



Holy Prophet Elijah, by George Kordis

# The Raven's Digest - January

## Resources for the Seasons of the Church Year -

It was perhaps two years ago that we developed a website called "The Raven's Nest" that contains seasonal resources for the Orthodox Church year. We never could figure out how to share it in a useful way, so we decided to "publish" excerpts from it on a monthly basis in a digest format as well as other resources across the internet.

*& Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

*Philippians 4:8(KJV)*

## What's Included This Month:

\*Great Feast Days-

*The Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

\*Whatever is Lovely: Orthodox Art

*"In Church", a painting by Nikolai Bogdanov-Belski*

\*Let Us Attend: Weekly Gospel

*Audio & printable resources for younger children & older youth*

\*Let Your Mind Dwell: Book Recommendations

*Keeper of the Light*

\*Whatever is Worthy: A Netful of Audio/Video Resources

*audio version of Keeper of the Light*

\*Of Good Report: Lights in the Darkness - Icons & Links

*St. Basil the Great*

*St. Seraphim of Sarov*

*St. Genevieve of Paris*

*St. Gregory of Nyssa*

*St. Xenia*

*The Three Holy Hierarchs*

Great Feast:

## The Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ-January 6



To read about the feast:

<http://antiochian.org/theophany>

Multiple links are included on this page including resources for parents and teachers.

Let Us Attend: Weekly Gospel audio & printable resources for younger & older children



<http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattend>

Whatever is Lovely: Orthodox Art





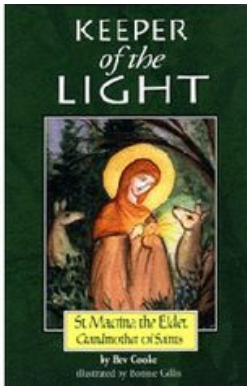
"In Church", a painting by the 19th century Russian artist Nikolai Bogdanov-Belski

To order:

<http://www.uncutmountainsupply.com/categories/other-images/religious-paintings.html>

Let Your Mind Dwell: Book Recommendations-

## Keeper of the Light



To purchase the book:

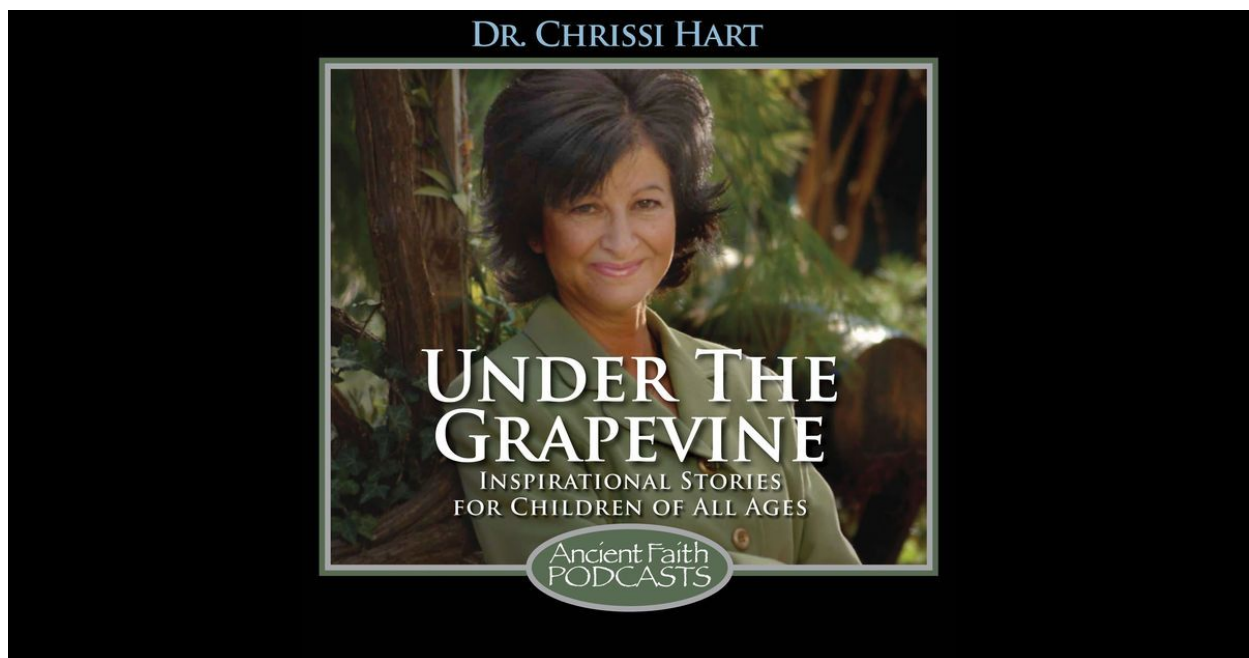
<https://www.amazon.com/Keeper-Light-Macrina-Grandmother-Saints/dp/1888212772>

A review of the book from Amazon:

The road to sainthood takes a lifetime to travel. . . . Late in the fourth century, Christians are labeled enemies of the Roman Empire--hounded, arrested, tortured, and executed. Macrina and her husband Basil, once-wealthy Christians, flee with their small son to the mountainous forests south of the Black Sea. There, Macrina embarks on a seven-year journey of unexpected tests and trials that will take her through a harsh and hungry wilderness pilgrimage, only to plunge her into poverty and danger on the streets of Neocaesarea. So begins Macrina's adventure in faith, as she undertakes the process of

becoming one of the most influential women in sacred history, the mother and grandmother of saints. Readers of all ages will be fascinated by the story of St. Macrina the Elder, who had a profound influence on her grandchildren, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and St. Macrina the Younger. She is truly a great confessor of the Orthodox Christian faith.

## Whatever is Worthy: Audio / Video Resources-



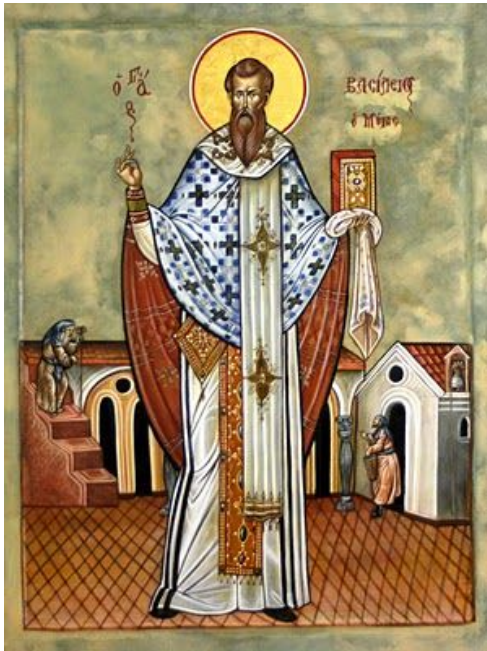
Under the Grapevine: -from the “Under the Grapevine” podcast. An audio version of the book, Keeper of the Light.

To listen:

[http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/grapevine/keeper\\_of\\_the\\_light\\_chapter\\_one](http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/grapevine/keeper_of_the_light_chapter_one)

## Of Good Report: Lights in the Darkness-

*St. Basil the Great-January 1st*

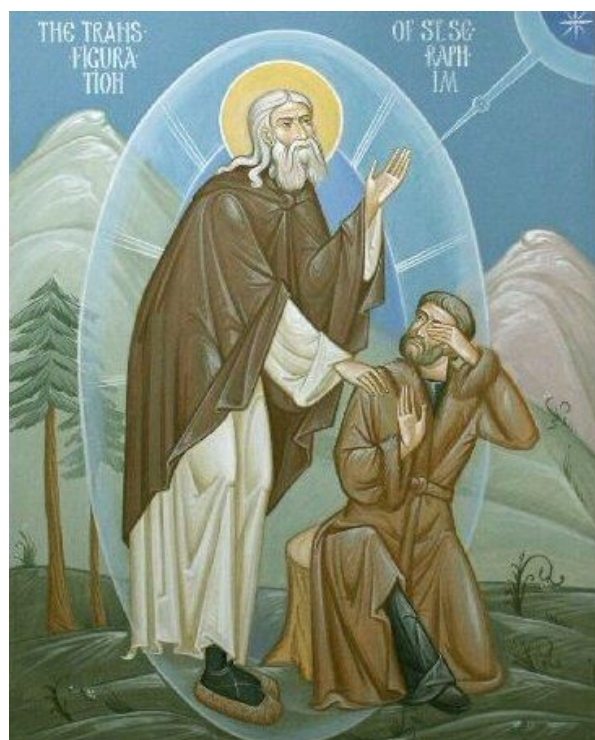


To read the story:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/01/01/100003-st-basil-the-great-archbishop-of-caesarea-in-cappadocia>



*Rest of the Venerable Seraphim, the Wonderworker of Sarov-January 2*



To read the story:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2016/01/02/100008-repose-of-the-venerable-seraphim-the-wonderworker-of-sarov>

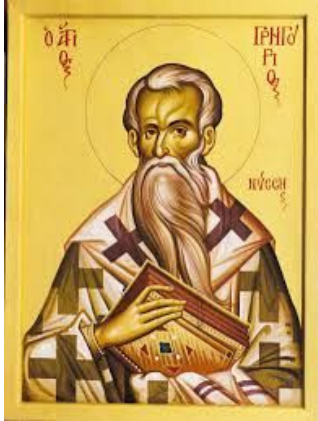
*St. Genevieve of Paris-January 3rd*



To read the story:

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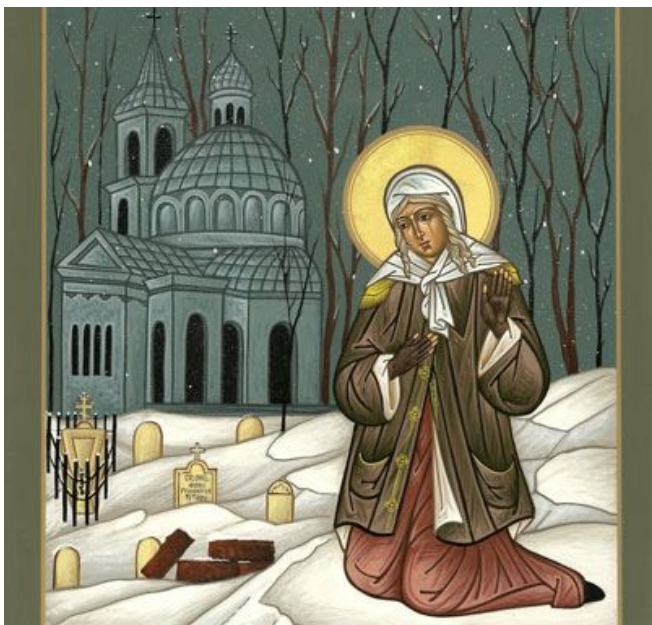
*St. Gregory of Nyssa-January 10*



To read the story:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2011/01/10/100140-st-gregory-the-bishop-of-nyssa>

*St. Xenia of Saint Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ-January 24*



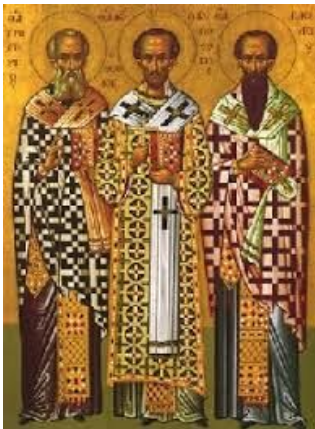
To read the story:

<http://antiochian.org/node/17344>

Another interesting story!

<https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/thissideofglory/2015/01/24/st-xenia-matchmaker/>

*Feast of the Three Holy Fathers, Great Hierarchs and Ecumenical Teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom- January 30*



To read the story:

<http://antiochian.org/threehierarchs> -troparion and kontakion with links to an article and homily



