

## Venerable Savva the Sanctified (Dec 5)

Saint Savva the Sanctified was born in the fifth century at Cappadocia of pious Christian parents, John and Sophia. His father was a military commander. Journeying to Alexandria on military matters, John and Sophia left their five-year-old son Savva in the care of an uncle. When the boy reached eight years of age, he entered the monastery of Saint Flavian located nearby. The gifted child quickly learned to read and became an expert on the Holy Scriptures. In vain did his parents urge Saint Savva to return to the world and enter into marriage.

When he was seventeen years old he received monastic tonsure, and attained such perfection in fasting and prayer that he was given the gift of wonderworking. After spending ten years at the monastery of Saint



Flavian, he went to Jerusalem, and from there to the monastery of Saint Euthymius the Great (January 20). But Saint Euthymius sent Saint Savva to Abba Theoctistus, the head of a nearby monastery with a strict cenobitic rule. Saint Savva lived in obedience at this monastery until the age of thirty.

After the death of the Elder Theoctistus, his successor blessed Saint Savva to seclude himself in a cave. On Saturdays, however, he left his hermitage and came to the monastery, where he participated in divine services and ate with the brethren. After a certain time Saint Savva received permission not to leave his hermitage at all, and he struggled in the cave for five years.

Saint Euthymius attentively directed the life of the young monk, and seeing his spiritual maturity, he began to take him to the Rouba wilderness with him. They set out on January 14, and remained there until Palm Sunday. Saint Euthymius called Saint Savva a child-elder, and encouraged him to grow in the monastic virtues.

When Saint Euthymius fell asleep in the Lord (+ 473), Saint Savva withdrew from the Lavra and moved to a cave near the monastery of Saint Gerasimus of Jordan (March 4). After several years, disciples began to gather around Saint Savva, seeking the monastic life. As the number of monks increased, a lavra sprang up. When a pillar of fire appeared before Saint Savva as he was walking, he found a spacious cave in the form of a church.

Saint Savva founded several more monasteries. Many miracles took place through the prayers of Saint Savva: at the Lavra a spring of water welled up, during a time of drought there was abundant rain, and there were also healings of the sick and the demoniacs. Saint Savva composed the first monastic Rule of church services, the so-called "Jerusalem Typikon", accepted by all the Palestine monasteries. The saint surrendered his soul to God in the year 532.

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## December 5, 2021

### TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

GOD-BEARING FATHER SABBAS THE SANCTIFIED  
MARTYR DIOGENES

VENERABLE NEKTARIOS OF YAGARIS KELLI AND  
PHILOTHEOS OF KARYES ON ATHOS

GURIOS, MISSIONARY BISHOP OF KAZAN

VENERABLE NEKTARIOS OF BITOL IN BULGARIA

**Tone 7 - Eothinon 2**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8**

**Epistle: Galatians 5:22-6:2**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 13:10-17**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 -** Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. SABBAS THE SANCTIFIED - Tone 8 -** The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Sabbas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

#### TODAY:

ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School, Catechism & Coffee Hour

St. Nicholas Vespers & Kids Activity 6:30 p.m.

**40 Days of Growth in Stewardship**

**Theme: "I Seek Not Yours, but You"**

**\*\*PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS\*\***

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Dec 12):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	The Gohls Kate's birthday – Many Years!
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Dan M. & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kristi Moore	The Gohls & Olena M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Ada; Ephrem	Felicia; Miriam; Abraham

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Feast of the Nativity of Christ

*Friday, December 24*

Royal Hours, 7:45 am

Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 am

Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm

Divine Liturgy, 11 pm

*Saturday, December 25*

Vespers for the Synaxis

of the Theotokos, 12 pm

*Sunday, December 26*

Orthros 8:45 am; Liturgy 10 am

#### Circumcision & St. Basil

*Friday, December 31*

Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 pm

Orthros, 7:30 pm

Talent Show 8:45 pm

New Years Prayers 10 pm

*Saturday, January 1*

Baptismal Liturgy (Mathe) 10 am

New Years Prayers 11:30 am

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Nicole	+Hieromonk
Sze Tatiana	Panteleimon
Joanne	+Pr. Thomas
Mona-Rebecca	
Patrick	(December Parish
Doris	Diptychs)
John	+Joseph
James	+Richard
Lasha B	+Mary
Otari B	+Demetrius (Jim)
Mark	+Katherine
Nancy-Anna	+Nicholas
Victoria	+Gadremariam
Gloria	+Assaad
Helen	+Doris
Wadieh	+Michael
Jack	
Priest Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u> Shaun, Laura, Taylor,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Michael, Tina
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

**OFFERINGS 11/28:** Candles, \$313. Collections, \$125.86. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$40. Mortgage Reduction, \$250. Women's Fund, \$28. Stewardship, \$2,750. Total received: \$3,507.86.

We now have 55 pledges totaling \$175,101 or 55.1% of our 2022 goal.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

“Life-giving and merciful Trinity, receive my thanksgiving for all Thy goodness. Make us worthy of Thy blessings, so that, when we have brought to fruit the talents Thou hast entrusted to us, we may enter into the joy of our Lord, forever exulting in the shout of victory: Alleluia!”  
— Kontakion 13, Akathist of Thanksgiving

### This Week:

#### **NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES – Nov 15–Dec 24**

- Mon, Dec 6:** ST NICHOLAS  
Orthros 9 a.m.  
Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ fasting Potluck to follow
- Tues, Dec 7:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Dec 8:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.  
Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.
- Thurs, Dec 9:** Church open
- Friday, Dec 10:** Advent Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Dec 11:** Bp THOMAS Visit  
Men's Breakfast Fellowship 8 a.m.  
Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.  
Altar Boy Meeting 5:30 p.m.  
**Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.**  
Fasting Potluck w/ Bp THOMAS 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Dec 12:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, Coffee Hour

### DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION: TURKEYS & HAMS

#### CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)