

Sunday 14th of January 2023

**SAINT SAVA I, ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA
EQUAL-TO-APOSTLES**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:35-43

Troparion – Tone 4

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, / an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; / your humility exalted you; / your poverty enriched you. / Hierarch Father Savva, / entreat Christ our God / that our souls may be saved.

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Irene, Dorothy, Pauline and Irene. Amen!!!

***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****

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[SAINT SAVA I, ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA](#) - Saint Savva, First Archbishop of Serbia, in the world Rostislav (Rastko), was a son of the Serbian king Stephen Nemanja and Anna, daughter of the Byzantine Emperor Romanus. 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. 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. Having returned to the Holy Mountain from Nicea, the saint visited all the monasteries for the last time. He made prostrations in all the churches and, calling to mind the blessed lives of the wilderness Fathers, he made his farewells to the ascetics with deep remorse, "leaving the Holy Mountain, as if from Paradise." The Most Holy Theotokos spoke to the saint in a dream, "Having My Patronage, why do you remain sorrowful?" These words roused him from despondency, changing his sorrow into joy. In Serbia, the activity of the Hierarch in organizing the work of his native Church was accompanied by numerous signs and miracles. During the Liturgy and the all-night Vigil, when the saint came to cense the grave of his father the monk Simeon, the holy relics exuded fragrant myrrh. Being in charge of negotiations with the Hungarian King Vladislav, who had declared war on Serbia, the holy bishop not only brought about the desired peace for his country, but he also brought the Hungarian monarch to Orthodoxy. Thus, he facilitated the start of the historical existence of the autonomous Serbian Church. The holy hierarch visited churches all across Serbia, reformed monastic rules on the model of Athos and Palestine, and established and consecrated many churches, strengthening the Orthodox in their faith. He then set off on a journey of no return, desiring "to end his days as a wanderer in a foreign land." He passed through Palestine, Syria and Persia, Babylon, Egypt, and Anatolia, everywhere visiting the holy places, conversing with great ascetics, and collecting the holy relics of saints. The saint finished his wanderings at Trnovo in Bulgaria at the home of his kinsman Asan, where with spiritual joy he gave up his soul to the Lord (+ 1237). The legacy of Saint Savva lives on in the Orthodox Church traditions of the Slavic nations. He is associated with the introduction of the Jerusalem Typikon as the basis for Slavic Monastic Rules. The Serbian Hilandar monastery on Mt. Athos lives by the Typikon of Saint Savva to this day.

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:45am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am Sundays

Confessions: Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 13th of January

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 14th of January

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 20th of January

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 21st of January

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

A message from your Pastor

I arrived safely in Serbia, and I am with my family. I will be out of the country for the next couple of weeks and will be returning on January 21st. During this time, if you require a priest or pastoral care, please contact the V.Rev. Samuel Kedala via email at priest004@gmail.com or call (973)271-0524. During my absence, V. Rev John Kowalczyk will be serving in my place. During my travels, I will have limited internet access but if you need to contact me, please do so by sending me an email at pejovicveljko@gmail.com

Cutting of Vasilopita on Monday, January 1st, 2024

As has been the tradition at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, once again the Vasilopita tradition continues and was offered on New Year's Day. This year, I was blessed to give the offering and blessing of the Vasilopita, and then cut it and offer it to the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church clergy, parishioners, and friends of the parish. Again, a New Year's Blessing to all!

Blessing of Homes and Blessed Water

Please take some blessed water from the Church to your homes. The blessing of homes will begin this year when I return from my trip.

2024 Church Calendars

Church calendars have arrived and are in the narthex. You are welcome to take one for yourself and take another and give it to your family member or a friend. On behalf of the HSOC, thanks to Pinkel Funeral Home for again providing the calendars for our church.

Zoe for Life Event!

Please join ZOE For Life! In a prayer service and guest speaker presentation on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Prayer Service and Presentation will also be live-streamed. For more information, please follow the link: [2024-Prayer-for-Unborn-Children-Flyer.pdf \(nynjoca.org\)](https://www.nynjoca.org/2024-Prayer-for-Unborn-Children-Flyer.pdf)

Registration Opens for Online Music Classes

The OCA Music Department again offers its popular introductory online courses for the benefit of church singers and conductors. For more information please follow the link: [Registration Opens for Online Music Classes Offered by the OCA Music Department - Orthodox Church in America](#)

Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate. Dan Taylor informed us that the current needs of the Sussex Help Center are the following: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish cans, cereal boxes, and baby diapers (size newborn to 6-month-old).

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com