

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

(Last month)

- On Sunday, January 26th we celebrated St. Sava's Day. Thanks to our Kumovi, Varjadic Danica and Borisavljevic Milovan

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES\*

**For February 2020.**

- 02.02. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 09.02. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 12.02. - **HOLY THREE HIERARCHS** (Wednesday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 15.02. - **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** (Saturday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 16.02. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 23.02. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am

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- Канцеларија ЦШО отворена је **УТОРКОМ, ЧЕТВРТОМ и ПЕТКОМ** од **09:00 - 12:00** часова

\*Subject to change



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## HOLY FATHER MACARIUS THE GREAT



Macarius was an Egyptian and one of the younger contemporaries of Anthony the Great. His father was a priest. Out of obedience to his parents, Macarius married. However, his wife died shortly thereafter and he withdrew into the wilderness where he spent sixty years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for the Kingdom of Heaven. When they asked him: "Why is he so thin when he eats and when he does not eat?" He responded: "From the fear of God." So

much did he succeed in cleansing his mind of evil thoughts and his heart of evil desires that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working so that he even raised the dead from the graves. His humility amazed both men and demons. A demon once said to him: "There is only one thing in which I am unable to overpower you. It is not in fasting; for I do not eat anything. It is not in vigils; for I never sleep." "But, what is it?" asked Macarius. "Your humility" answered the demon. Macarius often spoke to Paphnutius, his disciple: "Do not judge anyone and you will be saved." Macarius lived to be ninety-seven years old. Nine days before his death, St. Anthony and St. Pachomius appeared to him from the other world and informed him that he would die within nine days, which happened. Also, before his death, Macarius had a vision in which a cherubim revealed to him the blessed heavenly world, commended his effort and his virtue and said to him that he was sent to take his soul into the Kingdom of Heaven. He died in the year 390 A.D.

## ST SIMEON THE HOST OF GOD

This Simeon was chosen, in the time of the Egyptian Pharaoh Ptolemy Philadelphus (285-246 B.C.), as one of the famous Seventy to whom was committed the task of translating the Bible from the Hebrew into Greek. Simeon worked conscientiously, but when, translating the Prophet Isaiah, he came to the prophecy: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son", he was puzzled and took a knife to scratch out the word "virgin" and substitute "young woman", and thus translate it into Greek. But at that moment an angel of God appeared to him and held him back from his intention, explaining to him that the prophecy was true and rightly-expressed. And to confirm its veracity, the messenger from God said that he, Simeon, by the will of God, would not die until he had seen the Messiah born of a virgin. The righteous Simeon rejoiced at these heavenly tidings, left the prophecy unchanged and thanked God that He had found him worthy to live to see the Promised One. When the Christ Child was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by the Virgin Mary, the Spirit of God revealed this to Simeon, who was now a very old man with snow-white hair. He went quickly to the Temple and found there both the Virgin and the Child, bathed in a light that shone round their heads like a halo. The joyful elder took Christ in his arms and prayed God to let him leave this world: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart ... according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Thither came also Anna the prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, who recognised the Messiah and made Him known to the people. Anna was then 84 years old. Soon after that, St Simeon departed this life. This righteous elder is venerated as the protector of young children.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*