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***THEOPHANY:***

***DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT,  
GREAT BLESSING OF WATERS  
THIRTIETH 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** (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, calling 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** (Theophany)

Today You have shone 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.

**As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.**

**Memory Eternal + Većnaja Pamjat +**

We pray for Milan who is Nevenka Milosevich's and Borka Sucevic's brother and for Mary who is Rick Costello's great-aunt on the anniversaries of their falling asleep in the Lord.

**Great Blessing of Waters and Home Blessings during the Theophany Season**

The Blessing of Waters will take place after Liturgy. The bottles of Holy Water can be used for personal blessing, for an object and also for when Fr. John visits us for our Home Blessings. Schedule a time with him in the coming weeks before Lent begins on March 3.

**Archimandrite Sergius of St. Tikhon's Monastery Visits Essex, England**

Our dear friend Fr. Sergius recently spoke at the Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Essex, England about repentance as a movement towards God, how we see God and how we see the world. Many thanks to Louise Romanchak for the [video link](#).

**Welcome** to all guests via livestream and those in person with us today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. 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.

**MaRiH Center Collection – Today and Next Sunday**

We have a decades-long history of support for the MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center in Alexandria, VA. Our Faith in Action Team encourages financial donations and giving infant care and toddler items, diapers, wipes and clothing. See <https://marih.org/> for needs and Amazon list or bring donations here. "MaRiH" is from "Mary arose in haste" in Luke 1:39.

**FOCUS California Fire Relief Fund - <https://focusnorthamerica.org/>**

Orthodox faithful may donate to FOCUS to help those affected by the California wildfires.

**Orthodoxy 201 - Wednesday, January 22 at 7PM on Zoom**

Everyone is welcome to attend this week's online discussion of "Christ in the Psalms" by Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and notes on Psalms 4-9.

**2025 Annual March for Life – Friday, January 24 – 12 noon to 4PM**

Join Metropolitan Tikhon, bishops, clergy, monastics, seminarians and laity from across the US for the pro-life prayer service and March in WDC. Meet on the National Mall with location TBA due to a last-minute March route change. Look for the Orthodox Christians for Life banner. Details at <https://www.oclife.org/march>.

**Sanctity of Life Sunday – January 26**

Metropolitan Tikhon has announced next Sunday as Sanctity of Life Sunday and released his annual [Archpastoral Message](#).

**Annual St. Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 26**

- Our St. Sava Slava is coming next week. Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava prayers with Mark and Sue Mamula as the honored Slava Kumovi for the day. A feastday luncheon will be prepared by the Sisterhood. Donations of desserts are requested.
- The Sisterhood welcomes volunteers to help with food preparations, decorating and clean-up on Saturday and Sunday. See Rada Carmichael or JoAnne de la Riva.

**Orthodox Christian Mission Center Missions Dinner - Saturday, February 22**

The annual OCMC Missions Dinner will be hosted by Ss Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD next month: Vespers at 5PM; social hour at 5:45 pm; dinner at 6:30PM. RSVP by February 15: <https://ocmc.org/potomac-dinner>; \$45/Adult, \$25/Youth under 25

**God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!**

- God bless Dragana Glomazic, Javier and Chris Little as they celebrate their birthdays. Many years to Jeff and Jennifer Castiglione on their wedding anniversary.
- God bless the families celebrating their St. John the Baptist Patron Saint Day/Slava. Srećna Slava! Mnogaja Ljeta!