



The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa
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January 26th – The Sunday After Theophany – Tone 7

(Remembering the Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus; Leave-Taking Of Theophany)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4: 7-13

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Jn. 21: 1-14/**LITURGY:** Mt. 4: 12-17

Troparion: “When Thou, O Lord was baptized in the Jordan; the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His Word. O Christ our God, Who has revealed Thyself, and have enlightened the world, glory to Thee!”

(The Troparia For Tone 7 Will Also Be Sung)

FOR YOU: UPCOMING Church Health Ministry Mtgs: GET INVOLVED!!

Monday the 27th – Technology Ministry Meeting at 7 PM; Wednesday the 29th of January – Activities & Welcoming Workshop at 6:30PM in the Hall

ATTENTION: Our “Faith/Liturgy” Committee is updating our ‘ancient’ Parish Directory – you will be asked if you want to be listed in it (name, address, phone number, etc.) – by contacting Nada James: nadajames1960@yahoo.com!
(Or call her at: 412-751-5450; Sign-up cards at the Tutors’ Desk)

SPECIAL NOTE: I ask YOUR patience and YOUR understanding as I begin our Home Blessing Schedule this Monday – a week later than planned! I will call the night before to confirm when I am coming for the next day! Thank You!!

SPECIAL THANKS: To all of you, my dear Church family, for the outpouring of loving prayers and support (both in food, household items, etc.) in the wake of my dear Father’s falling asleep in the Lord on Theophany – the turn-out for BOTH days of his services was truly a blessing that my family will NEVER forget! **“Mnogu Hvala!”**

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **TODAY:** Join us after the Holy Liturgy for our St. Sava Slava Celebration – a delicious banquet and short program planned!
- (2) **This MONDAY** – Feast of St. Sava, Our Patron Saint – 9:30AM Matins!
- (2-A) **TUESDAY, February 11th:** We will be making nut-rolls at 9:30AM!
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Nancy Belich Bruce Bennet Marie Ann Hantz Helen Trkula
Gary Popovich Danileja Belo Terri Soffa Katie Elizabeth Repasky Mary Sayers
Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Dorothy Medic-NH Margaret Ivkovich
Melva Buzzelli-NH Protta Adam Yonitch Protta Paul Lazor Protta Joseph Cervo
Vlade Baskot Timothy & Gregory Melva Dandrea Eugene Gould John Ratesic
- (4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+George Rocknage Keith Bedell +Mika Rocknage +Betty Karlovich +Joseph Stercula
+Donna Moss +Barbara Tomac +Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovic
+Protas: Dr. Filipovic, Den Pavichevich,, St Stepanov, +St Belonick, +Rast.Trbuhovich,,
+Vaso Sokolovic, +Zvonko Kotorceвич +Carl Magdic +Ray Moss +Ann Cervo
+Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach +Ann Suzich +Anka Kresovich
+Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Nick Pilipovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge
+Sharon Young +Amy Pacura +Sophie Vranesevic +Dorothy Shumkaroff
+George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich +Hubert Witte
- (5) **2020 Wall Church Calendars** (FREE) and Pocket Calendars (\$2) are at the Tutor's Desk!
- (6) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
- **NEXT Sunday: Zacchaeus Sunday** – the beginning of the Pre-Lenten Sundays
- Our Fish Fry days begin on **Friday the 28th.....** of February!
- February Tuesdays the 11th, 18th, and 25th – NUT-ROLL Baking for our Fish-Fry Days!
- (7) **Stewardship Pledges For 2020** – Have You Turned Yours in yet????
- (8) **Have you contacted Nada James regarding the Updated Parish Directory?**
(Her contact info is in this Bulletin!)
- (9) **"SERB-FEST" UPDATE:** The first organizational meeting of our newly christened 'Taste of Serbia' food and culture festival was held last Tuesday evening in the Church hall. It was well attended by over 20 people. Jim Brady agreed to be general chairperson for the event and several people volunteered to head the various sub-committees. There was a high level of energy at the meeting and many excellent ideas were discussed. More details will be shared with you in the very near future. The **next meeting is scheduled for February 24 at 7:00 PM** in the Church Hall - all are welcome - please get involved!

ST. NINA THE EVANGELIZER

When we think of areas that might be considered “cradles of Christianity,” it is unlikely that the province of Georgia (in Asia) comes to mind! It may surprise you, then, to learn that the Christian Church there can trace her roots back to the 4th century. Even more amazing is the fact that our Saviour’s Gospel was brought to this remote region by a slave girl, who we reverently refer to now as **ST. NINA, EQUAL-TO-THE APOSTLES!**

Nina’s early life is a mystery to us. We do know, however, that at a young age, she was captured in battle and bound over to slavery in Georgia. It was difficult being a Christian among pagans who paid homage to the god Amazi. Still, Nina prayed constantly for the conversion of her captors.

It is said that the Lord blessed Nina with healing powers, and word of this spread to the Queen, who had been crippled for years. The royal servants sought out Nina and brought the Queen to her. Incredibly, Nina was able to make her whole again! Returning to King Mirian, the Queen embraced Christianity and sought to convince her husband to do the same. Although skeptical of this “new religion” at first, King Mirian, after miraculously being delivered from being lost in a fog-shrouded forest, became a follower of Christ also.

King Mirian immediately embarked on a mission to build churches throughout his kingdom. Nina, in turn, tirelessly travelled to all parts of this rugged land, carrying Christ’s message to all who would listen.