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The Rule of St. Basil as a Model for Community Life

This presentation will explore the Rule of monastic life as established by St. Basil, the Father of Eastern Monasticism and how this ancient Rule can be applied to contemporary community life today.

This presentation will provide a brief overview of St. Basil: who he was, a description of his Rule for monastic life and how the Rule was developed amongst the Eastern Slavs up to the 17th century. In modern times, The Rule of St. Basil provided safe refuge for Monks during the persecution of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church during the Communist domination in Ukraine, helping them to survive as part of the “catacomb church”.

This ancient Rule, which demonstrates such resiliency over the millennia, offers many lessons for us today.