

PARISH ACTIVITIES

(last month)

BAPTIZED:

- *Danica Mila Simic*

MARRIED:

- *Bratislav Jakovljevic & Stephanie Palma*

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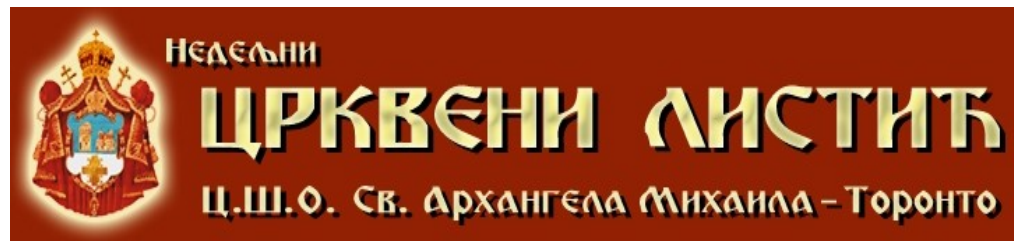
- *Branka Zekavica*
- *Dragan Radakovic*
- *Miodrag Mihailovic*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

for September 2015.

- 06.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 11.09. - **THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** (Friday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 13.09. - (Sunday) **STs NEW MARTIRS OF JASENOVAC** - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 20.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 21.09. - **THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS** (Monday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 27.09. - **HOLY CROSS DAY** (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am

ОБАВЕШТЕЊА



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HOLY FATHER MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN

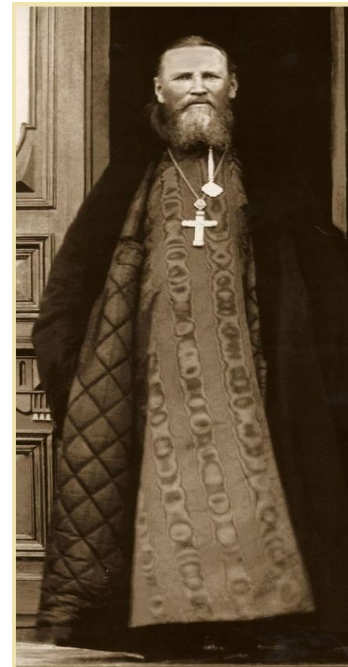


An Ethiopian, he was at first a robber and the leader of a robber band, but he then became a penitent and a great ascetic. As a slave, Moses escaped from his owner and became a robber. Because of his great physical strength and recklessness, the robbers chose him as their leader. Suddenly his conscience was filled with remorse and repentance for the crimes he had committed. He left the band, went to a monastery and gave himself entirely to obedience to his

spiritual father and to the rule of the monastery. He made great use of the teaching of Saints Macarius, Arsenius and Isidore. Later, he withdrew to solitude in a cell, where he gave himself utterly to physical labour, prayer, vigils- and pondering on God. Tormented by the demon of lust, he confessed to his spiritual father, Isidore, and received from him the advice to fast as much as possible, and never to eat his fill. When this proved to be of no help, he, at the elder's advice, began to keep night-vigils and to pray standing; he then got into the way of carrying water from a distant well for the older monks. After six years of terrible striving, St Isidore finally healed him miraculously of the lustful thoughts, imaginings and dreams visited on him by the demon. He was ordained priest in old age. He founded a monastery of his own, and had seventy-five disciples, himself living to the age of seventy-five. He foresaw his own death, and one day told his disciples to flee, as barbarians were coming to attack the monastery. When his disciples urged him to flee as well, he told them that he must perish in the attack, for he had himself at one time done violence, according to the words: "all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52). So he stayed, with six of his brethren. The barbarians came and ran them through. One of the brethren, hiding nearby, saw seven shining wreaths descend upon the seven mar-

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR

The First Ecumenical Council decreed that the Church's year should begin on September 1st. The month of September was, for the Jews, the beginning of the civil year (see Exodus 12:2), the month of the gathering of fruits and the bringing to God of sacrifices of thanksgiving. It was at the time of this feast that the Lord Jesus went into the synagogue in Nazareth, opened the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and read the words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance" (Is. 61:1-2; cf. Luke 4:16-21). This month of September is also noted in the history of Christianity because it was during September that Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian faith, a victory followed by the granting of freedom of confession of the Christian faith throughout the whole Roman Empire. For a long time, the civil year in the Christian world was reckoned in the same way as the Church's year, from September 1st, but it was later changed to January 1st, first in western Europe and



"Do not be irritated either with those who sin or those who offend; do not have a passion for noticing every sin in your neighbour, and for judging him, as we are in the habit of doing. Everyone shall give an answer to God for himself. Everyone has a conscience; everyone hears God's Word, and knows God's Will either from books or from conversation with other people. Especially do not look with evil intention upon the sins of your elders, which do not regard you; "to his own master he standeth or falleth." Correct your own sins, amend your own life."

—St. John of Kronstadt

then also in Russia in the time of Peter the Great.