

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

For January 2020.

- 05.01. - (Sunday) **Father's Day** - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 06.01. - **CHRISTMAS EVE DAY** (Monday) - Divine Liturgy & the blessing of the Badnjak branches @ 10:00 am
- Vespers and the blessing of the Badnjak/Christmas Tree @ 6:30 pm
- 07.01. - **CHRISTMAS** (Tuesday) - Christmas Matins @ 00:01 am
..... - Christmas Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 08.01. - **Synaxis of The Theotokos** (Wednesday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 09.01. - **HOLY PROTOMARTYR & ARCHEDEACON STEPHEN** (Thursday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 12.01. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
13.01. - (Monday) SERBIAN NEW YEAR'S EVE 7:00pm
- 14.01. - **THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD; SERBIAN NEW YEAR** (Tuesday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 18.01. - **THE HOLY CROSS DAY** (Saturday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 19.01. - **THE THEOPHANY** (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of the Water @ 10:00 am
- 20.01. - **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** (Monday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 26.01. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
SV. SAVA LUNCH & CHILDRENS PROGRAM
- 27.01. - **ST. SAVA'S DAY** (Monday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am

**МИР БОЖИЈИ! - ХРИСТОС СЕ РОДИ!
СРЕЋНА И БЛАГОСЛОВЕНА НОВА ГОДИНА!**

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



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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

"And when the fullness of time was come, God sent His only-begotten Son" (Gal. 4:4), to save the human race. And when the ninth month had come after the archangel Gabriel appeared to the most holy Virgin in Nazareth, saying: "Hail) thou that art highly favoured... thou shalt conceive and bear a son" - at that time a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that all the inhabitants of the Roman Empire be taxed. In accordance with this decree, everyone had to go to his own town and there be inscribed. Therefore righteous Joseph came with the most holy Virgin to Bethlehem, the city of David, for they were both of the royal House of David. But, there being a great many people in that small city for the census, Joseph and Mary could not find a lodging in any house, and found shelter in a cave which the shepherds used as a sheepfold. In this cave the most holy Virgin gave birth to the Saviour of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ. Bearing Him without pain, as He was conceived without sin of the Holy Spirit and not of man, she herself wrapped Him in swaddling bands, worshipped Him as God and laid Him in a manger. Then righteous Joseph drew near and worshipped Him as the divine Fruit of a virgin womb. Then the shepherds came in from the fields, directed by an angel of God, and worshipped Him as Messiah and Saviour. The shepherds had heard a multitude of angels singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among men" (Luke 2:14). At that time there also came wise men from the East, led by a wonderful star, bearing their gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh, and worshipped Him as King of kings, offering Him their gifts (Matt. 2:11). Thus He came into the world Whose coming had been foretold by the prophets and Who was born in the way that they had prophesied: of the most holy Virgin, in the city of Bethlehem, of the lineage of David according to the flesh, at the time when there was no longer in Jerusalem a king of the tribe of Judah, but Herod the stranger was on the throne. After many types and prefigurings, messengers and heralds, prophets and righteous men, wise men and kings, finally He appeared, the Lord of the world and King of kings, to perform the work of the salvation of mankind that could not be performed by His servants. May His be eternal glory and praise! Amen.

ST. BASIL THE GREAT

St Basil was born in the reign of the Emperor Constantine, in about 330. While still unbaptised, he spent fifteen years in Athens studying philosophy, rhetoric, astronomy and other contemporary secular disciplines. Among his fellow-students were Gregory the Theologian and Julian, later the apostate emperor. When already of mature years, he was in the Jordan together with his former tutor Evulios. He was Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia for nearly ten years, and died at the age of fifty. A great champion of Orthodoxy, a great torch of moral purity and zeal for the Faith, a great theological mind, a great builder and pillar of the Church of God, Basil fully deserved his title "the Great". In the Office for his Feast, he is referred to as a bee of the Church of Christ, bringing honey to the faithful but stinging those in heresy. Many of the writings of this Father of the Church have survived - theological, apologetic, on asceticism and on the Canons. There is also the Liturgy that bears his name. This Liturgy is celebrated ten times in the year: on January 1st, on the Eves of Christmas and the Theophany, on every Sunday in the Great Fast with the exception of Palm Sunday, and on the Thursday and Saturday in Great Week. St Basil departed this life peacefully on January 1st, 379, and entered into the Kingdom of Christ.

