

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*For January 2017.*

- 01.01. - (Sunday) **Father's Day** - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 06.01. - **CHRISTMAS EVE DAY** (Friday) - Divine Liturgy & the blessing of the Badnjak branches @ 10:00 am  
..... - Vespers and the blessing of the Badnjak/  
Christmas Tree @ 7:00 pm
- 07.01. - **CHRISTMAS** (Saturday) - Christmas' Matins @ 00:01 am  
..... - Christmas' Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 08.01. - **Synaxis of The Theotokos** (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 09.01. - **HOLY PROTOMARTYR & ARCHEDEACON STEPHEN** (Monday) -  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 14.01. - **THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD; SERBIAN NEW YEAR**  
(Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 15.01. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 18.01. - **THE HOLY CROSS DAY** (Wednesday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 19.01. - **THE THEOPHANY** (Thursday) - Divine Liturgy and the Great Bless-  
ing of the Water @ 10:00 am
- 20.01. - **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** (Friday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 22.01. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 27.01. - **ST. SAVA'S DAY** (Friday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 29.01. - (Sunday) - **Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am. Following blessing of  
the Slavsko zito & kolac and the Banquet.**

**CHRIST IS BORN! - GLORIFY HIM!  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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**Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,  
And the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One!  
Angels with shepherds glorify Him!  
The wise men journey with a star! Since for our sake the  
Eternal God was born as a Little Child!**

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## HOLY MARTYR JULIANA

This glorious virgin martyr was born in Nicomedia of pagan parents. Hearing the Gospel preached, she turned to Christ with all her heart and began to live in exact observance of the Lord's commandments. A certain senator, Eleusis, was her betrothed. In order to free herself from him, Juliana told him that she would not marry him unless he became eparch of that city. She said this thinking that the young man would not be in the least likely to attain to such a high position, but Eleusius worked at it, and, by flattery and bribes, gained the post of Eparch of Nicomedia. Juliana then revealed to him that she was a Christian, and could not enter into marriage with him unless he accepted her faith, saying: "What would it profit us to be united physically but divided in spirit?" Eleusis was exasperated, and denounced her to her father. Her furious father poured scorn on her and whipped her, and then handed her over to the eparch for torture. The eparch ordered that she be harshly beaten, then she was thrown into prison all torn and bleeding. But the Lord healed her in the prison, and she appeared before the eparch whole and unharmed. He then put her into a glowing furnace, but the fire did not burn her. Seeing this wonder, many came to believe in Christ the Lord. Five hundred men and a hundred and thirty women were converted. The eparch condemned them all to death, and ordered that they be beheaded with the sword, and their souls entered into Paradise. Then the wicked judge condemned holy Juliana to be beheaded with the sword. Rejoicing in spirit, Juliana went out to the scaffold, prayed on her knees to God and laid her head on the block. Her head was cut off, and her soul went to Christ's eternal Kingdom of light, in the year 304. God's punishment quickly fell on Eleusis: sailing over the sea, his ship broke up and he fell into the water. He did not find death in the waves, but swam to an island, where the dogs tore him to pieces and devoured him.

## THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND

### SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

On the eighth day after His birth, the divine Child was taken to the Temple and duly circumcised according to the Jewish Law that had been observed from the time of Abraham. At this time He was given the name Jesus, the name announced to the most holy Virgin by the Archangel Gabriel (Luke 1:31). The Baptism of the New Covenant was prefigured in the Circumcision of the Old Covenant. The Lord's Circumcision shows that He took true human flesh upon Himself, not its semblance as heretics later taught of Him. The Lord was truly circumcised, desiring thus to fulfill all the Law, which He Himself had given through our forefathers and the prophets. Fulfilling all the ordinances of the Law, He superseded them by Baptism in His Church, for, as the Apostle declares: "In Christ Jesus neither circumcision availed any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature" (Gal. 6:15). (In the Church Calendar, this Feast of the Lord has neither Fore feast nor After-feast.)

