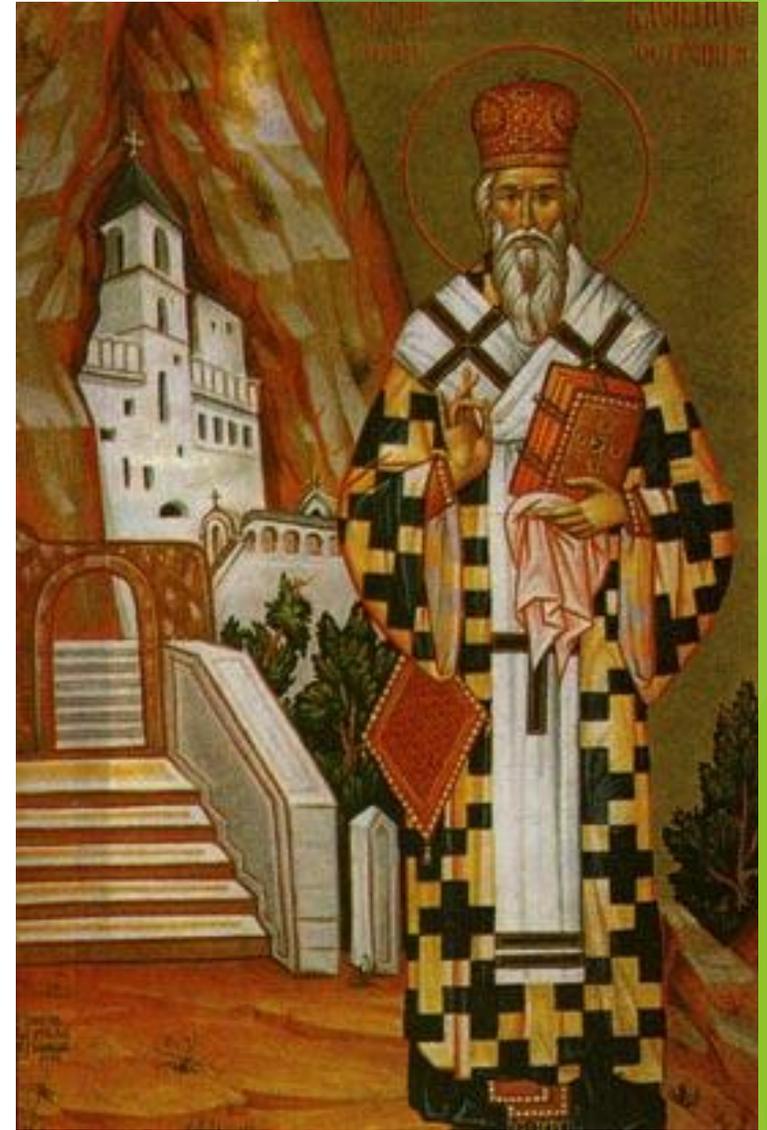


St. Basil of Ostrog Serbian Orthodox Church Mettawa, IL



Faith-Education-Fellowship-Philanthropy

“All things are possible to him who believes!” Mark 9:23

Create and maintain a facility that supports our mission...

Develop a facility that will accommodate the needs of our parish for generations to come and ensure that we can continue to promote **faith, education, fellowship and philanthropy.**

The Parish Family

St. Basil was established in 1999. There were 45 stewards then and it was a needed location in Lake County, IL.

During the last six years, we have averaged 58 stewards and our church attendance has averaged 100 parishioners for weekly Sunday church services.

The primary focus of our parish has always been our children. The Sunday School and Friday cultural programs have averaged 97 enrolled students over the past four years. There are 30 students on average that attend the Friday cultural program and 36 students on average that attend Sunday school on a weekly basis.

St. Basil in the Community

The parish regularly participates in various philanthropic projects:

- Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Center
- Feed my Starving Children
- International Orthodox Christian Charities
- Lake County Haven for women and children
- Zmaj Orphanage in Belgrade
- Eagle Scouts

Challenges

The current facility was built in 1983 for the Church of the Redeemer.

St. Basil of Ostrog purchased the property in 1999 and most of the original details are still present today. We can no longer further the church mission with the existing facility.

Church

The church and sanctuary are not optimally configured for Orthodox worship services and lack an Orthodox architectural aesthetic.

Educational Programs

We do not have dedicated classrooms in our facility. All of our spaces are used for multiple purposes

Office Space

The office serves many uses that need to be separated for privacy as well as functionality. Examples are to have a separate conference room, priest office and reception area.

Social Hall

The current social hall does not accommodate the cultural program or parish fellowship and philanthropic activities.

There is no dedicated storage for many of our activities.

Proposed Solution

The plan we are presenting today will address the mission and goals of the parish.