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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*  
*Saint Sava of Serbia*  
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

**Epistle Readings**

2 Timothy 3:10-15  
Hebrews 7:26-8:2

**Gospel Readings**

Luke 18:10-14  
John 10:9-16

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

**Troparion to Saint Sava, First Archbishop and Enlightener of Serbia**

O guide of Orthodoxy and blessed teacher of virtues, purifier and enlightener of thy homeland, beauty of monastics, most wise Father, Holy Sava, by thy teaching thou didst enlighten thy people, O flute of the Spirit, pray to Christ God for our souls.

**Kontakion to Saint Sava**

Your church glorifies you as its first great hierarch and the Apostles' companion, O venerable one. Since you have boldness before Christ God, save us by your prayers from every tribulation, so that we may cry to you rejoice, O divinely wise Father Sava!

**Kontakion for the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! And learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior, have mercy on us, only merciful One!

**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.

**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 attend today's celebration. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life.

**St. Sava Slava with Metropolitan Tikhon – “Many Years! Eis polla eti, Despota!”**

Our parish joyfully celebrates our annual St. Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day. We are honored to have with us our diocesan bishop, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada.

During the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Fr. John will be awarded a Gold Cross on his elevation to Archpriest. Axios!

After Liturgy, we will have the awarding of a Synodal Gramota to the Parish for our 55th Anniversary. We will then gather in the parish hall for the Slava Prayers. Rick and Amanda Costello are serving as the honored Kumovi for the day along with their children, John, Daniel and Nora. The traditional feast and festivities will follow. Many thanks to Fr. John, Fr. Dn. Patrick, our Choir, the Sisterhood and event coordinators, Helene Watts and JoAnne de la Riva, the Sunday School, and all the volunteers who worked in preparation for this special day.

**Memory Eternal**

We pray for the repose of the soul of the newly departed, Ludmilla Trbovich. Her funeral service will be held at 11AM on Tuesday, January 30th at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA. We remember Ludy, Bob, their daughter, Lydia, son, Mark, and all their family in our prayers. Večnaja pamjat †

**Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 31, 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.

**First-Saturday-of-the-Month Vespers - Saturday, February 3**

We will celebrate Great Vespers this Saturday at 5PM.

**SOUPer Bowl Sunday – February 4**

Get ready to cheer for our annual SOUPer Bowl event next week! Our special collection of soups, other canned and boxed foods, grocery gift cards and monetary gifts will help hungry families at SERVE. Let's break our giving record!