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Sunday, January 25 – 33rd Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after Teophany / Martyr Tatiana

Epistle Ephesians 4:7-13 Gospel Matthew 4:12-17 tone 8th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am Blessing of kolac and koljivo. Kume Suzanne Condon & Michelle Efatoski. St Sava children's program. Lunch in the basement of the church. All invited!

Monday, January 26

Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, January 27 – St Sava of Serbia

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Sunday, February 1 – Sunday of Publican and Pharisee / Nedelja Mitara i Fariseja

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel Luke 18:10-14 tone 1st

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 / Sv Tri Jerarha

14 – Memorial Saturday / Pokladske zadusnice

15 – The Meeting of the Lord in the temple / Sretenije

We are praying especially for: Richard Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Dusan Cvjetkovic, Dan Pyevich, Roger Trizna, John Radakovich, Russell Johnston, Barb and Edward Phelon, 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!

Pomens (litany for departed) +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić and family; +Rada and +Joana Albu; +Robert Miller, +Helen and +Dorn Johnston, and +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Edith Miller;

Holy (Theophany) water that you have in your home should be used throughout the year with faith and prayer when ill, tempted and other various infirmities.

Prayer before Partaking 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.

On Theophany there will be the blessing of water after the liturgy. This water is used for the blessing of homes and other various items in church. And also, for all faithful to use in their homes. Please check your texts and emails from the father as he started making the schedule of home blessing. If you would prefer to bless your home later on this year, please let him know.

The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for Orthodox Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is also on this day that the Triodion is introduced, a liturgical book that contains the services from this Sunday, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), to Great and Holy Saturday. The Church eases us into the Lenten [fasting](#) discipline during this period. The week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is fast-free. The week following the Prodigal Son is a normal week -- we fast as usual on Wednesday and Friday. In the week following Meat fare Sunday, no meat is eaten; eggs, fish, and dairy are permitted on any day.

TACO BAR — Join us on Meat-fare Sunday, February 15, for a delicious **Taco Bar. Enjoy tacos, quesadillas and Spanish rice.** After Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church lower level to enjoy this meal while spending time together in fellowship. There is no set cost for the meal—freewill donations are welcomed and appreciated. **ALL** proceeds will go directly to benefit our parish. Please come and support our church community.

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.

Парохијска прослава Св Саве и дечији програм биће у недељу 25 јануара. Ручак у подруму цркве и сви су позвани. Св Сава је 27 јануара, тога дана је литургија у 9 ам

О. Александар свети куће у парохији. Ако се Ваша кућа освети за славу то је довољно. А ако не и желите да Вам се стан-кућа освети, јавите му кад Вам одговара.

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