

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Leavetaking of Theophany,

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Assigned Readings:

Ephesians 6:10-17

Luke 18:35-43

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## Saint of the Day:

Saint Savva, First Archbishop of Serbia, in the world Rostislav, was a son of the Serbian king Stephen Nemanya and Anna, daughter of the Byzantine Emperor Romanus. From his early years he fervently attended church services and had a special love for icons. At seventeen years of age, Rostislav met a monk from Mount Athos, secretly left his father's house and set off for the Saint Panteleimon monastery. Knowing that his son was on Athos, his father mobilized his retainers headed by a faithful voivod and wrote to the governor of the district which included Athos, saying that if his son were not returned to him, he would go to war against the Greeks. When they arrived at the monastery, during the evening services when the soldiers had fallen asleep under the influence of wine, Rostislav received monastic tonsure (in 1186) and sent to his parents his worldly clothes, his hair, and a letter. On Athos he established the Serbian Hilandar monastery, at which Saint Savva was ordained to the diaconate and then presbyter.

For his holy life and virtuous deeds on Mount Athos, the monk was made an archimandrite at Thessalonica. At Nicea in the year 1219 on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, the Ecumenical Patriarch Germanus consecrated Archimandrite Savva as Archbishop of Serbia. In Serbia, the activity of the Hierarch in organizing the work of his native Church was accompanied by numerous signs and miracles. The holy hierarch visited churches all across Serbia, he reformed monastic rules on the model of Athos and Palestine, and he established and consecrated many churches, strengthening the Orthodox in their faith. Having finished his work in his native land, the saint appointed the hieromonk Arsenius as his successor, consecrating him bishop and giving his blessing to all. He then set off on a journey of no return, desiring "to end his days as a wanderer in a foreign land.

## Announcements

January Parish Council meeting will be held after Divine Liturgy today. Suggestions for our monthly charity are still welcome.

Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, with an inclement weather back-up date of February 11<sup>th</sup>.

A signup sheet is on the candle desk next week for house blessings. I will try to visit everyone who wishes their home to be blessed before the start of Great Lent. If you do not wish to have your house blessed, please tell Fr. Nathan.

Bottles of Holy Water blessed on the Feast of Theophany are available as is water to fill personal containers in the church.

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## Upcoming Services:

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers – 6pm

January 21<sup>st</sup> – Divine Liturgy – 930am.

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## Troparion and Kontakion

### Tone 7 – Troparion of the Resurrection

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.  
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,  
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

### Tone 1 – Troparion of the Feast

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,  
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.  
For the voice of the Father bore 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 hast revealed Thyself//  
and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

### Tone 7 – Kontakion of the Resurrection

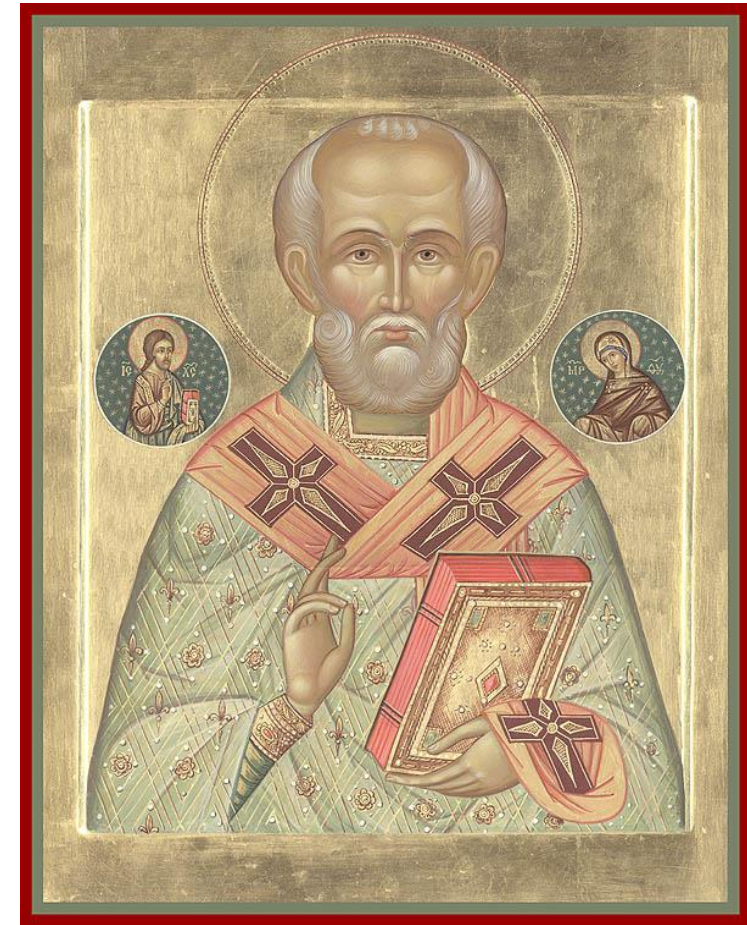
The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### Tone 4 – Kontakion of the Feast

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord,  
and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.  
Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises:  
“Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O unapproachable Light.”

## Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Joan
Priest John	Vera
Archpriest Michael	Marie
Matushka Gloria	James
Matushka Myra	James
Thom	Dimitrios
Julie	



## St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

OCA Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania  
Archbishop Mark – Hierarch

Fr. Nathan Clausson – Acting Rector  
Fr. Vladimir Fetcho – Attached  
Fr. John Nightingale – Attached  
Mark Howanetz – Choir Director  
Rick Cesari – Parish President