

Blessing of Throats January 31 and February 1<sup>st</sup>.

In Honor of The Feast of St. Blaise The Feast of St. Blaise is celebrated on February 3rd. Blaise of Sebastea, also known as Blaise, served as bishop of Armenia in the 4th century and was also a wise physician. He once saved a child who was choking on a fish bone, which led to the Blessing of Throats St. Blaise's feast day. The blessing of throats invokes God's healing and protection. Two blessed candles are joined in the form of a cross and placed around the throat of each person seeking a blessing. The minister then says the following prayer:

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

We acknowledge our faith in God's protective love for all who call upon His name.