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JANUARY 26, 2025 AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY ST. SAVA, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA MARTYRS HERMYLUS AND STRATONICUS OF BELGRADE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-17

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. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

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!

Troparion (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.

Troparion (Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus of Belgrade)

Your holy martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Home Blessings: We can invite Fr. John to bless our homes now throughout February.

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person with us today. We invite you to join us for our celebration. 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 + Većnaja Pamjat +

We pray for the souls of Mary Bjelic, Vera Jovancevic, George Markovina, Dan Novak, Michael and Sophie Shepel, and Tatiana Mataasov on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose to the souls of Thy servants.

Annual St. Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Today

Today we joyfully celebrate our St. Sava Slava following Divine Liturgy. God bless today's Kumovi, our dear Mark and Sue Mamula. Many Years to them! Srećna Slava to all!

- Our Sisterhood invites everyone to the feastday luncheon. Donations are welcomed.
- Contributions to the St. Luke General Fund and the St. Luke Building Fund may be made
- by using the yellow Slava Donation envelopes or the QR Code found on the guest tables.
- The Church School tradition is to honor and bless our youth today. St. Sava pray for us.

Sanctity of Life Sunday – Today

Metropolitan Tikhon has released his annual <u>Archpastoral Message</u> on the Sanctity of Life.

MaRiH Center Collection – Final Day

We welcome financial gifts, diapers and infant care items for the MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center in Alexandria, VA to help girls, women, and families with crisis pregnancies. Donate at the display in the hall or online: <u>https://marih.org/</u> for needs and Amazon list.

Addictions Recovery Support Network – Monday, January 27, 7PM on Zoom

Join the monthly Orthodox Ministry conversation on addiction problems and solutions. Meeting ID: 210 068 7480 Password: 208156. <u>samanthacath@yahoo.com</u> 703-919-6334.

Orthodoxy 201 - Wednesday, January 29 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 7-9.

First-Saturday-of-the-Month – February 1

- 9AM Men's Prayer Breakfast: Come for food and spiritual encouragement.
- 5PM Great Vespers: Join the evening prayers before Zacchaeus Sunday on February 2.

First-Sunday-of-the-Month – Potluck Coffee Hour – February 2

SOUPer Bowl Sunday – Charity Food Collection - February 9

Orthodox Christian Mission Center Annual Dinner - Saturday, February 22

Ss Peter & Paul Church will host Vespers and Dinner: <u>https://ocmc.org/potomac-dinner</u>

OCMC Women's Dinner – Wed., February 27 https://ocmc.org/silver-spring-dinner

FOCUS N.A. California Fire Relief Fund - https://focusnorthamerica.org/