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JANUARY 19, 2020
GREAT FEAST OF THEOPHANY
THIRTY-FIRST 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

Orthodox parishes throughout the USA are observing “Sanctity of Life Sunday” today. Special petitions during Liturgy and other prayers appeal to God for His protection of human life from conception to natural death. “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.” Jeremiah 1:5

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 time-honored 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 2.

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. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 22 - 7-8:30PM

Wednesday Vespers begins at 7PM. Afterwards Fr. John will lead a study on the book, “The Holy Fire” by Robert Payne on the Church Fathers of early centuries.

Orthodox Christians at the 47th Annual March for Life – January 24

Join Metropolitan Tikhon, bishops, clergy, seminarians and laity from across the US for the March and prayers for sacredness of human life. Participants may text MARCHFORLIFE to 844-334-5548 for updates on location and times, etc.

- 8:30AM Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral in DC
- 12 PM Rally & March, Washington DC, 12th St. NW @ Madison;
Look for the Orthodox Christians for Life banner.

Invitation to the Episcopal Ordination of Archimandrite Alexis – January 24 - 25

The Orthodox Church in America announces the ordination at St. Nicholas Cathedral of Right Reverend Archimandrite Alexis (Trader) as Bishop of Bethesda. Fri., January 24 6PM Nomination and Proclamation of a Bishop; Vespers Sat., January 25 9AM Divine Liturgy and Ordination 1PM Banquet at St. Sophia Cathedral, 2815 36th Street, NW

Pan-Orthodox Singles Event – Saturday, January 25

Orthodox Singles are invited to attend a “Masters of Hawaiian Music” concert at the Wolf Trap Barn, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna, VA next Saturday at 8PM; \$10 per person. RSVP to Diana: dianahav@earthlink.net or call or text 703.593.2176.

Saint Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 26

We joyfully anticipate our celebration of Saint Sava of Serbia next Sunday. Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava Prayers with Chris and Dominique Little as Kumovi. Our Sisterhood will prepare a feastday luncheon. Desserts are requested.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Christopher Little and Javier (6 years old) as they celebrate their birthdays, and may God bless Jeff and Jennifer Castiglione on their first wedding anniversary! Mnogaja Ljeta!