

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

*A Parish of the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma*

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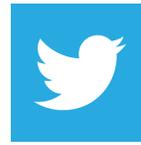
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## Services

**Saturdays**  
5:00 PM - Vespers

**Other Feast Days**  
(As Announced)

**Confessions**

Upon Request  
or

**Sundays**  
11:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM - Vespers  
7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy

By Appointment

## Mission Community

### HOLY CROSS

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

*Transfiguration Catholic Church*  
306 N. Pines Road, Blythewood, SC 29016

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**Second & Fourth Sundays of the Month**

4:00-4:40 PM - Confessions  
5:00 PM - Divine Liturgy

## *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

Disciples of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of the truths and marvels of our faith, called to announce the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth. Faithful to our baptismal vocation, we become living icons of Christ.

We are a mission with an Eastern Christian identity, and one that prays, celebrates, and proclaims the faith in accordance with the Byzantine Rite, in full communion with the Church of Rome.

We follow the missionary example of Saints Cyril and Methodius by incarnating the Gospel and celebrating the divine mysteries in the vernacular of our nation. Ours is a church for all people. All are called and welcome.

Our vocation as Christians is to go throughout the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that Christ has commanded of us.

With burning hearts, we gather near the Altar of Sacrifice to declare the glory of God and sing His praises, to experience and understand the marvelous works of our salvation, and to receive the Holy and Life-Giving Mysteries of His Body and Blood for the remission of sins and life everlasting.

We speak the Word of God with boldness, urging repentance, for the Kingdom of God is at hand. We proclaim that the promises made to our fathers are fulfilled in us, their children. We do not conceal the treasures that have been entrusted to our care, but, rather, we choose to bear the spiritual fruit that abides wherever it has been planted.

### CLERGY



**Administrator**  
**Fr. Joseph Matlak**

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**Fr. Deacon**  
**Matthew Hanes**

*St. Basil the Great,  
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### Safe Environment

It is important to remind the people of our eparchy that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse at the hands of either clergy or laity, he or she should come forward and make this known either to the bishop, to his or her pastor, or to a member of the special Review Board that handles such cases. The bishop can be reached at the Chancery by calling 1-440-888-1522 or by writing to the Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat, P.O. Box 34780, Parma, OH 44134.

## FEASTS & READINGS

**Sunday, October 20**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Tone 2*

*Holy Great-Martyr Artemius*

*2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9*

*Luke 6:31-36*

**Monday, October 21**

**Venerable Father Hilarion the Great**

*Philippians 2:12-16*

*Luke 6:24-30*

**Tuesday, October 22**

**Holy Wonderworker & Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, Bishop of Hieropolis**

*Philippians 2:16-23*

*Luke 6:37-45*

**Wednesday, October 23**

**Holy Apostle & Brother of the Lord in the Flesh, James**

*Philippians 2:24-30*

*Luke 6:46-7:1*

**Thursday, October 24**

**Holy Martyr Aretas & Those With Him**

*Philippians 3:1-8*

*Luke 7:17-30*

**Friday, October 25**

**Holy Martyrs & Notaries Marcian & Martyrius**

*Philippians 3:8-19*

*Luke 7:31-35*

**Saturday, October 26**

**Holy & Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius**

*Commemoration of the Great & Terrible*

*Earthquake at Constantinople of 741 A.D.*

*2 Timothy 2:1-10*

*John 15:17-16:2*



**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday, October 27**

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Tone 3*

*Holy Martyr Nestor*

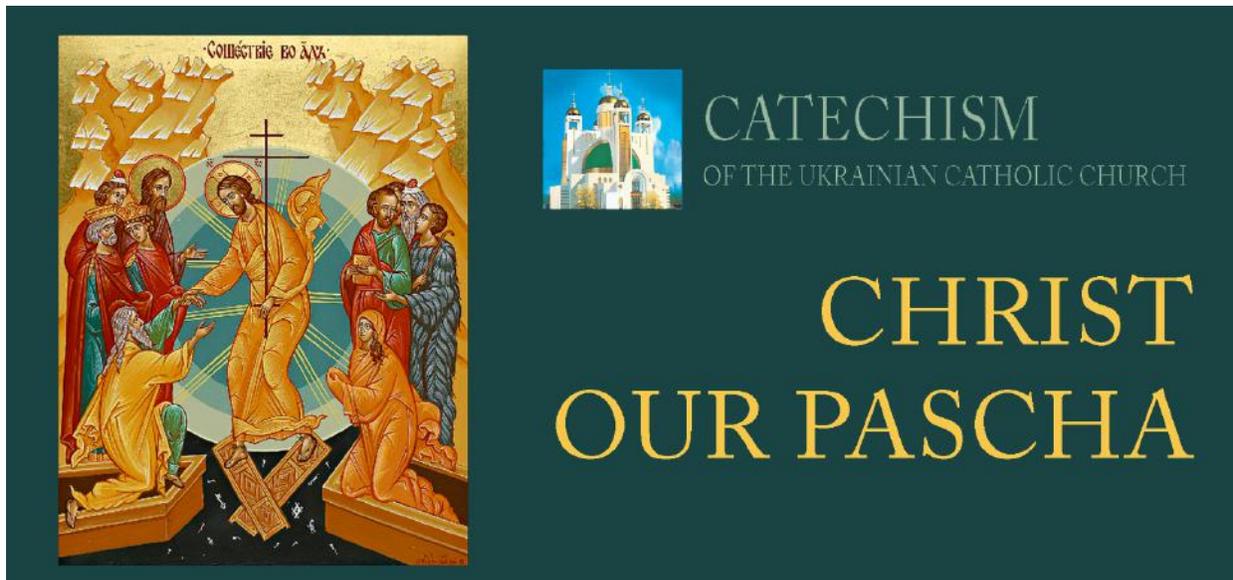
*Nestor, Writer of the First Chronicle of Rus*

*Holy Martyr Capitolina & Her Slave Erotheides*

*Galatians 1:11-19*

*Luke 7:11-16*

## FAITH FORMATION



Catechism Sundays @ St. Basil, Charlotte

Adult & Children Tracks

THIS SUNDAY

October 20

Please email [stbasilcharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:stbasilcharlotte@gmail.com) to bring a dish to share  
*Appetizers & Main Dishes Sought*

## FAITH FORMATION

# God With Us

## ✠ ONLINE ✠

The Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education have developed a series of online religious educational offerings. The programs are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Register online for the courses at: [www.EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://www.EasternCatholic.org/Events). *See details of individual programs on the next page.*

GOD WITH US ONLINE is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA) and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization.

# 2019 ONLINE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. **Register at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).**



## THE FACE OF GOD

An Introduction to Byzantine Faith & Spirituality

Rev. Deacon Daniel Dozier

**Wednesdays, September 11 and 18 @ 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET**

"Christianity is not an abstract doctrine divorced from reality and from history. Nor is it some momentary, flickering light which shines for a brief while and then is gone. Christianity is a continual celebration of life and love between God and man lived out in concrete history." - Archbishop Joseph Raya



## MAKING DISCIPLES

The Art of Bringing Others to Christ

Rev. Alexander Wroblicky

**Wednesdays, October 9, 16 and 23 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET**

Many faithful Catholics are inspired by the Church's call to a new evangelization, yet don't know where to begin, because evangelization is more of an art than a science. In this 3-part series, Fr. Alex will guide us to create room in our communities for people to grow into a mature and life-giving faith.



## UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY

An Introduction to Eastern Christian Bible Study

Joshua Mangels

**Wednesdays, November 6 and 13 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET**

"We have learned the plan of our salvation from no one else other than from those through whom the gospel has come down to us. For they did at one time proclaim the gospel in public. And, at a later period, by the will of God, they handed the gospel down to us in the Scriptures-to be the 'ground and pillar of our faith.'" - St. Irenaeus the Godbearer



## THE GIFT OF GOD

Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity

Rev. David Anderson

**Wednesday, December 16 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET**

As the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Lord draws closer, using the prayers of the Church in this holy season as our guide, we will ponder God's gift of Himself to us, and consider how we can respond by making a gift of ourselves to Him.



## BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

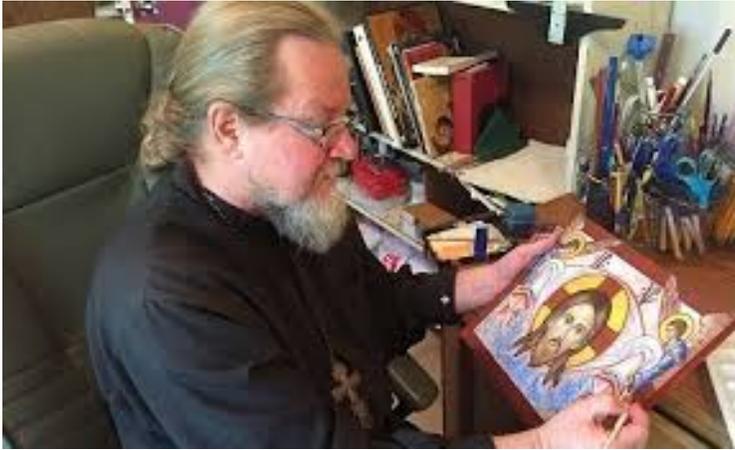
The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God

Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD

**Wednesdays Jan 8, 15 and 22 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET**

The celebration of baptism, chrismation and Eucharist together is not simply a practicality. These mysteries are closely connected and must be understood in light of each other. Using Scripture, Fr. Sebastian will show us how these mysteries are not just a symbol, but truly make us the People of God.

## ICON WORKSHOPS Abbot Damian Higgins



*April 29-May 3, 2020  
Rock Hill Oratory, South Carolina*

*July 27-31, 2020  
St. Francis Springs Prayer Center  
Stoneville, North Carolina*

*Spaces fill up rapidly.  
Please register long in advance!*

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



**Byzantine Catholic young adults from across the United States of America and Canada will descend on Fatima & Lisbon in the summer of 2022 to join millions of other Catholic young adults from around the world.**

**Contact Fr. Joseph if you are interested in the possibility of joining him on pilgrimage to his maternal homeland of Portugal.**

### *A Lasting Gift*

Have you considered including the eparchy and our parish in your will? A will is an expression of your commitment to the principles, people, and institutions that you cherish here on earth. A bequest in your will is a lasting testament, ensuring that the work of the Church can continue.

**COMMUNION & UNITY**  
In The Life And Ministry Of The Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church

**Pastoral Letter of the 2019 Synod of Bishops**

*Part Three:*

**Circles of Communion in the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church**

**The basic and most important circle of communion, one that touches the life of every member of our Church, is experienced in one's own parish. All of the elements of a vibrant parish, as a community of communities, help each person see oneself as a member of God's family. Here each faithful member identifies himself or herself with our Church.**

**The pastor who builds up the parish community is a key servant-minister of church communion, assisted in this by all the faithful. We know well how much effort is needed on the part of all members of a parish community to build up its unity, and how easy it is to ruin it.**

**No parish can be a self-sufficient entity, closed off in its own comfort zone. The parish is the basic unit of the eparchial community, built up by and personally led by the local bishop. In the eparchy, the servant-minister of communion-unity is the ruling hierarch who, in turn, abides in full unity with the Head of his particular sui iuris Church, with the Supreme Pontiff, and with the entire college of Catholic bishops, who fulfil their apostolic ministry in all corners of the world. If an eparchy is divided and there is no relationship between the bishops and the clergy, such an eparchy must be viewed as deeply wounded. Therefore, the immediate and most important efforts of a bishop should be directed towards bringing together the eparchial community in all aspects of her life, that is: in deepening her spiritual life following the example of the Communion in Love in which the Persons of the Most Holy Trinity abide, and by following the example of the first Christian community of Christ's disciples in Jerusalem (see Acts 2:46-47; 4:32); by creating a common vision regarding the mission of the eparchy, by coordinating human, spiritual and material resources for this mission, and then by bringing it to life through the common efforts of clergy and lay faithful, together with their Pastor.**

**The Synodal structure of our Church is a unique space for building up the global unity of our particular Church. The Holy Father Pope Francis emphasized that "it is not enough to have a Synod, one must be a Synod!" A Synod implies churchwide action, which in our case has a global character. By participating in the Synod, each bishop represents not himself or his private opinions. He is the voice of his eparchial community. And returning from a session of the Synod each member is to convey the spirit of synodal decisions so that through his daily ministry each eparchy and every one of its members can become living participants of synodal action. The participation of the bishops in the work of the Synod is not limited to their presence. Acting synodally means embracing responsibility for the life of our Church in each eparchy and every exarchate, as well as for the life and spiritual care of those of our faithful who live in countries where we do not yet have established structures. Acting synodally means embracing the wounds and joys of our entire Church as a whole. Being Synod means "walking a common path" and remaining as one even when the bishops return home. It is a great gift from God that we have this possibility to travel together with our clergy, religious and laity, together in unity, in spite of the fact that we live in different parts of the world.**

**The Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor, which we call into session every five years, is another important churchwide space of communion for the entire church body. This is a particular moment of global listening, when eparchial communities can participate directly in the gathering together of our entire Church through duly elected delegates, who together with their pastors in a unique way and on their particular level fulfill their responsibility for the life of their Church in various corners of the world. Although the resolutions of the Patriarchal Assembly have a consultative character, they represent a precious voice of the entire body of our Church.**

**The Head and Father of our particular Church is both symbol and servant of her global unity, communion, and development. We see this illustrated magnificently in the examples of service given by the Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and Confessor of Faith Josyf Slipyj. The Head of the Church presides over the Synod of Bishop and its activity. It is he who convokes the Synod and Patriarchal Assemblies-Sobors. He watches over the development of each eparchy and serves to ensure that**

**its needs are met. He proclaims synodal decisions and church laws, which thus acquire canonical force. At the same time he also is guarantor of the full and visible communion of our Church with the successor of St. Peter, and has the right to speak fully on her behalf. He is, in fact, a servant-minister of this unity-in-love of all parts of our Church. The Head of our Church is given the particular task of pastoral care over all the faithful of our Church, especially over those who reside outside its pastoral structures. In order that this care be provided in an adequate and timely fashion, he is called to promote the creation of suitable pastoral centers, and further, the creation of new ecclesial structures should this be required by the good of our faithful. He has particular care over the liturgical life of our Church and ensures uniformity in the celebration of Divine worship worldwide. But above all, he is called to be a faithful and sincere brother to his fellow bishops and a good spiritual father for the entire church community.**

**Beloved in Christ! Church unity is a living relationship of love with God and neighbor. It must constantly be guarded, built up. We must forever grow in it. Only by growing in the communion and unity of our Church can we come to know fully her identity, that particular way of being Christian. Each member of our Church, as well as each parish, eparchy, metropolia, will be able to “be ourselves,” not assimilate in this globalized world, preserve our identity, be able to hand it down to a new generation and share it with other nations, when we will value, build and guard the internal unity of the global community of the UGCC.**

**The internal unity of the UGCC is synonymous with her strength and development, a necessary condition for her life and the fulfillment of her mission. In one of our popular hymns, we pray: “In unity is the strength of a people. God grant unity to us.” The crown of development and maturity of a particular Eastern Church is her patriarchal structure and dignity. Our Patriarchate is thus built on a foundation of development and assured strengthening of the internal unity of our Church at all levels. The lay patriarchal movement expressed this eloquently: “For the unity of Church and people!” A weakening of this unity, especially with the mother-Church in Ukraine, will inevitably bring on a weakening and fragmentation of our ecclesial community, the demise of her structures, the loss of her identity and her global character.**

The Church, as the Mystical Body of Christ, is by its very nature “a mystery of unity,” to which all humankind is called. With our particular gifts and our common ministry, all of us—clergy, religious and laity, are called to foster the development and strengthening of the communion-unity of our Church at all levels: from the local to the global, from the particular to the universal.

May our Lord help all of us, each in accordance with their vocation or gift of service in our Church, to be bearers and builders of her internal unity.

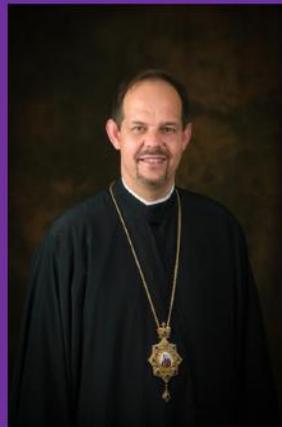
### Upcoming Pastoral Visitation of Bishop Bohdan

*St. Basil the Great, Charlotte will host a regional eparchial conference, convoked by His Excellency, Bishop Bohdan for Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> on the theme of **Immigration/Migration: Settlements & the Unity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.** Please join us for Great Vespers after the close of the conference.*

## GREAT VESPERS

Solemn Evening Prayer  
According to the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite

*In the Presence of His Excellency*  
Bishop Bohdan Danylo



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**5:00 PM**

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
*Chapel of Aquinas Hall*  
1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213

# RESPECT LIFE MONTH

## *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life*

*"Hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm."*

*Hebrews 6:18-19*

**From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.**

**Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.**

**Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.**

**Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).**

**Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).**

**Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).**

**For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.**

**The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.**

# HOLY MYSTERIES

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Mysteries of Christian Initiation take place during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays or Feast Days. Parents should contact the mission preferably before the birth of their children. Parents and godparents are prepared by the priest. At least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic. He or she must provide an original copy of his or her own baptismal certificate (from the parish where his or her baptismal records are kept), and a letter of good standing from his or her pastor. Official preparation takes place before the baptism of the first child, although we earnestly desire to be involved in your faith journey as every subsequent child is born. It is presumed that parents and godparents will participate in the life of the Church as much as they are able, both before and after their children have been baptized.

## HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples should contact the clergy at least six months before the desired date of marriage, in order to make the necessary preparations. Couples are prepared by the clergy. It is expected that the new family will participate in the life of the community as much as they are able, both before and after marriage.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If anyone needs a pastoral visit, please contact the priest. In cases of emergency, and if you live far from the parish, please contact your nearest Catholic church and ask for the Anointing of the Sick.

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

If a member of the Christian faithful has fallen asleep in the Lord, please contact the priest to arrange for the Order of Christian Burial. The family of the deceased, especially those who have been away from the life of the Church, are encouraged to benefit from the occasion by renewing their commitment to Christ and His Church.

## BLESSINGS

Blessings of holy objects take place during the Divine Liturgy. Please speak with the priest *before* the Divine Liturgy. Blessings of persons on special occasions can take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. For the blessing of homes, please contact the mission, or speak with the priest directly.

# PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Almighty and merciful God, inspire those You have chosen to hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witness of Your love and care for the world. May they find support and encouragement in our words and in our prayers, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and all the Saints. Amen.