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FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Reading
Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Reading
Matthew 28:16-20

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

Baptismal Divine Liturgy

Today we celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation for Aida Renee Zaki, daughter of Youssef Zaki and Diana Kinker, and sister of Jonathan. Her godparents are Deacon Stefan Glomazic and Christine Scarpa, Youssef's sister. May the Lord bless Aida as she enters the Orthodox Faith, and bless her family and godparents. God grant them Many Years! The family will host a luncheon following the baptism.

Troparion of Holy Baptism

Grant unto me the robe of light, O Most Merciful Christ our God,
You clothe Yourself with Light as with a garment.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Kontakion for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son: I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. Therefore, I cry to You like the Prodigal: "I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants."

Sunday, Feb. 19	Meatfare Sunday (last day of meat)
Sunday, Feb. 26	Cheesefare Sunday, Forgiveness Vespers (last day of dairy)
Monday, Feb. 27	Great Lent begins
Sunday, March 5	Sunday of Orthodoxy – 5PM Vespers Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Silver Spring, MD
Sunday, April 9	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 16	Holy Pascha (Easter)

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to join us at today's luncheon 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.

Thank You for a Beautiful Saint Sava Patron Saint Day Celebration

Last Sunday's Saint Sava Slava was a joyous day in the life of our parish. Thank you to Fr. John, Dn. Stefan, the Altar Servers, and the Choir for the beautiful Liturgy. Compliments to our Youth for their presentations on the life of Saint Sava, and to our Sisterhood for the festive luncheon. Thank you to the Slava Kumovi, Olin and Mimi Bidy, Nicole and Annika for their inspiring message, and to all who generously donated to the Church.

St. Luke Faith in Action: Food for the Needy – SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Today

Thank you everyone for the donated food and financial gifts for the needy families and the homeless. All will be delivered to the United Community Food Bank in Alexandria VA. Donations may still be made online: <https://donateuc.org/>

IOCC's Emergency Response to the February 6 Earthquakes in Syria and Turkey

IOCC's Church partner in Syria is on the ground addressing survivors' basic needs following the destructive earthquakes. An initial goal of \$250,000 was set to care for survivors in the coming days and weeks. We can help meet these urgent needs with an online gift: <http://iocc.org/earthquake23>. Please pray for everyone affected by this tragedy.

Home Blessings during the Theophany Season

Fr. John has resumed Home Blessings this year. He invites us to schedule a time with him if possible before Lent begins on the 27th. Post-pandemic, we bless our homes as holy sites.

Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple – Wednesday, February 15

We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple this Wednesday at 10:30AM. Bring a fasting food (Wednesday Fast) to share afterwards.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 15 – 7PM on Zoom

Everyone is invited to join in this week's discussion on the Gospel of Luke, chapter 24, Christ's post-resurrection appearances and Ascension. Fr. John will email the link & notes.

St. Nicholas Cathedral Easter Bake Sale

Delicious kulich in two sizes, cheese babka and nut/apricot/poppysseed and lekvar rolls may be ordered from St. Nicholas Cathedral for pick-up on April 2nd and 9th. Advance orders are required before the deadline on Saturday, March 4. See the [flyer](#) for pricing and details. Email Candice for more information at ceinarjohnson@gmail.com.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Aida, John Minahan on the anniversary of his Baptism and Chrismation, and Loic Alou on his recent birthday. Many Years to them and their families!