

Saint Macarius the Great of Egypt was born in the early fourth century in the village of Ptinapor in Egypt. The local bishop arrived one day at Ptinapor and, knowing of the saint's virtuous life, ordained him to the diaconate against his will. Saint Macarius was overwhelmed by this disturbance of his silence, & so he went secretly to another place. The Enemy of our salvation began a tenacious struggle with the ascetic, trying to terrify him, shaking his cell & suggesting sinful thoughts. Saint Macarius repelled the attacks of the devil, defending himself with prayer & the Sign of the Cross. When the saint reached the age of forty, he was ordained to the priesthood & made the head of the monks living in the desert of Skete. During these years, Saint Macarius often visited with Saint Anthony the Great, receiving guidance from him in spiritual conversations. Abba Macarius was deemed worthy to be present at the death of Saint Anthony & he received his staff & a double portion of St. Anthony's spiritual power.

Saint Macarius worked many healings. People thronged to him from various places for help & for advice, asking his holy prayers. All this unsettled the quietude of the saint. He therefore dug out a deep cave under his cell & hid there for prayer & meditation. Saint Macarius attained such boldness before God that, through his prayers, the Lord raised the dead. Despite attaining such heights of holiness, he continued to preserve his unusual humility. The prayer of Saint Macarius saved many in perilous circumstances of life, & preserved them from harm & temptation. The monk lived until the age of ninety. Abba Macarius spent sixty years in the wilderness, being dead to the world. He spent most of his time in conversation with God, often in a state of spiritual rapture. But he never ceased to weep, to repent & to work. The saint's profound theological writings are based on his own personal experience. Fifty Spiritual Homilies & seven Ascetic Treatises survive as the precious legacy of his spiritual wisdom. Several prayers composed by Saint Macarius the Great are still used by the Church in the Prayers Before Sleep & also in the Morning Prayers.

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Friend of the Bridegroom: "He must increase, but I must decrease."(John 3:30)



Sunday, January 19th, 2025

Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt

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Sun. Jan 19th 30th Sunday after PNTCST/Tone 5. Ven. Macarius of Egypt
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Wed. Jan 22nd Apostle Timothy of the Seventy
5:00 pm AA Meeting

Sun. Jan 26th 31st Sunday after PNTCST/Tone 6 Ven. Xenophon, his Wife & Sons
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Attendance/Stewardship January 12th

Attendance: 55 Adults and 21 Children	76 Total
Weekly Stewardship Offerings:	\$3,306.00
Weekly Candle Offerings:	\$541.00
Charity of the Month (Warren Family Mission):	\$270.00
YTD Budget Inflows:	\$6,803.10
YTD Budget Outflows	\$7,064.17
YTD Surplus/deficit	-\$261.07

Prayer Corner

Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)	Sbdcn George Kaschack
Sarah Crivella	Patty DiGiacobbe
James Livermore Jr.	David Campbell
Cassandra, Patrick, Elizabeth, & Patrick	Renee & Anna
Wallace Family	Laura & Roy
Greg, Clara, Jeanie	Azouria
Cara DeToro (Fr Dcn John's Friend)	Vladimir (Harry's Friend)
John & Joan Buranich (Eleanore Krenitsky's Brother & His Wife)	
Rachel Derr (Denise Higgin's Goddaughter)	Nancy & Debbie
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

Newly Departed: Walter Rusnak (1/3) [Harry Krenitsky's friend] & Steve Weller (12/20)

Expecting: Tom & Cadie Kirk, Natalie & Chase York, Nick & Raquel, & their unborn children

Catechumens: Lucian & Lilianna Vasil, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christopher, & William Cunningham, Matthew Rose, Nicky Lewis, Alexander Mackey, Tristan & Colleen Beil

Birthdays: Calliope Perry (19th), Helen Zylka (20th), Connie Cogar (21st), Annette Moy (22nd) & Michael Stan & Meredith Williams (24th)

Anniversaries: Fr. Brian & Mat. Rose Crivella (25th)

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	For the Health of the Bobosh Family
Altar	For the Memory of Helen Bobosh
Christ	For the Blessing and Health of the Choir Members

Announcements

2024 Donation Statements

2024 donation statements are available. Please see Carol Bobosh to get your statement or if you have any questions. Also the 2024 altar candle commemoration list is available at the candlestand.

Fr. Brian Away

Just a reminder that Fr. Brian will be away starting this Monday (20th) and will return for the feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs the following Thursday (30th). If you have a pastoral emergency and need to get a hold of Fr. Brian please contact Mark Malacky.

Church School Meeting

A meeting with the teachers and Fr. Brian for the rest of the Church School year will be held during coffee hour on February 2nd. All parents and volunteers are also welcome to attend!

Budget Committee

If you're interested in serving on the Parish Budget Committee please see Nina Harvey, Jim Stan, or Fr. Brian.

Parish Hall & Kitchen Clean out

On Wednesday the 29th at 6pm we will be clearing out the Parish Social Hall and Kitchen so that the floor can be waxed and buffed the following Thursday and Friday. See Mark Malacky or Fr. Brian if you'd like to help!