

“Let us Attend!”

St. Macarius the Great of Egypt

Macarius was an Egyptian and one of the younger contemporaries of Anthony the Great. His father was a priest. Out of obedience to his parents, Macarius married. However, his wife died shortly thereafter and he withdrew to the wilderness, where he spent sixty years in labor and struggle, both inwardly and outwardly, for the Kingdom of Heaven. When they asked him why he was so thin, both when he ate and when he did not eat, he responded: "From the fear of God." So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind of evil thoughts and his heart of evil desires, that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working, so that he even raised the dead from the graves. His humility amazed both men and demons. A demon once said to him: "There is only one thing in which I am unable to surpass you. It is not in fasting, for I do not eat anything. It is not in vigils, for I never sleep." "But what is it?" asked Macarius. "Your humility," answered the demon. Macarius often told Paphnutius, his disciple: "Do not judge anyone, and you will be saved." Macarius lived to be ninety-seven years old. Nine days before his death, St. Anthony and St. Pachomius appeared to him from the other world and informed him that he would die within nine days; and it came to pass. Before his death, Macarius also had a vision in which a Cherubim revealed to him the blessed heavenly world, commended his effort and his virtue, and told him that he had been sent to take his soul into the Kingdom of Heaven. Macarius reposed in the year 390 A.D.



“St. Macarius, Pray unto God for us...”

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30th Sunday After Pentecost

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30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390–391). Ven. Macarius of Alexandria (394–395). St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus (15th c.). Ven. Makáry the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Makáry the Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th–14th c.). Righteous Theodore of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ (1392). Opening of the Relics of Ven. Savva (Sabbas) of Storozhévsk and Zvenígorod (1652). Virgin Martyr Euphrasia of Nicomedia (303). St. Arsenius, Archbishop of Kerkyra (Corfu—8th c.).

Epistle: Colossians 3:12–16; **Gospel:** Luke 18:35–43

Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.

Weekly Schedule:

–Wednesday, 22 January 2025, 9AM Molieben for the Forthcoming Diocesan Assembly.

–Thursday–Friday, 23–24 January 2025 Annual Diocesan Assembly, St. Michael's Church, Wilmington, DE.

– Saturday, 25 January 2025: 5:00–5:45Pm Fr. Paul available for Confession; 6:00PM Great Vespers.

– Sunday, 26 January 2025. 31st Sunday After Pentecost. 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Hour Agape Fellowship.

~ A warm welcome to all those who are visiting with us today. Please join us downstairs and join us for Agape Coffee Hour fellowship. All are welcome.

~ Fr. Paul is continuing to bless homes. Please look forward to a call from Father requesting a time to bless your home.

~ At the first meeting of the Parish Council following the annual meeting, the Council fulfilled the directives of Parish Bylaws by electing Parish officers for the year. The Council elected President: Jonni Rezanka; Vice-President, David Gétz; Secretary, Barbara Schlasta; and Treasurer, Edie Evans. Many blessed years. We ask that all in our parish family pray for the members of Council as minister for the building up of All Saints.

~ The Annual Diocesan Assembly will take place at the end of this week, 23–24 January 2025 at St. Michael's Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Fr. Paul and David Getz will be representing our parish. There will be a molieden for the good work of the assembly at our parish this Wednesday at 9AM. The prayers of all the faithful that the deliberations of the assembly go smoothly and collectively work towards the greater health of our Diocese.