

*Welcome to St. Olympia Orthodox Church,
a young and, God willing, growing community of worshipers.*

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Please join us for prayer and fellowship.

A Week of Venerable Saints

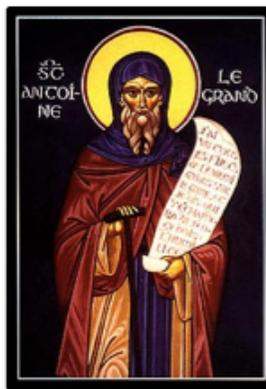
Upcoming Services:
Saturday, January 14, 21
Great Vespers: 5pm

Sunday, January 15, 22
Divine Liturgy: 10am

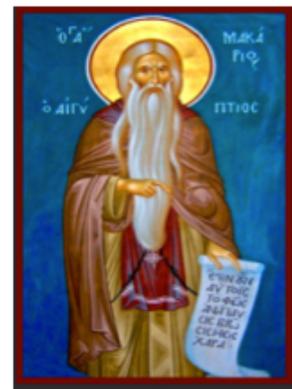
**Coffee and fellowship will
follow the service**

*The above services are at St.
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Anthony the Great
January 17



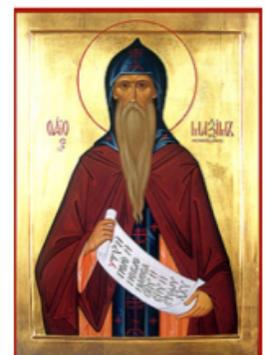
Macarius of Egypt
January 19



Macarius of Alexandria
January 19



Euthymius the Great
January 20



Maximus the Confessor
January 21

*By emulating the ways of Elias the zealot,
and following the straight paths of the Baptist,
O Father Anthony, you made the desert a city,
and upheld the world by your prayers.
Therefore, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.*
Troparion to Saint Anthony

*You rejected the tumults of this life and lived a life of stillness,
emulating the Baptist in every way, most righteous one.
Therefore, we honor you with him, Father Anthony,
the foundation of the Fathers.*
Kontakion to Saint Anthony

January 16	Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter Chains kept in Jerusalem for three centuries
January 17	Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (251-356) Father of Monasticism
January 18	Saint Athanasius, Archbishop of Alexandria (d. 373) 1 st Ecumenical Council Wrote the Life of Saint Anthony (First biography of a saint who was not a martyr)
	Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria (d. 444) 3 rd Ecumenical Council
January 19	Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt (early 4th c. – 90 years) Met St Anthony Fifty Spiritual Homilies and seven Ascetic Treatises
	Venerable Macarius of Alexandria (295-395) Friend of Macarius of Egypt Abbot of hermit cells in northern Egypt
January 20	Venerable Euthymius the Great (377-473) Fourth Ecumenical Council One of the Fathers of monasticism Founder of several monasteries (Lavras) in the Judean desert
January 21	Venerable Maximus the Confessor (~580-662) Lateran Council (649) Exegetical and dogmatic works including Explanation of divine services Orthodox teachings on the Trinity, the Incarnation, and Theosis

“Nothing in theosis is the product of human nature,” Saint Maximus writes in a letter to his friend Thalassius, “for nature cannot comprehend God. It is only the mercy of God that has the capacity to endow theosis unto the existing... In theosis man (the image of God) becomes likened to God, he rejoices in all the plenitude that does not belong to him by nature, because the grace of the Spirit triumphs within him, and because God acts in him” (Letter 22).

For more information on the lives of these saints, check out their feast day at
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives>

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Glorious Apostle Peter January 16

The Veneration of the Honorable Chains of the Holy and All-Praised Apostle Peter: In about the year 42, on the orders of Herod Agrippa, the Apostle Peter was thrown into prison for preaching about Christ the Savior. In prison he was held secure by two iron chains. During the night before his trial, an angel of the Lord removed these chains from the Apostle Peter and led him out from the prison (Acts 12:1-11).

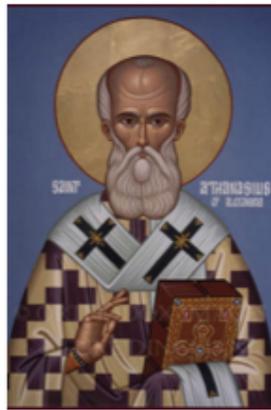
Christians who learned of the miracle took the chains and kept them as precious keepsakes. For three centuries the chains were kept in Jerusalem, and those who were afflicted with illness and approached them with faith received healing. Patriarch Juvenal (July 2) presented the chains to Eudokia, wife of the emperor Theodosius the Younger, and she in turn transferred them from Jerusalem to Constantinople in either the year 437 or 439.

Eudokia sent one chain to Rome to her daughter Eudoxia (the wife of Valentinian), who built a church on the Esquiline hill dedicated to the Apostle Peter and placed the chain in it. There were other chains in Rome, with which the Apostle Peter was shackled before his martyrdom under the emperor Nero. These were also placed in the church.

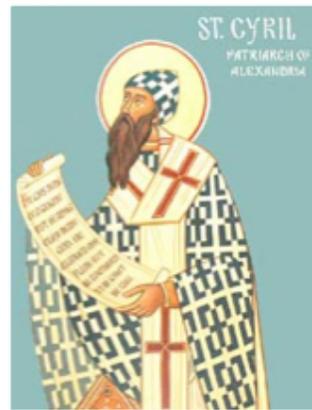
On January 16, the chains of Saint Peter are brought out for public veneration.



St Peter



St Athanasius



St Cyril

Saints Athanasius and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria January 18

Saints Athanasius and Cyril were Archbishops of Alexandria. These wise teachers of truth and defenders of Christ's Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings which affirm the truth of the Orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics.

Saint Athanasius took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone there in his zeal to uphold the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (homoousios) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed.

This radiant beacon of Orthodoxy spent most of his life in exile from his See, because of the plotting of his enemies. He returned to his flock as he was approaching the end of his life. Like an evening star, he illumined the Orthodox faithful with his words for a little while, then reposed in 373. He is also commemorated on May 2 (the transfer of his holy relics).

St Cyril was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded to his uncle's position in 412, but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics. He later resumed his See, however.

St Cyril presided at the Third Ecumenical Council in 431, which censured the Nestorian blasphemy against the Most Holy Theotokos. His wise words demonstrated the error of their false doctrine.

St Cyril departed to the Lord in the year 444, and is also commemorated on June 9 (the day of his repose).

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

Diocesan Council Meeting

Thursday, January 26 at 11:00 AM
Diocesan Chancery, Bronxville NY

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL'S NEXT VISIT TO OUR PARISH – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 FOR PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Have you heard of CrossRoad?

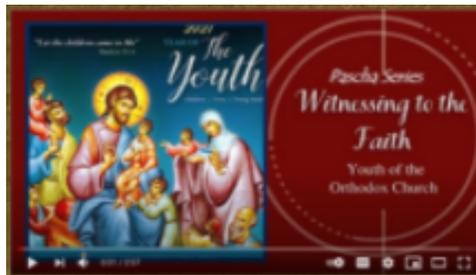
CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares rising high school seniors and graduating seniors (current 11th and 12th graders) to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition in a deep and meaningful way.

Please visit www.CrossRoadInstitute.org to learn about their amazing summer sessions in Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco. The priority deadline for applying is January 18, 2023, so please spend a moment to learn more.

Youth Witness to the Faith Series

(Presented By Assembly Of Canonical Orthodox Bishops Of The USA)

Includes an Introduction and Four Episodes on Pascha.



WEEKDAY VESPERS AT THE HERMITAGE OF ST OLYMPIA

Weekdays at 4 PM

For information please contact Mother Sophronia at mothersophronia@gmail.com
or via Facebook: Nun Sophronia Hofstead

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Sunday, January 22 after Divine Liturgy
Our Dean, Father Alexy will be serving that day**

Report of the Dean

Report of the President of the Parish Council (Jessica)

Approval of the Budget for 2023

Election of new Parish Council members

(we would like to fill two positions)

Please contact Jessica at suchyjr@potsdam.edu, if you would like to serve on the Parish Council