in need. Please see the schedule below to see suggested items to bring each week.

- Mar. 21—Pasta and Sauce
- Mar. 28—Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Boxed Bread Mixes
- Apr. 04—Canned Tuna/Chicken, Mayonnaise, and Crackers
- Apr. 11—Boxed Meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper, Mac. & Cheese)
- Apr. 18—Dry Baby Formula and Dry Seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic powder, Italian seasoning, etc.)
- Apr. 25—Canned Fruits and Vegetables

In addition, if you would like to help deliver items from the St. Sava Kitchen to those in need in the community, reach out to George F. at StSavaKitchen@gmail.com.

2021 Parish Income (General Fund)



As approved at our annual parish meeting on January 17, the 2021 budget target is \$280,000 or an average of \$23,333 per month. This excludes designated donations that might be made toward alms, flowers, the St Sava Kitchen ministry, and capital campaigns.

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/stsava

Sunday (March 21)

1st Sunday of the Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy

- 9:30am—Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (by sign-up only) and procession with icons
- 11:30am—Tailgate Coffee Hour

Wednesday (March 24)

- 6:30pm—Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday (March 25)

Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos

- 9:30am—Vespers Divine Liturgy

Friday (March 26)

- 6:30pm—Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday (March 27)

- 9:30am—Memorial Divine Liturgy
- 4:00pm—Inquirers' Class (blended online/in-person)
- 5:00pm—Great Vespers
- 6:00pm—Confession

Sunday (March 28)

2nd Sunday of the Fast: Saint Gregory Palamas

- 9:30am—Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (by sign-up only)
- 11:30am—Tailgate Coffee Hour

Wednesday (March 31)

- 6:30pm—Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday (April 01)

- 6:00-7:00pm—Lord of Spirits Discussion Group

Friday (April 02)

- 6:30pm—Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

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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ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, March 21, 2021

*First Sunday of the Great Fast
The Triumph of Orthodoxy*

St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania (1st-2nd c.)

1st Sunday of the Great Fast — Tone 8.**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

St. James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania (8th-9th c.). St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania (1st-2nd c.). St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople (1610).

Hymns

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!

Thou didst accept the three day burial

to free us from our sufferings!

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

(Resurrectional Troparion—Tone 8)

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One;

and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.

Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased

to ascend the Cross in the flesh

and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy.

Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:

"Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,

by coming to save the world."

(Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy)

No one could describe the Word of the Father;

but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos,

He accepted to be described,

and restored the fallen image to its former state

by uniting it to divine beauty.

We confess and proclaim our salvation

in words and images.

(Kontakion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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.

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 *(Epistle, Sunday)*

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were

stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1:43-51 *(Gospel, Sunday)*

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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