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Saint Sava

Born Prince Rastko Nemanjic, son of the Serbian ruler and founder of the Serbian medieval state Stefan Nemanja, St. Sava became the first Patriarch of Serbia (1219-1233) and is an important Saint in the Serbian Orthodox Church. As a young boy, Rastko left home to join the Orthodox monastic colony on Mount Athos and was given the name Sava. In 1197 his father, King Stefan Nemanja, joined him. In 1198 they moved to and restored the abandoned monastery Hilandar, which was at that time the center of Serbian Orthodox monastic life.

St. Sava's father took the monastic vows under the name Simeon, and died in Hilandar on February 13, 1200. He is also canonized a saint of the Church.

After his father's death, Sava retreated to an ascetic monastery in Kareya which he built himself in 1199. He also wrote the Kareya typicon both for Hilandar and for the monastery of asceticism. The last typicon is inscribed into the marble board at the ascetic monastery, which today also exists there. He stayed on Athos until the end of 1207, when he persuaded the Patriarch of Constantinople to elevate him to the position of first Serbian archbishop, thereby establishing the independence of the archbishopric of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the year 1219.

Saint Sava is celebrated as the founder of the independent Serbian Orthodox Church and as the patron saint of education and medicine among Serbs. Since the 1830s, Saint Sava has become the patron Saint of Serbian schools and schoolchildren. On his feast day, students partake in recitals in Church.

After participating in the blessing of the waters in January of 1235, St. Sava developed a cough that progressed into pneumonia. He died of pneumonia in the evening between Saturday and Sunday, January 14, 1235 and was buried at the Cathedral of the Holy Forty Martyrs in Trnovo. His relics remained in Trnovo until May 6, 1237, when his sacred bones were moved to the monastery Mileseva in southern Serbia. Three-hundred and sixty years later the Ottoman Turks burned his relics on the main square in Belgrade.

The Cathedral of Saint Sava in Belgrade is the largest active Orthodox temple in the world today. It was built on the site where his holy relics were burned.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle - Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel - Matthew 2:13-23

TODAY we are celebrating our children's Slava

SVETI SAVA

Mother's Club will serve a festal luncheon

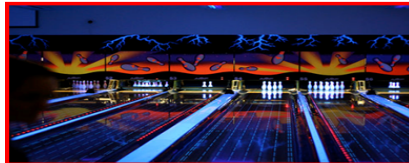
Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Salad, Homemade desserts

Our Sunday School Children, together with their teachers have prepared a wonderful program for all who are in attendance. We are looking forward to celebrating Saint Sava with you!

Suggested adult donation \$10.00 children FREE!

On **Monday, Jan 27th -The Feast Day of St Sava** - With the blessing of His Grace Bishop IRINEJ the Pittsburgh and the Cleveland deaneries will celebrate Saint Sava together at the St Sava Cathedral 2300 W Ridgewood Dr, Cleveland, OH 44134 All faithful are invited to gather at the St. Sava Cathedral, Parma, OH as the local churches will be closed on that day.

ST. ELIJAH CHOIR'S 18th ANNUAL BOWLING "BALL" fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 22nd 2020 at **Sheffield Lanes starting at 1:30 p.m. Please pick-up a form and send it in ASAP space is limited to 20 Teams! Deadline for entries is Sunday, February 15th!**



Music for the day provided by-Dan, Dokie, and Prsti. Not a bowler, you may still join us at the lanes to cheer your favorite team on and then head back to the center for dinner. Reservations for dinner are appreciated!

HOME BLESSINGS- Fr Branislav started blessing homes on Tuesday, Jan 21st. He will always call a few days ahead to schedule a visit. If you have not been contacted by Fr Branislav in the past and you would like your home to be blessed - please share your contact info with him by calling the parish office and he will schedule a visit. **Week Two - Center Twp and Hopewell Twp**

Fellowship & Ministry -On Tuesday, February 4th 5:30pm-6:30pm St. Elijah will host the **Manna Soup Kitchen** dinner at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church (2100 Irwin St) for the underserved in our community. If you are able to volunteer your time to help serve, visit the guests, or donate desserts (enough for all guests) please speak with Marija Yaramus. Thank you!

ETERNAL LIGHTS- Payments are being accepted for ETERNAL LIGHTS for 2020. Please submit your payment at the tutor's room.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE- The Communication Committee invites all St. Elijah members and visitors to access and manage their contact information, church involvement and so much more in our NEW and secure online member directory. Please scan the QR with your mobile device to learn how to sign up or visit our church website <https://StElijahAliquippa.com>



TODAY at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy- the newly elected members of the Executive Board will take the oath of office and officially assume their duties for 2020