



ST. MARY'S LEAVETAKING OF THEOPHANY

HOLY DORMITION ST. SAVVA, FIRST ABP. OF SERBIA

JANUARY 14TH, 2024

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 6:10-17 (Epistle)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Luke 18:35-43 (Gospel)

At that time, as the Lord Jesus was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

JAN Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Kelsey Hlatki
- 5th - Margo Wilkinson
- 6th - Logan Bourg
- 8th - Tammy Christensen
- 10th - Michael Hunter
- 10th - Sheahan Bourg
- 15th - Fr. David Lowell
- 20th - Litsa Osburn
- 22nd - Jeremy Gardner
- 24th - Rowelin Dawson

SCHEDULE

- Jan 20th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Jan 21st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"The Father was revealed to the sense of hearing; the Spirit was revealed to the sense of sight, and in addition to these, the Son was revealed to the sense of touch. The Father uttered His witness about the Son, the Son was baptized in the water, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove hovered above the water. When John the Baptist witnessed and said about Christ, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29), and when John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation was shown. That is to say: The Lord took upon Himself the sins of mankind and died under them [immersion] and became alive again [the coming out of the water]; and we must die as the old sinful man and become alive again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation."

- St. Nikolai Velimirovich

WEEKLY JOKES

Lego opened up a new store in town. People were lined up for blocks.

I was sitting in traffic the other day and that is probably why I got run over.

When Noah was on the ark, how come he didn't do much fishing? He only had 2 worms! (Submitted by Jason Mikita)

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 1/14 – Osburn | 1/21 – Rita & Doreen

Church Cleanup: 1/14 – Hlatki | 1/21 – Sisneros

Please continue to sign up for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. A church clean up list has been posted as well to explain what is needed.

Fish Fry at St. Michael's Catholic Church

Our brothers and sisters over at St Michael Catholic Church are having their annual fish fry if anyone is interested in attending. It will start February 16th at 6 PM and will happen every Friday until March 22nd. It's always good to support them as they always support us with our events. Enjoy!

Welcome to the world, Sheahan Bourg!

It is with great pleasure that we get to announce the baby of Logan and Abigail, Sheahan Oisin Bourg was born healthy this past week. Everyone is doing well. As they are both a young couple with a new little baby and just starting out if you'd like to provide a meal to them, they have a link setup at Meal Train here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nvr1qe> No one is obligated to help but this website is a cool way to help, if inclined. Please see Fr. Stephen if you have any questions.

Next Dance (Tentative May 26th)

Our next dance will be in May, not February. We are working out the details and will provide more soon.

House Blessings Have Begun – Sign up Sheet in Narthex

If you have not yet signed up for your house to be blessed or spoken with Fr. Stephen, please do so. You are not required to do anything special but it is important to have your home blessed every year.

Next Adult Class is Jan 27th after Vespers

Budget Meeting with Parish Council (Today)

Annual Meeting (Jan 28th) – Community Potluck

Leavetaking of Theophany

The Leavetaking of the Feast of Theophany takes place on January 14. The entire office of the Feast is repeated except for the Entrance, festal readings, Litya, Blessing of Loaves at Vespers, and the Polyeleos and festal Gospel at Matins. The festal Antiphons are not sung at Liturgy, and the Epistle and Gospel of the day are read.

St. Savva I, first Archbishop of Serbia

Saint Savva, born as Prince Rostislav of Serbia, felt a spiritual calling from a young age. Leaving his royal roots behind, he embraced monastic life on Mount Athos, eventually contributing to the establishment of the Serbian Hilandar monastery. His piety and leadership caught the attention of the Byzantine Church, leading to his consecration as the first Archbishop of Serbia in 1219.

Savva tirelessly organized and strengthened the Serbian Church, performing miracles, negotiating peace with Hungary, and even crowning his brother as king. He actively reformed monastic practices, established churches, and promoted Orthodoxy throughout the land. After a lifetime of service, he embarked on a final pilgrimage, visiting holy sites and collecting relics before peacefully passing away in Bulgaria in 1237.

Saint Savva's legacy lives on as a revered figure in Orthodox Christianity, his influence spanning from Serbian traditions to church canons used in Russia. His unwavering dedication and transformative journey from prince to archbishop continue to inspire generations of faithful across the Slavic nations.

The Come and See Challenge:

Have you brought someone NEW this month or brought someone back?

Have you gone to Great Vespers at least once this month?

When was the last time you went to Confession?

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Alexander, Met. Isaiah, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Steve Sr, Litsa, Leilani, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Jeremy, Alicia, Iryland, Patricia, Danny, Christina, Jerry, Roberta, Leonard, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Beverly, Venette, Lily with child, Infant Dominic, Jill, Donna, Kalee with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Azrah, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Earnie, Alex, Trisha, Troy, Stella, Carol, Ethan, DaeLynn with child, infant Adalynn, , Navvlet, Lee, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Rod, Josh, Mother Elizabeth, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Ron, Abigail and her newborn child Sheahan

Those who are confined: Casey, Basil, Mark, Johnny, Hannah

Departed:

Fr. Moses, Mother Elizabeth, Glynis, Ana, Lloyd, Richard

Youth:

Roller Skating (Feb 4th)

Mark your calendars! We are looking to get a group together to go to Skate City after Liturgy on the 4th of February. There is no cost as it is covered under the Youth budget, just please go. We will go for an early Dinner afterwards. All are welcomed!

St. Ambrose Donations

January is the March for Life and a time which we focus more on the Sanctity of Life. Please use this time to consider donating.

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