

Dear fellow parishioners,

We are rapidly approaching All Saints' Eve on October 31st. Last year we produced a wonderful storybook and enjoyed a fantastic turnout for our celebration of Saints. This year, with the agreement of Fr. Andrew and the Parish Council we will once again extend the opportunity for everyone to nominate and research their favorite saints. I will compile the Saint of the Year storybook and distribute it at the end of October. Last year we elected [Saint Miguel Pro Juarez](#) as Saint of the Year. Who will it be this year?

The first step is to submit nominations. Is there a saint or two that you have recently learned about? Or an old favorite that has not recently been nominated (see list below)? If so, we'd love to hear about them! The top 7 nominees will form our storybook of canonized saints (east or west). So please email nominations to me (or to Fr. Andrew), including the name of your chosen saint and a short description (to distinguish between saints of the same name).

Nominations will close on Monday, September 14th. Please also contact me if you are willing to help with writing the stories or creating artwork this year.

Yours in Christ,

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Additional Info: You must be aged 8 or older. You may nominate up to three names, but Bible saints, and those featured in the last 3 years of voting, along with the last 7 elected winners, are not allowed on the ballot (see list below).

List of past 3 years nominees & prior winners*: (These names may NOT be nominated again)

2025: St. Basil of Caesarea, St. Cloud of Orleans, St. Brendan the Navigator, St. Eligius St. Edmund, Martyr of Anglia, St John of God, St. Miguel Pro Juarez*

2024: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, St. John Chrysostom*, St. Benedict of Nursia, St. Boris and St. Gleb, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Artemius of Verkola, St. Sofian Boghiu

2023: St. Christopher of Lycia and, with him, the Martyrs Callinika and Aquilina, St. Panteleimon, St. Stylianos, St. Sophia of Thrace*, St. Phanourius, St. Sophrony, St Carlos Acutis

Previous Saints of the Year: St. Mary of Egypt (2022), St. Constantin Brancoveanu (2021), Sts. Cyril & Methodius (2020), St. Elizabeth the New Martyr (2019)