

The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raitho

As for the holy Martyrs of Sinai and Raithu, those of Sinai contested during the reign of Diocletian, about the year 296; those of Raithu were slain about the middle of the fifth century. On both occasions, the perpetrators of these massacres were a barbarian tribe called Blemmyes, from the parts of Arabia and Egypt.

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.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Orthros at 8:45 a.m. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee Hour will follow Divine Liturgy

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL SUNDAY LITURGICAL GUIDE FOR

January 14, 2018 Sunday after Theophany

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The Second Antiphon

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Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Only begotten Son and Word of God, though immortal for our salvation You deigned to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary, without change becoming man, and were crucified Christ our God, trampling death by death; being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and Holy Spirit: save us.

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

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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.

The Small Entrance

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Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, to You we sing: Alleluia.

Holy Trinity Dismissal Hymn

Ev-lo-gi-tos i Chri-ste o The-os i-mon, o pan-so-fus tus a-li-is a-na-thi-xas, ka-ta-pem-psas af-tis to pnev-ma to a-gi-on, ke thi af-ton tin i-ku-me-nin sa-gi-nef-sas, fi-lan-thro-pe tho-xa Si!

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You made the fishermen all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

Kontakion

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."

Hymn

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

The Readings

**Epistle: 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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

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."

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians prepared to receive Holy Communion should come forward, quietly and reverently, at the direction of the ushers.

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Hymn: Blessed be the name of the Lord, from now and to the ages.

CHILDREN'S WORD

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about the very beginning of our Lord's work, His ministry. When Jesus began to preach and to teach, He said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He told the people to say they were sorry for the wrong things they had done. He told them to get ready for God to be with them. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus wasn't the first person to say this. Just last week, we heard that Saint John the Baptist said the same thing! Saint John told the people, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Get ready, he told them. Saint John and Jesus told the same advice, the same story. The saints of our church tell the same story that Christ did.

The saints are all on the same page. They tell the same message. They know what God wants from us. Our Lord wants us to get ready for Him. Our Lord wants us to be with Him! We hear the same story from Saint John that we hear from Christ. We hear the same message from all the faithful saints of our Church. Let's try to listen to all of them!

Monday, January 15
Wednesday, January 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday-Office Closed
No Paraclesis
5:45 PM—Junior Choir

Thursday, January 18

6:00 PM—Adult Choir

Saturday, January 20

5:00 PM—JOY Children's Bowling, Park Lanes, Cayce

Sunday, January 21

15th Sunday of Luke
8:45 AM—Orthros
10:00 AM—Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM—GOYA Bowling, Park Lanes, Cayce

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Please return your Pledge Card to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You!*
- **On Wednesday, January 24**, PAALS will give a presentation at 6:30 PM, in our community center. PAALS, which stands for Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services, is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization training animals to assist people with many kinds of disabilities including social/emotional ones and PTSD. We invite you all to come to this presentation which is sponsored by our Daughters of Penelope Chapter.
- The Philoptochos will hold it's membership drive during the month of January. Dues are \$30 for the year and all women in the community are welcome to join. There will be a table in the coffee hour room for information and where you can pay your dues.
- The **"Young at Heart"** will meet on **Saturday, January 27th**, at 12:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room for lunch and lots of fun! Please call Judy Damon at 803-736-7835.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Please return to the church office or email this information to htgocc@gmail.com.

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Please let us know by Monday, January 29.