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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019
GREAT FEAST OF THEOPHANY
THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel Reading
Matthew 3:13-17

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

Troparion for the Feast 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: 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.

Sanctity of Life Sunday - Today

Orthodox parishes across the US are observing “Sanctity of Life Sunday” today following Friday’s annual March for Life. Special petitions and other prayers appeal to God for His protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Great Blessing of Waters and Home Blessings during the Theophany Season

The Blessing of Waters will take place after Liturgy. The bottles of newly blessed Holy Water can be used when Fr. John visits us for our Home Blessings. This is a beautiful Orthodox tradition to renew our home as a holy site. Schedule a time with him in the coming weeks before Lent begins on March 11.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for Coffee Hour.

Saint John the Baptist Patron Saint Day - Today

God bless the families celebrating their Slava today. Srećna Slava! Mnogaja Ljeta!

Sisterhood Meeting – Today

All women are invited to join the Sisters’ meeting today during Coffee Hour.

Gift Shop New Year Sale

Visit the Gift Shop for a special limited time 20% discount on icons and jewelry.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 23, 7:00-8:30PM

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening at 7PM. A group discussion follows on “The Meaning of Suffering” from a book by Metropolitan Jonah titled “Reflections on a Spiritual Journey”. Everyone is welcome to come.

Envisioning the Kingdom: the Why and How of Beauty in the Orthodox Church

There will be a one-day retreat at Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church; 10620 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854 on **Saturday, January 26** from 10AM to 3PM. Presvytera Krista West will explore the centuries old tradition of beauty in the Church, its icons, music and structure along with practical advice on beautifying our parishes. Free. RSVP tinyurl.com/OrthodoxBeautyRetreat.

Saint Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 27

- Next Sunday, we will celebrate the life and legacy of our beloved Saint Sava of Serbia. Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava Prayers with Hossana Aberra as the honored kuma for the day. Our Sisterhood will prepare a luncheon buffet. Donations of desserts are requested. Plan to come and invite family and friends.
- The Sisterhood welcomes volunteers to help with food preparations, decorating and clean-up on Saturday and Sunday. See JoAnne de la Riva or Helene Watts.

SOUP-er Bowl Sunday ~ Food Collection for the Needy on Sunday, February 3

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Javier and Chris Little as they celebrate their birthdays. Mnogaja Ljeta! Many years to Jeff Castiglione and Jennifer Walsh who are being married today.