

## Announcements

### Ladies' Fellowship

We will decorate the temple for the Nativity of Our Lord on Friday, Dec. 23rd immediately following Royal Hours at approximately 11 am. We will also finish decorating the parish hall.

### Nativity Potluck

We will have our Nativity Potluck on Sun. Dec. 25th following the Divine Liturgy. Sign up in the narthex to bring a dish to share.

### Christmas Recital!

On Monday, December 26th, at 7:30 pm, we will have a church-wide Christmas recital! Everyone (adult and child alike) is invited to perform a Christmas piece (secular carols are okay) on any instrument. Solo and group numbers are both welcome. We will have snacks, drinks, and a few sing-along numbers as well. There will be a sign-up in the parish hall in a few weeks. Questions? See Mat. Carissa.

### Youth Group Event

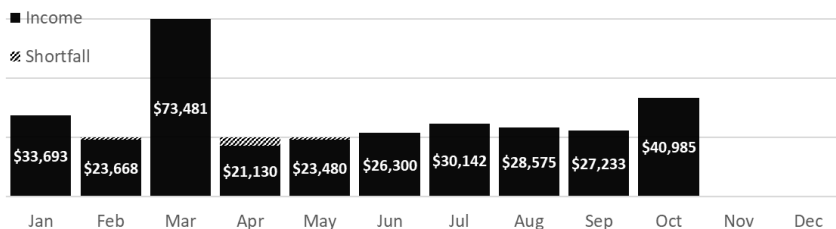
Grades 6-12 will meet at Arcade 92 in downtown McKinney on Dec. 31st from 11-2. Entry fee is \$12 for unlimited gaming. The church will provide pizza. RSVP to Crimson by Dec. 28th at 214-552-7824 or at Cms.crimson@gmail.com.

### All Saints Winter Camp

- ◆ When: January 20-22, 2023 (Friday - Sunday)
- ◆ Where: Camp Akiva (near Point, Texas 70 miles away)
- ◆ Cost: \$120
- ◆ Ages: 8 to 18 years
- ◆ Drop Off: Friday at 6 pm
- ◆ Pick up: Sunday by 1 pm
- ◆ Deadline: January 1, 2023

Register Soon as Space is Limited! <https://www.allsaintssummercamp.org>

## 2022 Parish Income (General Fund)



As approved at our annual parish meeting on January 16, the 2022 budget target is \$295,000 or an average of \$24,583.33 per month. This excludes designated donations that might be made toward alms, flowers, food drives, and capital campaigns.

If you would like to donate online, the QR code to the right will direct you to the donation page.



# St. Sava Orthodox Church

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## Schedule

### SATURDAY (DECEMBER 03)

10:00AM—ST. ELIGIUS AUTOMOTIVE FUNDAMENTALS  
3:00PM—ALTAR SERVERS' WORKSHOP  
3:30PM—CHOIR PRACTICE  
*NO VESPERS*

### SUNDAY (DECEMBER 04)

9:15AM—CHOIR WARM-UP  
9:30AM—DIVINE LITURGY  
11:30AM—COFFEE HOUR

### TUESDAY (DECEMBER 06)

#### NOTE THE DIFFERENT TIME

9:30AM—DIVINE LITURGY  
6:30PM—MEN'S GROUP

### WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 07)

6:00PM—CONFESSION  
6:30PM—DAILY VESPERS  
7:15PM—CATECHISM CLASS  
7:15PM—YOUTH GROUP

### THURSDAY (DECEMBER 08)

#### NOTE THE DIFFERENT TIME

6:00AM—DIVINE LITURGY

### SATURDAY (DECEMBER 10)

3:30PM—CHOIR PRACTICE  
5:00PM—GREAT VESPERS  
6:00PM—CONFESSION

### SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11)

9:15AM—CHOIR WARM-UP  
9:30AM—DIVINE LITURGY  
11:30AM—COFFEE HOUR

### TUESDAY (DECEMBER 13)

6:00AM—DIVINE LITURGY  
6:30PM—MEN'S GROUP

### WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 14)

6:00PM—CONFESSION  
6:30PM—DAILY VESPERS  
7:15PM—CATECHISM CLASS  
7:15PM—YOUTH GROUP

### THURSDAY (DECEMBER 15)

9:30AM—DIVINE LITURGY



# ORTHODOX CHURCH



## Sunday, December 04, 2022

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky)

Ven. John of Damascus (AD 776)

Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana,  
at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306)

Our Parish Rector, Fr. Photius Avant, may be reached via either (972) 612-3881 or [fatherphotius@gmail.com](mailto:fatherphotius@gmail.com), or at the parish during the office hours listed below.

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30am-2:00pm      Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00am-3:00pm  
Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00pm-6:00pm      Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00pm-4:00pm  
Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00pm-3:00pm      Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ By Appointment Only

Visit our website at [stsavaoca.org](http://stsavaoca.org) to keep up to date with the church calendar, Fr. Photius' sermons, upcoming events, photos and more!

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*25th Sunday after Pentecost: Tone 8*

Glorification of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky) (1994). Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306). Ven. John of Damascus (776). St. John, Bishop of Polybotum (8th c.).

Hymns

*Thou didst descend from on high, O tender-hearted One.  
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our passions.  
O Lord our Life and Resurrection, Glory to Thee!*

*(Resurrectional Troparion in the 8th Tone)*

*Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara,  
for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy,  
and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!*

*(Troparion of Saint Barbara—8th Tone)*

*O Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,  
the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs;  
all wise Father John, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.  
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!*

*(Troparion of Saint John of Damascus—8th Tone)*

*In a time of fiery temptations for the Church of Russia,  
thou didst manifest Christ's love to thy flock through meekness and humility.  
As a good pastor thou didst lay down thy life for Him.*

*Pray for us, Hieromartyr Alexander, that our souls may be illumined!*

*(Troparion of the Hieromartyr Alexander—6th Tone)*

*Having risen from the tomb,  
Thou didst waken the dead and didst raise Adam,  
And Eve danceth for joy at Thy resurrection,  
And the limits of the world make festival for Thy rising from the dead,  
O greatly merciful One!*

*(Resurrectional Kontakion in the 8th Tone)*

*Singing the praises of the Trinity, thou didst follow God by enduring suffering;  
thou didst renounce the multitude of idols, O holy martyr Barbara.  
In thy struggles, thou wast not frightened by the threats of thy torturers,  
but cried out in a loud voice:*

*"I worship the Trinity in one Godhead."*

*(Kontakion of Saint Barbara—4th Tone)*

*Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honor,  
the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church,  
the defender of her doctrines:  
through the might of the Lord's Cross he overcame heretical error,  
and as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins may be granted to  
all!*

*(Kontakion of Saint John of Damascus—4th Tone)*

*Hieromartyr Alexander, thou didst bear labors and illness upon thy shoulders,  
and didst joyfully take the narrow path of suffering for Christ,  
through which thou didst attain the heavenly Kingdom.*

*Entreat God the Savior to grant us mercy on the Day of Judgment!*

*(Kontakion of the Hieromartyr Alexander—2nd Tone)*

**Mark 16:9-20** *(3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel)*

Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**Ephesians 4:1-6** *(Epistle, 25th Sun. after Pentecost)*

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**Hebrews 13:7-16** *(Epistle, Hieromartyr Alexander)*

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

**Luke 17:12-19** *(Gospel, 25th Sunday after Pentecost)*

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

**Luke 12:32-40** *(Gospel, Hieromartyr Alexander)*

Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

