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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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Saint Sava, First Archbishop of Serbia (January 14th), in the world Rostislav (Rastko), was a son of the Serbian king Stephen Nemanja and Anna, daughter of the Byzantine Emperor Romanus. From his early years he fervently attended church services and had a special love for icons.

At seventeen years of age, Rostislav met a monk from Mount Athos, secretly left his father's house and set off for the Saint Pan-

teleimon monastery. (By divine Providence in 1169, the year of the saint's birth, the ancient monastery of the Great Martyr and healer Pan-teleimon was given to Russian monks.)

Knowing that his son was on Athos, his father mobilized his retainers

headed by a faithful voevod and wrote to the governor of the district which included Athos, saying that if his son were not returned to him, he would go to war against the Greeks. When they arrived at the monastery, the voevod was ordered not to take his eyes off Rostislav. During the evening services, when the soldiers had fallen asleep under the influence of wine, Rostislav received monastic tonsure (in 1186) and sent to his parents his worldly clothes, his hair and a letter. Saint Savva sought to persuade his powerful parents to accept monasticism. The monk's father (in monasticism Simeon, commemorated on February 13) and his son pursued asceticism at the Vatopedi monastery. On Athos they established the Serbian Hilandar monastery, and this monastery received its name by imperial grant. At Hilandar monastery, Saint Savva was ordained to the diaconate and then presbyter. His mother Anna became a nun with the name Anastasia (June 21).

For his holy life and virtuous deeds on Mount Athos, the monk was made an archimandrite at Thessalonica. At Nicea in the year 1219 on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, the Ecumenical Patriarch Germanus consecrated Archimandrite Savva as Archbishop of Serbia. The saint petitioned the Byzantine Emperor to grant permission for Serbian bishops to elect their own Archbishop in future. This was a very important consideration in a time of frequent wars between the eastern and western powers.

Having returned to the Holy Mountain from Nicea, the saint visited all the monasteries for the last time. He made prostrations in all the churches and, calling to mind the blessed lives of the wilderness Fathers, he made his farewells to the ascetics with deep remorse, "leaving the Holy Mountain, as if from Paradise."

Saddened by his separation from the Holy Moun-

tain, the saint went along the path from Athos just barely moving. The Most Holy Theotokos spoke to the saint in a dream, "Having My Patronage, why do you remain sorrowful?" These words roused him from despondency, changing his sorrow into joy. In memory of this appearance, the saint commissioned large icons of the Savior and of the Mother of God at Thessalonica, and put them in a church.

In Serbia, the activity of the Hierarch in organizing the work of his native Church was accompanied by numerous signs and miracles. During the Liturgy and the all-night Vigil, when the saint came to cense the grave of his father the monk Simeon, the holy relics exuded fragrant myrrh.

Being in charge of negotiations with the Hungarian King Vladislav, who had declared war on Serbia, the holy bishop not only brought about the desired peace for his country, but he also brought the Hungarian monarch to Orthodoxy. Thus he facilitated the start of the historical existence of the autonomous Serbian Church. Saint Savva also contributed to strengthening the Serbian state. In order to insure the independence of the Serbian state, Archbishop Savva crowned his powerful brother Stephen as king. Upon the death of Stephen, his eldest son Radislav was crowned king, and Saint Savva set off to the Holy Land "to worship at the holy tomb of Christ and fearsome Golgotha."

When he returned to his native land, the saint blessed and crowned Vladislav as king. To further strengthen the Serbian throne, he betrothed him to the daughter of the Bulgarian prince Asan. The holy hierarch visited churches all across Serbia, he reformed monastic rules on the model of Athos and Palestine, and he established and consecrated many churches, strengthening the Orthodox in their faith. Having finished his work in his native land, the saint appointed the hieromonk Arsenius as his successor, consecrat-

ing him bishop and giving his blessing to all.

He then set off on a journey of no return, desiring “to end his days as a wanderer in a foreign land.” He passed through Palestine, Syria and Persia, Babylon, Egypt and Anatolia, everywhere visiting the holy places, conversing with great ascetics, and collecting the holy relics of saints. The saint finished his wanderings at Trnovo in Bulgaria at the home of his kinsman Asan, where with spiritual joy he gave up his soul to the Lord (+ 1237).

At the time of transfer of the holy relics of Saint Savva to Serbia in 1237, there were so many healings that the Bulgarians began to complain about Asan, “because he had given up such a treasure.” In the saint’s own country, his venerable relics were placed in the Church of Mileshevo, bestowing healing on all who approached with faith. The inhabitants of Trnovo continued to receive healing from the remnants of the saint’s coffin, which Asan ordered to be

gathered together and placed in a newly built sarcophagus.

The legacy of Saint Savva lives on in the Orthodox Church traditions of the Slavic nations. He is associated with the introduction of the Jerusalem Typikon as the basis for Slavic Monastic Rules. The Serbian Hilandar monastery on Mt. Athos lives by the Typikon of Saint Savva to this day. Editions of *The Rudder* (a collection of church canons) of Saint Savva, with commentary by Alexis Aristines, are the most widely disseminated in the Russian Church. In 1270 the first copy of The Rudder of Saint Savva was sent from Bulgaria to Metropolitan Cyril of Kiev. From this was copied one of the most ancient of the Russian Rudders, the Ryazan Rudder of 1284. It in turn was the source for a printed Rudder published in 1653, and since that time often reprinted by the Russian Church. Such was the legacy of Saint Savva to the canonical treasury of Orthodoxy.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest’s ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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READERS & SUBDEACONS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

On Sunday, January 23rd, Fr. Jan wants to have a meeting with all actively serving Readers and Subdeacons. The meeting will be right after Divine Liturgy and we will talk about serving at the liturgy and rubrics.

A MESSAGE ON HOME BLESSINGS FROM FR. JAN

After January 6th, Fr. Jan will be blessing homes. He asks that anyone wishing to have their home blessed call him at (440) 732-8182 or email him at st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com to make the arrangement.

AFTERFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

JESUS CHRIST

On the first day of the Afterfeast of Theophany, the Church extols Saint John the Baptist as the greatest man born of a woman. He surpasses all the ancient prophets because he baptized the Messiah, Whose coming he foretold.

The second day of the Afterfeast of Theophany falls on January 8. At Vespers we repeat a hymn which has already been sung at Compline for Theophany. In the hymn Saint John wonders in whose name he should baptize Christ. Should he baptize Him in the name of the Father? The Lord Jesus Christ already bears Him in Himself. Of the Son? He Himself is the incarnate Son of God. Of the Holy Spirit? Christ Himself sends the Spirit.

The third day of the Afterfeast of Theophany falls on January 9. The hymns of this period invite us to purify our minds in order to see Christ.

The fourth day of the Afterfeast of Theophany falls on January 10. Some of the hymns of this period compare the streams of the Jordan to the life-giving waters of Baptism.

The fifth day of the Afterfeast of Theophany falls on January 11. Many of the hymns of this period glorify Christ as God Who sanctifies the waters of Jordan by being baptized in them.

The sixth day of the Afterfeast of Theophany falls on January 12. Divine grace shines forth so that we might be freed from the power of the devil, and cleansed of our sins in Baptism.

“He who once assumed the appearance of a malignant serpent and implanted death in the creation, is now cast into darkness by Christ’s coming in the flesh....” (Ode 3, second Canon at Matins).

“Through the Spirit and by the grace that comes through water, He grants a new birth to all who acknowledge His divinity, delivering them from their faults” (Ode 6, first Canon at Matins).

The seventh day of the Afterfeast of Theophany falls on January 13. Many of the Church’s hymns during this period rejoice in the manifestation of God (Theophany) at Christ’s baptism in the Jordan. The voice of the Father is heard, the Son enters the water, and the Holy Spirit appears in the form of a dove.



The Leavetaking of the Feast of Theophany takes place on January 14. The entire office of the Feast is repeated except for the Entrance, festal readings, Litya, Blessing of Loaves at Vespers, and the Polyeleos and festal Gospel at Matins. The festal Antiphons are not sung at Liturgy, and the Epistle and Gospel of the day are read.

*Please join ZOE for Life! ®
and
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral
for a Prayer Service as we
Pray for the Unborn*

*Sunday, January 16, 2022
6:00 pm*

*6306 Broadview Road
Parma 44134*

*Prayer Service & Presentation will also be Live Streamed
Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm*

*His Grace Bishop Irinej
Serbian Orthodox Church*

Prayers offered by:

Father Dragoslav Kosic

Registration is Free, but required in order to receive a Zoom link.

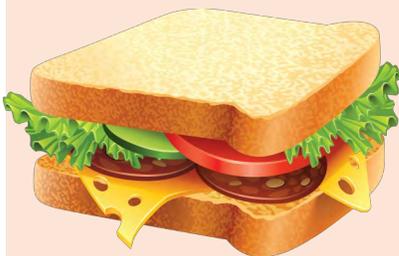
Please register using the link below before January 14

<https://forms.gle/f3HVhEXrj9j4pF3w6>

Due to the pandemic, and our financial position last year, we suspended the Food Pantry bags for Merrick House (20 bags of groceries for their Moms First program). There are envelopes in the foyer specifically for this, or you can earmark a special offering envelope for the Merrick House Food Pantry. Please consider 'sponsoring a bag' for \$10.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Dan Morris



This Sunday is a Sandwich Sunday

We will once again be making sandwiches after Liturgy today! If you're able to, please help out, even for 5 minutes. Thank you for your continuing faithfulness!

-Dan Morris

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Church School meets at 4:45-5:45PM on the following dates:

February 5, 2022

April 2, 2022

June 4, 2022

March 5, 2022

May 7, 2022

PRAYER REQUESTS

1/9/2022

Departed:

Priest John Loejos

Valentina Ponomarenko (*Aunt of Greg Ponomarenko, Grandmother of Dan Boerio*)

Walter Wojnicz (*brother of Alexander Wojnicz*)
Stoja

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Igor Gajewsky

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Reader Haralambos Steingass

Dan Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsy (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Mary Kay Weber

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Alexander Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Child Benjamin Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

Arlene Czajkowski

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Maggie Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Child Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Michael Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Yvonne "Evie" D'Amico

Peter

Tony Sykaluk

John Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Andrew Mytrohovich

Greg Galan (*cousin of Betty Balasz, friend of Karen & Subdeacon Darrell Felon*)

Janice Romansky (*friend of Karen & Subdeacon Darrell Felon*)

Nathan (*friend of Fr. Jan*)

Ale (*friend of Fr. Jan*)

Terri Peek (*friend of Igor*)

Robbie Prock

Greg and Christina Martin (*friends of Reader Eric*)

Gary Popovich (*brother-in-law of Frank*)

Gayle Vidovich

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to
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Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 9

John 20:1-10
Ephesians 4:7-13
Matthew 4:12-17

Monday, January 10

Hebrews 8:7-13
Luke 20:27-44

Tuesday, January 11

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3
Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15
Luke 6:17-23

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Matthew 11:27-30
Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23
Luke 21:12-19

Wednesday, January 12

Hebrews 10:1-18
Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24

Thursday, January 13

Hebrews 10:35-11:7
Luke 21:28-33

Friday, January 14

Hebrews 11:8, 11-16
Luke 21:37-22:8

Saturday, January 15

Ephesians 5:1-8
Luke 13:18-29

Sunday, January 16

John 20:11-18
Colossians 3:12-16
Luke 18:18-27

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Sunday, January 9

29th Sunday After Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Theophany
Sunday after Theophany
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour to follow

Monday, January 10

Afterfeast of the Theophany
St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (4th c.)

Tuesday, January 11

Afterfeast of the Theophany
Ven. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch (529)

Wednesday, January 12

Afterfeast of the Theophany
Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (226-235)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



Thursday, January 13
Afterfeast of the Theophany
Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonikus of Belgrade (ca. 315)

Friday, January 14
Leavetaking of the Theophany
St. Savva I, first Archbishop of Serbia (1237)

Saturday, January 15
Ven. Paul of Thebes (341)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, January 16
30th Sunday After Pentecost
Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour to follow