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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018  
*Zacchaeus Sunday*  
*Sunday after Theophany*

**Epistle Reading**  
Ephesians 4:7-13  
1 Timothy 4:9-15

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 4:12-17  
Luke 19:1-10

*Christ is in our midst!*  
*He is and ever shall be!*

**Troparion for Zacchaeus Sunday:** Thou didst treasure the wealth of salvation and hate unjust gains, O blessed Zacchaeus. When the Saviour came to thy house, thou didst bring forth the fruits of repentance: the righting of wrongs, protection of the poor, and a new, God-pleasing life.

**Troparion for the Sunday after of Theophany:** When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You and called You His beloved Son, and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ, our God, You have revealed Yourself and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

**Kontakion for Sunday after Theophany:** Today You have shown forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises. You have come and revealed Yourself, O unapproachable Light.

**House Blessings during the Theophany Season**

Fr. John invites us to schedule our Home Blessings with him over the coming weeks. This is a beautiful Orthodox tradition that renews our home as a holy site.  
(Bottles of newly blessed Holy Water are available to take home.)

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. If you are joining us for the first time, please sign the guestbook at the entrance. Everyone is invited to the parish hall after Liturgy for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life.

**Sanctity of Life Sunday - Today**

Orthodox parishes across the US observe “Sanctity of Life Sunday” today before the January 22 anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Decision. Special prayers appeal to God for His protection of human life from conception to natural death.

*“And how Christ died ‘for the life of the world’ at the hands of the world clarifies for us the most crucial thing, namely that life has only one source and only one victory: selfless or self-sacrificial love. Let us be selfless love for all and we—in the one who is Love and Life itself—will conquer death ... May the world see our love, receive it from our own cross, and fill itself with life in it!”*  
*Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon (Excerpt)*

**Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 24, 7:00-8:30PM**

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening. A group discussion follows on “The Heavenly Banquet, Understanding the Divine Liturgy” by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

**Saint Sava of Serbia Patron Saint Day/Slava - Sunday, January 28**

We anticipate with great joy the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and St. Sava Slava next Sunday. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will elevate Fr. John to the rank of Archpriest and present St. Luke with a Synodal Gramota on our parish’s 55th anniversary. Rick, Amanda, John, Daniel and Nora Costello are the Kumovi. Plan to come and invite family and friends to join us for the annual banquet and festivities. The Sisterhood welcomes donated desserts and pastries.

**SOUPer Bowl Sunday – February 4**

It’s time to cheer for our annual SOUPer Bowl in two weeks! Our special collection of soups, other canned and boxed foods, grocery gift cards and monetary gifts will help hungry families. Let’s bring so much we break our record!

**God Grant You Many Years!**

May God bless and grant many years to Isabela Little (age 7), her brother, Javier (age 4), and their dad, Chris. Elizabeth Peña is also celebrating her birthday. Mnogaja ljeta!!!