

Commemorations and Readings for the Week January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Lesvetaking of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ John 21:1-14 » Ephesians 4:7-13 » Matthew 4:12-17 »	15 John the Hut-Dweller Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 » Luke 12:32-40 »	16 Veneration of Apostle Peter's Precious Chains Acts 12:1-11 » John 21:14-25 »	17 Anthony the Great » Matthew 11:27-30 » Hebrews 13:17-21 » Luke 6:17-23 »	18 Athanasios and Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria » John 10:1-9 » Hebrews 13:7-16 » Matthew 5:14-19 »	19 Macarius the Great of Egypt » Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 » Matthew 22:35-46 »	20 Righteous Euthymius the Great II Corinthians 4:6-15 » Luke 6:17-23 »
 Wine / Oil Al-  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast						

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

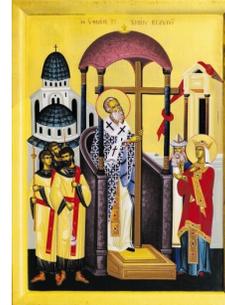
- For those affected by the mudslides in Southern California, may God protect them.
- For those in Flagstaff struggling with depression, that God grant them peace.
- For our Church community, that we remain united in faith, strong in belief and steadfast in hope as we continue the new year.
- For those who care for the sick and dying, that their hearts may be filled with compassion and love for those entrusted to them.

Save the Dates! (Sunday Services excluded to conserve space)

February 19—Lent begins

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details

Have a safe and blessed New Year!



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Services Schedule:

Divine Liturgy 10 AM on Sundays

9th hour Prayers 9:30 AM

Church School 9:30 AM

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Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh-bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ Our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world ever more.

Apolytikion for Apodosis of Epiphany in the First Mode

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Sunday after Epiphany

The Reading is from Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Leavetaking of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ



Agnes the Virgin-martyr



Sabbas (Sava), Archbishop of Serbia

Saint Sabbas (Sava), the first Archbishop and teacher of the Serbs, and the most beloved of all the Saints of Serbia, was born in 1169, and was named Rastko by his parents. He was the son of Stephen Nemanja, the ruler of Serbia, who is better known as Saint Symeon the Myrrh-streamer (see Feb. 13). As a young man, Rastko fled secretly to the Holy Mountain, Athos, to the Monastery of Saint Panteleimon. When his father learned of his flight, he sent soldiers after him. Before they could seize him, he was tonsured a monk with the name of Sabbas, after Saint Sabbas the Sanctified (celebrated Dec. 5). Soon after, he entered the Monastery of Vatopedi, where his father joined him in 1197. Together they rebuilt the Monastery of Hilandar and made it a great spiritual center for their countrymen. In 1200 Saint Symeon reposed, and his body became a source of holy myrrh; in 1204 Saint Sabbas was compelled to return to Serbia with his father's relics, that he might restore peace between his two brothers, who were struggling over the rule of the kingdom. The grace of Saint Symeon's relics, and the mediations of Saint Sabbas, healed the division between his brethren. After persuading the Emperor in Constantinople and the Ecumenical Patriarch to grant autocephaly to the Serbian Church, the Saint against his will was ordained first Archbishop of his native land in 1219, where he labored diligently to establish the Orthodox Faith. In 1221 he crowned his brother Stephen first King of Serbia (the memory of Saint Stephen, First Crowned King of Serbia, is kept on September 24). In 1234, foreseeing by divine grace his coming departure to the Lord, he resigned the archiepiscopal throne, named his disciple Arsenius as his successor, and made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and Mount Sinai; while returning through Bulgaria, he fell asleep in peace in 1236. Because he has been ever since the national hero of Serbia and an invincible bulwark strengthening the Orthodox Faith, the Moslem Turks burned his incorrupt relics in the year 1594. See also June 28.