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Theophany greeting is God is Revealed and reply Indeed or Truly is Revealed

Sunday, January 26 – Sunday after Theophany / Parish celebration of St Sava /Children’s Program

Epistle I Tim. 1:15-17 Gospel Matt. 4:12-17 Tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of kolac and zito, kumovi the Zubic family. Children’s Program / Luncheon sponsored by Culture Club in church basement

Monday, January 27 – St Sava of Serbia

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, February 1

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, February 2 – 32nd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle I Tim 4:9-15 Gospel Luke 19-1-10 Tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

February 12 – Holy Three Hierarchs

15 – Presentation or Meeting of our Lord in the Temple / Sretenije

March 3 - Beginning of Great Lent / Početak Časnog Posta

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Craig Vercelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Kelli Sekulovich, Ben Somerville, Katarina Karadjordjevich, V Rev Savo Cakardich, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

Note: Please call the parish priest in case of sickness and hospitalization.

Pomens (litaney for deceased) +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin and family; +Mildred Wilson, given by Millie O’Leary; +Mildred Wilson, given by Nadine O’Leary and Josh Potts; +Mildred Wilson, given by Annette O’Leary; +Dusanka Stanisic, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich;

With the beginning of the New Year, please remember to pay your 2025 to all organizations you belong to. Remember to use your weekly envelopes for your stewardship, and commit this year more to the Orthodox way of life.

Fr Aleksandar started the blessing of homes in our parish on the eve of Theophany. For the blessing of your home you should have a church candle and a bowl half filled with water placed on a table. A list of the names of the living/reposed members of the family may be placed by the bowl. You can also light your vigil lamp - kandilo during the service. After the blessing of your home, please save the water and you can mix it with your last year holy water if you still have some. Use Theophany water during the year; it is a spiritual medicine when you use it with faith. Before you consume the Theophany water please say a prayer.

Prayer before Partaking Theophany Holy Water

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints. Amen.

We will get more out of the services if we pray rather than merely attend them. Allow the hymns to enter your heart, and make their words your own. Remember that the services are not a time for private prayers but for sharing in the common worship of the Church.

Prayer Upon Entering a Church

I will come into Your house in the greatness of Your mercy: and in fear I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify You forever, One Divine Power worshiped in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer upon Leaving a Church

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all people; a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. *Please memorize these prayers*

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!
Идите у миру, волите и служите Господа!