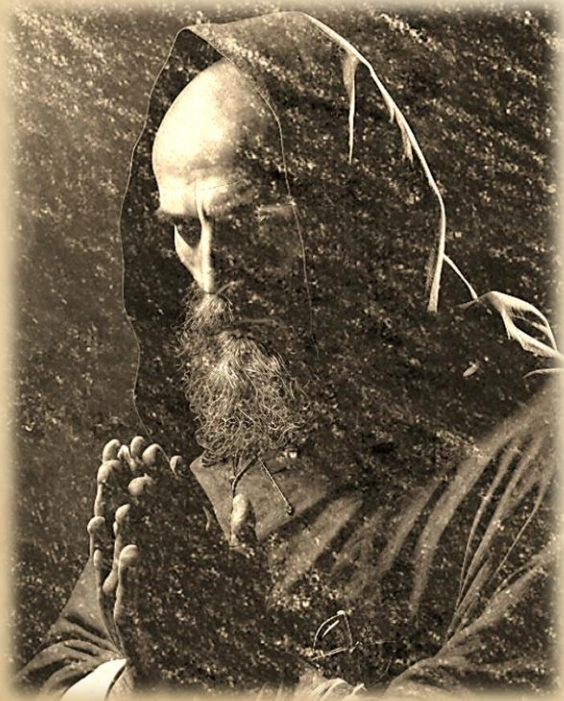


Blessed Life of Saint Andral



The tale of Saint Andral is a stirring testament to courage and devotion. Andral, a brother from the Abbey in Krezk, ventured out into the valley to help those in need and dedicated himself to serving the Morninglord. He settled in the village of Vallaki in the year 322, taking up residence in an old house and garden where he held services for any who wished to attend. Over time, he transformed the modest dwelling into a haven for those requiring assistance.

The new lord of Barovia, Strahd von Zarovich enacted the Patronage Edict in 348, which required tribute to be paid to him as an equal to the Morninglord. Andral refused to comply and publicly condemned the blasphemous actions.

When darkness descended upon Barovia, a few guards of the new lord of Barovia sought refuge in Brother Andral's sanctuary.

The lord of Barovia, seeking retribution against the guards who betrayed him, attempted to enter Andral's sanctuary but was rebuffed. He tried to charm Andral on a subsequent visit, offering material rewards, but the faithful brother refused. On the third visit, the lord of Barovia threatened to destroy Andral and his sanctuary. However, Andral stood firm in his faith and courage, weathering the wrath of the lord of Barovia and his minions. Brother Andral declared that as long as he remained in his sanctuary, those with him would be safe from harm.

Eventually, the guards and Andral lived out their lives together in the sanctuary, never venturing beyond the garden wall. They grew their own food and lived communally until their passing.

Upon Andral's death, the old house and garden became hallowed ground, and a great church was constructed in his honor. He was recognized as a saint for his devotion to protecting others and his steadfast opposition to the forces of darkness. The garden now serves as the church's graveyard, and Andral's remains are interred in the crypt beneath the church. His presence sanctifies the church and its surroundings, ensuring that vampires, demons, and the undead cannot enter.

Annually, the church holds a celebration in honor of Saint Andral, who is revered for his selfless generosity toward others. The Feast of Saint Andral symbolizes the act of giving and sharing one's blessings with those in need, exemplifying the idea of sacrificing for the sake of the less fortunate.