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**ST. SAVA OF SERBIA**  
**ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT AND ST. CYRIL**  
THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Readings**

Colossians 3:12-16  
Hebrews 13:7-16

**Gospel Readings**

Luke 18:18-27  
Matthew 5:14-19

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

**Troparion**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

**Troparion for St. Sava**

As an instructor, and hierarch, and teacher of the Way that leads to life, you first came and enlightened your homeland, O Saint Sava, and causing it to be reborn by the Holy Spirit, you planted your wholly sanctified children as olive trees in a spiritual paradise, therefore, honoring you as equal to the Apostles and saints, we beseech you: Entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.

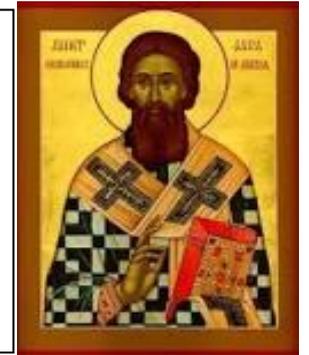
**Kontakion**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

**Kontakion for St. 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!

The legacy of Saint Sava lives on in the Orthodox Church traditions of 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 Sava to this day. In 1270 the first copy of The Rudder of Saint Sava was sent from Bulgaria to Kiev. Editions of The Rudder are the most widely disseminated in the Russian Church. A printed Rudder was published in 1653, and often reprinted. Such was the legacy of Saint Sava to the canonical treasury of Orthodoxy.



**Welcome** to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

**St. Sava Patron Saint Day - Slava**

Today we commemorate St. Sava of Serbia. Although we are unable to celebrate with an annual banquet and children’s program as we have throughout the life of our parish, we still honor the beloved saint in our hearts and in our homes where we all can be Slava kumovi today. Happy St. Sava Day! Srećna Slava! Gifts to the church are the Serbian custom. Donations are welcomed [online](#).

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 3 – Online at 7PM**

Fr. John is leading the discussion of a new book, “Acquiring the Mind of Christ” by Abbott Sergius of St. Tikhon’s Monastery. He will email a Zoom invite and notes on “Beauty that Saves the World: Beauty, Liturgy and Liturgical Art.”

**SOUPer Bowl Sunday – February 7**

This time of year, our Faith in Action Team usually sponsors a food drive and fundraising campaign for IOCC. Next Sunday, everyone is encouraged to donate on their own. Search online for a food bank near you. Financial donations may be made to [International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) and [Feeding America](#).

**Vespers Schedule Change - Saturday, February 13 – 5PM**

The “First Saturday of the Month” Vespers will not be served this week. Great Vespers will be served at 5PM on February 13 on the eve of the Great Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple which will be celebrated on February 14.

**Bottles Holy Water are available for home blessings and personal use.**  
**2021 Wall Lectionary Calendars are available at the Candle Table in the Chapel.**