

Announcements

New Catechism Class: "Practices of Orthodoxy"

New Catechism Class! Whether you are Orthodox, non-Orthodox, are seeking to join the Church, or are just curious, join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7:30 pm following the Presanctified Liturgy. Classes start March 8th and end on April 5th. A meal will be provided.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers Schedule — Sunday Evenings in Lent

Throughout the season of Great Lent, local faithful will gather at rotating parishes on Sunday evenings at 6pm for Vespers followed by a meal hosted by the parish.

- ◆ Mar. 19—St. John Greek Orthodox Church, Euless
- ◆ Mar. 26—Ss. Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church (Antiochian), Carrollton
- ◆ Apr. 02—St. Seraphim Orthodox Cathedral (OCA), Dallas

Food Drive

As we journey to Pascha, we will be collecting donations for the food pantry. Questions? Contact Jim Herring.

- ◆ Mar 19—Canned Chicken, Canned Turkey, and Crackers.
- ◆ Mar. 26—Coffee, Tea, and Sugar
- ◆ Apr. 02—Cereal and Oatmeal
- ◆ Apr. 09—Canned Fruits & vegetables

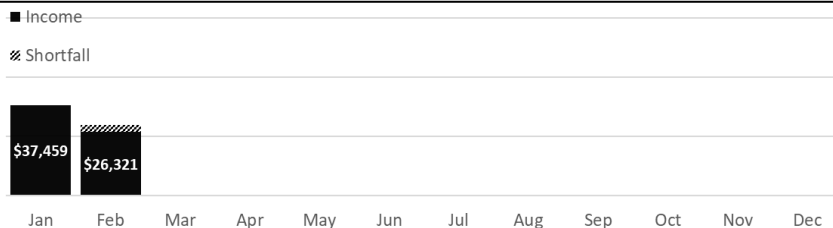
St. Sava Homeschool Cooperative

Opening for the 2023-2024 school year! Meeting weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 am-3 pm. History, Math, Science, Language Arts, Christian Instruction & Music for Kindergarten-8th grade. First day of school: August 22, 2023. Cost \$275/ mo. Volunteer commitment- one half-day per week. Registration deposit: \$225 per family.

An Elective-Only option on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am to 10:50 am is available for Pre-K to 8th grade. Cost: \$75/mo. Questions? Contact Mat. Carissa. The registration form is available at the QR code link provided here.



2023 Parish Income (General Fund)



As approved at our annual parish meeting on January 22, the 2023 budget target is \$350,000 or an average of \$29,167 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

MAKING DISCIPLES OF OUR NEIGHBORS

Schedule

SATURDAY (MARCH 18)

9:30AM—MEMORIAL LITURGY
3:15PM—CHOIR PRACTICE
5:00PM—VIGIL
7:00PM—CONFESSION

SUNDAY (MARCH 19)

3RD SUN: VENERATION OF THE CROSS

9:15AM—CHOIR WARM-UP
9:30AM—DIVINE LITURGY
11:30AM—COFFEE HOUR
6:00PM—PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS AT
SAINT JOHN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN
EULESS, TX

TUESDAY (MARCH 21)

6:30PM—MEN'S GROUP

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 22)

6:00PM—PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
7:30PM—PRACTICES OF ORTHODOXY

THURSDAY (MARCH 23)

9:30AM—PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
6:30PM—LORD OF SPIRITS DISCUSSION
(RESCHEDULED)

FRIDAY (MARCH 24)

EVE OF THE ANNUNCIATION

6:00PM—FESTAL VIGIL

SATURDAY (MARCH 25)

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LADY THE THEOTOKOS

9:30AM—FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
5:00PM—GREAT VESPERS
6:00PM—CONFESSION

SUNDAY (MARCH 26)

4TH SUN: ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER

9:15AM—CHOIR WARM-UP
9:30AM—DIVINE LITURGY
11:30AM—COFFEE HOUR
6:00PM—PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS AT
SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN ORTHO-
DOX CHURCH IN CARROLLTON, TX

TUESDAY (MARCH 28)

6:30PM—MEN'S GROUP

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 29)

6:00PM—PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
7:30PM—PRACTICES OF ORTHODOXY

THURSDAY (MARCH 30)

9:30AM—PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
6:00PM—MATINS WITH GREAT CANON OF
SAINT ANDREW OF CRETE

FRIDAY (MARCH 31)

6:00PM—PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY



SAINT SAVA

ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, March 19, 2023

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria,
and those with them at Rome (283)*

Our Parish Rector, **Fr. Photius Avant**, may be reached via either (972) 612-3881 or 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 to keep up to date with the church calendar, Fr. Photius' sermons, upcoming events, photos and more!

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Orthodox Church in America, Diocese of Dallas

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast. Tone 7

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and those with them at Rome: Claudius, Hilaria, Jason, Maurus, Diodorus the Presbyter, and Marianus the Deacon (283). Saint Innocent of Komél and Vologda disciple of Saint Nilus of Sora (Vologdá—1521). Martyr Pancharius, at Nicomedia (ca. 302). "Sweet-Kissing" Icon of the Mother of God of Smolensk (1103).

Hymns

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.

To the thief Thou didst open paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy,

And Thou didst command Thine apostles, O Christ God,

To proclaim that Thou art risen,

Granting unto the world great mercy!

(Resurrectional Troparion in the 7th Tone)

O Lord, save Thy people,

and bless Thine inheritance!

Grant victory to Orthodox Christians

over the enemy;

and by Thy Cross,

preserve Thine estate!

(Troparion of the Cross—Tone 1)

The fiery sword no longer guards the gate of Eden;

For in a strange and glorious way

the wood of the Cross has quenched its flames.

The sting of death and the victory of hell are now destroyed;

for Thou art come, my Savior, crying unto those in hell:

"Return again to Paradise!"

(Kontakion of the Cross—Tone 7)

John 20:1-10 *(7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel)*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 *(Epistle)*

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek".

Mark 8:34-9:1 *(Gospel)*

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."