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JANUARY 15, 2023
FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY
ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

Epistle Reading
2 Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel Reading
Mark 1:1-8

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took hell captive, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life.

Troparion (Forefeast)

Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn thyself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing, and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Troparion (St. Seraphim)

Thou didst love Christ from thy youth, O blessed one, and, longing to work for Him alone, thou didst struggle in the wilderness in constant prayer and labor. With penitent heart and great love for Christ thou wast favored by the Mother of God. Therefore we cry to thee: “Save us by thy prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!”

Kontakion (St. Seraphim)

Forsaking the beauty as well as the corruption of this world, thou didst settle in the monastery of Saróv, O Saint. There thou didst live an angelic life, becoming for many the way to salvation. Therefore, Christ has glorified thee, O Father Seraphim, enriching thee with abundant healing and miracles. So we cry to thee: Save us by thy prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!

Kontakion (Forefeast)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: “Do not be afraid to baptize Me. For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.”

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Memory Eternal +

We offer prayers today for Ludmilla Trbovich on the 5th anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord. Grant her rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose. Večnaja pamjat +

Feast of Theophany – Wednesday-Thursday, January 18-19

The Vigil for Theophany will be served at 7PM on Wednesday. It is a strict fast day. The Feastday Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30AM on Thursday with the Great Blessing of Water. Bring a food to share afterwards. Home Blessings may be scheduled with Fr. John.

Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change

Our weekly O-201 online class will not meet this Wednesday, but will resume January 25.

Orthodox Christians at the Annual March for Life – Friday, January 20

Join Metropolitan Tikhon, bishops, clergy, monastics, seminarians and laity of all ages from across the US for the March and prayer service for sanctity of human life.

- 8AM Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Mass. Ave. NW in Washington DC
- 11AM Orthodox gather on the Mall at 12th St. NW & Madison Dr. NW. Look for the “Orthodox Christians for Life” banner.
- 12 noon March for Life Rally onstage followed by the March, ending with prayers at the Supreme Court building.

Find the complete schedule, packing guide, and more resources at <https://oclife.org/march>

Metropolitan Tikhon’s 10th Enthronement Anniversary – Saturday, January 21

A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be served at 9AM this Saturday at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Wash., DC. A luncheon celebration for our Archdiocesan bishop/ OCA Primate will follow.

Sanctity of Life Sunday – Marih Center Collection - January 22

- Orthodox parishes across the US will observe “Sanctity of Life Sunday” following Friday’s March for Life. Special petitions and other prayers appeal to God for His protection of human life from conception to natural death.
- We welcome financial gifts and infant care items for the [Marih Pregnancy Care Center](#). Bring items next week or order from their [Amazon Wish List](#).

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!

May God bless Elizabeth Minahan on her birthday today, and also the children Kitty Rani Bhattacharya and Thomas Rushin on their birthdays. God bless the families celebrating their St. John the Baptist Patron Saint Day/Slava on January 20. Srećna Slava!