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Welcome to our monthly newsletter, where you'll find reflections to nourish your spirit, important community updates, and highlights of upcoming events. Each section is designed to help you stay connected with the life of our parish and deepen your walk with Christ.

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HOME BLESSINGS



It is once again the time of year when we bless our homes with Holy water. Just as we celebrate Theophany every year, your priest comes to your home every year and brings blessing of the Holy Spirit on you and your home by the sprinkling of the Holy water. The blessings of our homes are the re-dedication of our family and household to Christ.

Please call Fr. Vladimir on his cell 515.809.6309 if you would like your home blessed.

Ово је време године када се освећује вода у нашим домовима.
Назовите мој мобилни тел. 515.809.6309 да закажете освећење
воде.

Бог благословио,
о. Владимир

St. Sava Banquet & Program
Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church
(new date) Sunday, February 8, 2026
 10 am Divine Liturgy
 Banquet & Children's Program after
 Divine Liturgy
 We are honored to have Boban & Dragana
 Simovic's family as this year's Kumovi!

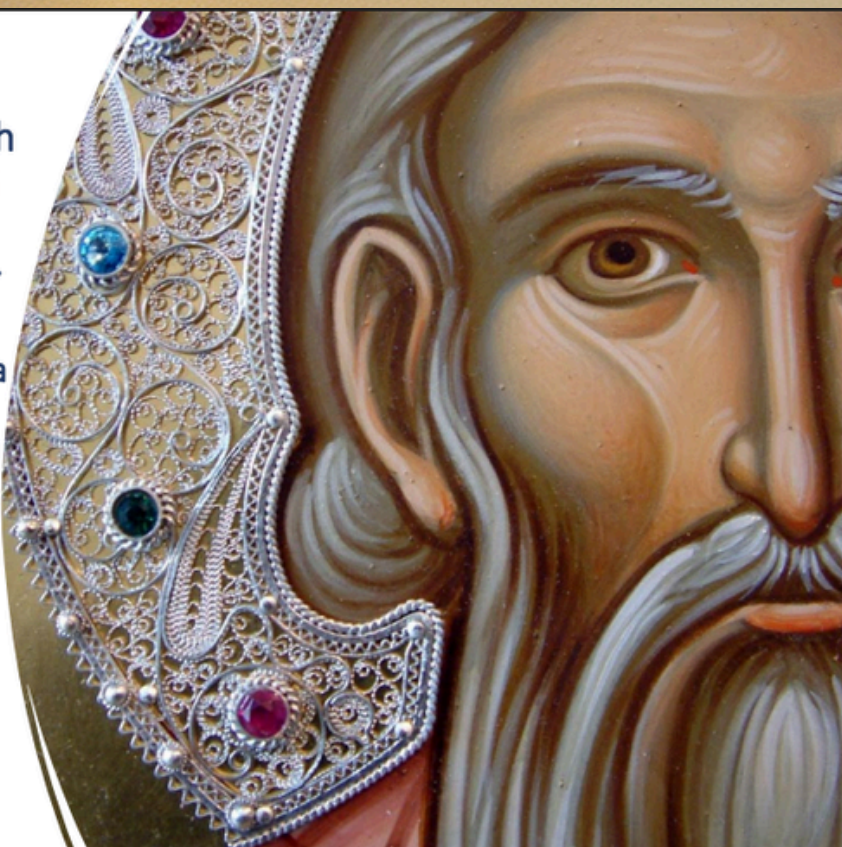
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

If you did not make reservations previously for 1/25

Contact Kris @ 314.574.4827

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT

Free-will donations are appreciated and needed!



2026 FOCUS Sunday Suppers

Holy Trinity will sponsor three Focus Sunday suppers in 2026 for which we will provide and serve food to our neighbors. Those dates are established as follows:



February 15th

June 21st

November 22nd



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 15TH TO PREPARE THE MEAL!

Please contact Svetlana Samardzic @ 314.471.9349

if you can help the KOLO prepare the food for FOCUS on February 15th.

Additionally, we need volunteers to transport the food, plate the food, serve the guests, distribute non-perishable food items from the food pantry and welcome guests for sign-in as they arrive.

Remember that Focus is an important ministry of our local parish and of Orthodoxy in America. You may conveniently sign-up online:

<https://tinyurl.com/FocusSuppers2026>.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at ndopuch@prodigy.net.

In Christ,
 Nick Dopuch

Stewardship 2026 Open Enrollment

The 2026 Holy Trinity Stewardship open enrollment period is ending soon! Holy Trinity parishioners wishing to participate must complete and submit their 2026 stewardship commitment no later than the deadline of March 1st.

If you do not have a stewardship card or misplaced it, you can find stewardship cards in the narthex of the church or on the church bulletin board in the hall.

In addition, you may also complete your stewardship commitment online at <https://forms.gle/vFc2jt8BUMHmiRGz5>.

I encourage all parishioners to participate in this most important ministry of Holy Trinity.

In Christ,

Nick Dopuch

Stewardship Chairperson



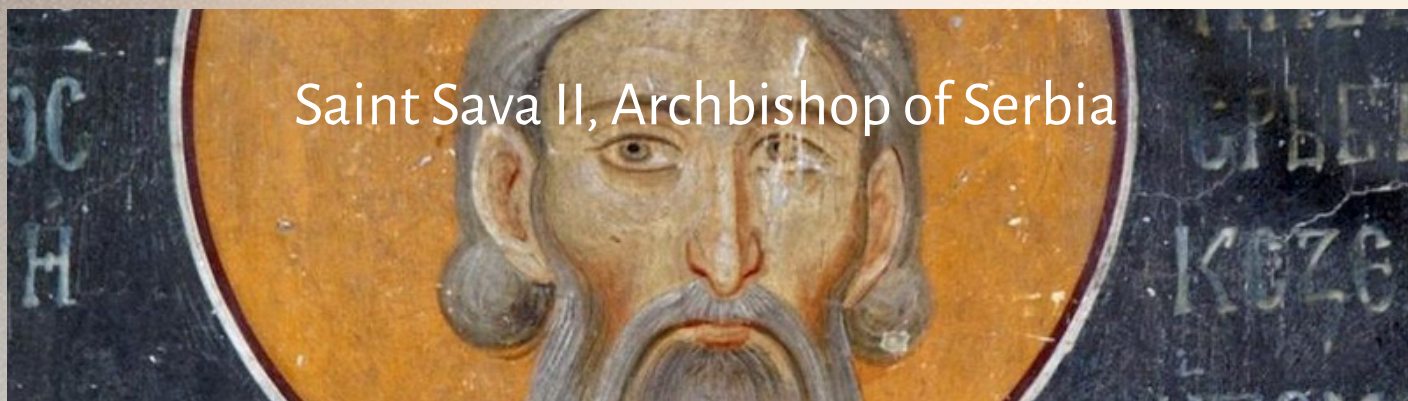
MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH BOARD PRESIDENT

I want to begin by thanking all those who helped prepare everything for our Christmas celebrations. To all who helped assemble the Badnjaks, provide the dried fruit, the Chesnica, the Badnjak trees, prepared the pigs for the raffle, all was accomplished with everyone's help. Thank you for making the day very special.

As we enter into February, plans are already in motion for our famous Fish Fest. The crowds, no doubt, will be as large as last year. This is by far the largest event in our Church and we'll need as many volunteers as possible every week to ensure our guests are taken care of.

Once again, thanks to everyone who volunteer their time, treasure and talents that enable us to maintain our beautiful Church and hall.

In Christ
Michael Vujnich



Saint Sava II, Archbishop of Serbia

Saint Sava II, Archbishop of Serbia, belonged to the holy royal lineage of the Nemanjić dynasty and was one of the most important spiritual figures of the Serbian Church in the 13th century. He was born with the name Predislav, the son of King Stefan the First-Crowned, the first crowned king of Serbia, and Queen Anna Dandolo, a granddaughter of the Doge of Venice. He was the grandson of Saint Simeon the Myrrh-Streaming and the nephew of Saint Sava I, whose name and mission he later embraced and continued.

From an early age, he was raised in the spirit of piety, prayer, and responsibility toward the Church and the people. Although he belonged to a royal household, he renounced worldly glory and chose the monastic path. He was tonsured as a monk in his youth and received the name Sava, following the example of his great uncle, the first Archbishop of the Serbian Church. He devoted himself to prayer, learning, and obedience, growing in spiritual maturity and earning respect among monks and hierarchs.

After the repose of Archbishop Arsenije I, Saint Sava II was elected Archbishop of Serbia, assuming the throne during a time of great trials for both the Serbian state and the Church. He served as Archbishop in two terms (1263–1271 and 1275–1279), which reflects the complex political and dynastic circumstances of the period. Despite instability and external pressures, he remained faithful to his pastoral calling, striving to preserve peace, unity, and canonical order within the Church.

As Archbishop, he devoted special care to the organization of church life, the guidance of bishops, monastics, and clergy, as well as to the restoration and construction of churches and monasteries. He maintained close relations with other Local Orthodox Churches, especially with the Patriarchate of Constantinople, thereby strengthening the standing and authority of the Serbian Archbishopric within the Orthodox world.

His contemporaries described him as a man of meek spirit, quiet and humble, yet firm and resolute in safeguarding the faith and ecclesiastical order. He neither sought power nor glory, but bore the archpastoral ministry as a cross, with fear of God and love for the people entrusted to his care.

Saint Sava II reposed peacefully in 1279, leaving behind a luminous example of episcopal service, humility, and fidelity to Christ. The Serbian Orthodox Church glorified him among the saints, and his holy memory is celebrated on February 8, commemorating his life and work as a worthy continuation of the path of Saint Sava.

Yours in Christ, Priest Vladimir Terzic

Свети Сава други, Архиепископ Српски

Свети Сава Други, Архиепископ српски, припадао је светородној лози Немањића и био једна од најзначајнијих духовних личности Српске цркве у XIII веку. Рођен је као Предислав, син краља Стефана Првовенчаног, првог крунисаног српског краља, и краљице Ане Дандоло, унуке млетачког дужда. Био је унук Светог Симеона Мироточивог и сестрић Светога Саве Првог, чије је име и дело касније носио и наставио.



Од најранијих дана васпитаван је у духу побожности, молитве и одговорности према Цркви и народу. Иако је припадао владарском дому, одрекао се световне славе и изабрао монашки пут. Замонашен је у младости и добио је име Сава, следујући примеру свога великог стрица, првог српског архиепископа. Време је проводио у молитви, учењу и послушању, стичући духовну зрелост и поштовање међу монасима и јерархијом.

После упокојења архиепископа Арсенија I, Свети Сава Други изабран је за архиепископа српског и на том трону се нашао у временима великих искушења за српску државу и Цркву. Архиепископску службу је вршио у два наврата (1263–1271. и 1275–1279), што сведочи о сложеним политичким и династичким приликама тог доба. Ипак, упркос нестабилности, остао је веран своје пастирском призивању, настојећи да очува мир, јединство и канонски поредак у Цркви.

Као архиепископ, посебну пажњу посвећивао је уређењу црквеног живота, старању о епископима, монаштву и свештенству, као и о обнови и подизању храмова и манастира. Одржавао је живе односе са другим помесним православним црквама, а нарочито са Цариградском патријаршијом, чиме је допринио учвршћивању угледа Српске архиепископије у православном свету.

Савременици су га описивали као човека кротког духа, тихог и смиреног, али одлучног у очувању вере и црквеног поретка. Није тражио власт нити славу, већ је архипастирску службу доживљавао као крст који треба носити са страхом Божијим и љубављу према народу.

Упокојио се мирно 1279. године, оставивши иза себе светли пример архијерејске службе, смирења и верности Христу. Српска православна црква га је прославила као светитеља, а његов свети спомен празнује се 8. фебруара, заједно са сећањем на његов живот и дело које је било достојно настављање светосавског пута.

Ваш у Христу,

Свештеник Владимир Терзић

FISH FEST 2026

The 2026 Holy Trinity Friday Fish Fests will commence February 20th and continue every Friday through April 3rd. Like last year, we will be offering customers dine-in and carry-out options. We expect to be busy during these seven Fridays and will need much help. The annual Fish Fest is a critical fund-raising event for Holy Trinity; therefore, your participation is important.



We are still way short on our Friday night staffing for FishFest.

No time like today to sign up. We can REALLY use your help. It's just putting food on a plate and picking plates up. Anyone can do it. And for all out students who need community service credits, this is a perfect way to get those

You can email or text David if you can help
314.267.9659 / DLekich@paramountcs.com

Young Adults Class

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YOUNG ADULTS**

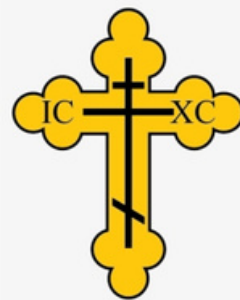
A new Young Adults Catechism class began meeting every other Sunday after Divine Liturgy, offering our Orthodox young adults and recent young inquirers an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Orthodox faith and their life in the Church. Nik Chkautovich, with the guidance and support of Father Vladimir, will help participants navigate the unique challenges of being Orthodox during the early stages of adulthood, while providing a setting to learn, ask questions, and grow in their knowledge and love of our Orthodox faith.

Contact Nik at 314.406.4382 if you would like to join the class.

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2026 Calendar/Календар

February / Фебруар



February 1st- Sunday

10 am- Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

February 8th - Sunday

10 am- Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

12 pm- **St. Sava Banquet and Program**

February 12th – Thursday, Synaxis of the Three Holy Hierarchs/Света Три Јерарха

10 am- Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

February 14th – Saturday, Memorial Saturday/Задушнице

10 am- Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

February 15th – Sunday, The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple/Сретење Господње

10 am- Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

Focus Sunday Supper / Holy Trinity to prepare meals. Meals to be served at St. Michaels

February 20th- Friday, Fish Fest 5 - 8 pm

February 22nd – Sunday, Cheesefare Sunday / Недеља сир

10 am- Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

February 23rd – Monday, GREAT LENT BEGINS!/ПОЧЕТАК ВЕЛИКОГ ПОСТА!

February 25th - Wednesday

6 pm- Presanctified Liturgy/Пређеосвећена Литургиј

7 pm- Catechism for Adults/Веронаука за одрасле

February 27th – Friday, Fish Fest 5 - 8 pm

February 28th – Saturday, St. Theodore Saturday/Теодорова Субота

10 am- Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

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2026 Calendar/Календар

March/Марта

March 1st - Sunday, Sunday of Orthodoxy /Недеља Православља

10 am- Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

March 4th - Wednesday

6 pm- Presanctified Liturgy/Пређеосвећена Литургиј

7 pm- Catechism for Adults/Веронаука за одрасле

March 6th – Friday, Fish Fest 5 – 8 pm

March 8th – Sunday

10 am Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

March 11th - Wednesday

6 pm- Presanctified Liturgy/Пређеосвећена Литургиј

7 pm- Catechism for Adults/Веронаука за одрасле

March 13th – Friday, Fish Fest 5 – 8 pm

March 15th – Sunday

10 am Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

March 18th - Wednesday

6 pm- Presanctified Liturgy/Пређеосвећена Литургиј

7 pm- Catechism for Adults/Веронаука за одрасле

March 20th – Friday, Fish Fest 5 – 8 pm

March 22nd – Sunday

10 am Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија

March 25th - Wednesday

6 pm- Presanctified Liturgy/Пређеосвећена Литургиј

7 pm- Catechism for Adults/Веронаука за одрасле

March 27th – Friday, Fish Fest 5 – 8 pm

March 29th – Sunday

10 am Divine Liturgy/Света Литургија



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2026 Calendar/Календар

April/Април

April 1st - Wednesday

6 pm- Presanctified Liturgy/Пређеосвећена Литургиј

7 pm- Catechism for Adults/Веронаука за одрасле

April 3rd – Friday, Fish Fest 5 – 8 pm

April 4th – Saturday, Lazarus Saturday / Лазарева Субота

10 am- Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

3 pm- Children's Vrbica Retreat

5 pm- Vespers –Blessing of Willows / Вечерње –Освећење Врбице

April 5th - Sunday, Palm Sunday / Цвети

10 am- Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

April 7th – Tuesday, Annunciation / Благовести

10 am- Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

April 9th - Thursday, Great and Holy Thursday / Велики Четвртак

10 am- Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

6 pm- Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels / Читање 12 Јеванђеља

April 10th – Friday, Great and Holy Friday / Велики Петак

10 am- Reading of the Royal Hours / Читање Царских Часова

6 pm- Vespers- Presentation of the Holy Shroud / Изношење Плаштанице

7:30 pm Lamentations – Funeral of our Lord Jesus Christ / Сахрана Господа Исуса Христа

April 11th – Sunday

10 am Divine Liturgy- Holy Saturday/Света Литургија

April 12th - Sunday, Resurrection of Our Lord and Jesus Christ

Васкрсење Господа Нашег Исуса Христа

8 am- Paschal Matins / Васкрсна Јутрења

9 am- Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

April 13th – Monday, Bright Monday / Светли понедељак

10 am Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

April 14th – Tuesday, Bright Tuesday / Светли утора

10 am Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

April 19th - Sunday

10 am Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

April 26th - Sunday, Liturgy at Mount Hope Cemetery / Литургија на Гробљу

9 am Divine Liturgy / Света Литургија

10 am Blessing of the graves / благослов гробова

