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## January 17<sup>th</sup> – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday Before Theophany

(Remembering – Synaxis of the 70 Apostles; Also This is Zacchaeus Sunday – Tn. 7)

### Today's Epistle

Readings: 2 Tim. 4: 5-8; 1 Tim. 4: 9-15

### Today's Gospel

Readings Mk: 1: 1-8; Lk. 19: 1-10

**Troparion:** "By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death, to the thief Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ our God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!"

**Kontakion:** "The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: 'The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into Thy Resurrection!'"

### Today's Meditation: **The Spill Over**

"What do you get when you squeeze an orange?"

The answer is easy: orange juice!

A few years ago an author asked that question in a book. But the answer he gave wasn't "orange juice." His reply was: "Whatever is inside is what comes out." He went on to say that when we are squeezed or pressed, whatever is inside us at the time is what comes out. If it's anger, if it's bitterness, if it's hatred, it will spill out when we are squeezed.

When Jesus was squeezed on the cross by His enemies what was inside of Him came out: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

So it is with us. When life squeezes us, what is inside spills out. Most of us can be pretty nice when things are going well; it is when you are squeezed that the real you comes out.

If Jesus lives inside you, His love will spill out every time someone jostles you. If the Holy spirit abides in you, the fruits of the Spirit will spill out when life squeezes you: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23).

### Church Fathers Speak

Why did Christ refer to the grace of the Spirit under the name of water? Because through water all vegetables and animals live. Because the water of rain comes down from heaven, and though rain comes down in one form its effects take many forms. Yea, one spring watered all of paradise, and the same rain falls on the whole world, yet it becomes white in the lily, red in the rose, purple in the violet. — Cyril of Jerusalem

## Special Announcements Today – For You

(1) **TODAY:** the Cannon family will be hosting our Fellowship Hour  
**(1-A) We WILL take a collection this morning for the families in E**

### (2) Please keep the following loved ones in our prayers:

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| Arlene Crnkovich   | Dawn Hamm         | Bertha Cervo       | B |
| JoAnn Korach       | Mika Rocknage     | Mildred Miljus     | L |
| Ljubica Trbovic-NH | George Rocknage   | Mara Gasparovic-NH |   |
| Richard Sinsel     | Pr. Michael Lewis | Boya Kecman        | C |

### (3) As well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

+ Ruby Petrisko +Nicholas Vuick +Amy Pacura +Melva Sta  
+Patr. Pavle +Arch-Bishop JOB +Smilja Vuckovich +Natasha

(4) **THIS WEEK:** Services Monday through Wednesday – Epiphany  
(Monday and Tuesday – Blessing of Waters also; Wednesday – S

(5) **OUR 'FELLOWSHIP HOUR' After Church:** Keep on volunte

(6) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** Blessing of homes begins tomorrow M  
Church – please have all tv's and radios off, and a candle, bowl of  
and departed for Fr. Stevo ready!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL for Christopher's Ordination – Thurs**

(7) **YOUTH GROUP:** We will discuss a meeting date at the Brady's  
for the next meeting at Dana Buck's home.

(8) **ATTENTION:** we still have beautiful St. Sava Blankets available  
wonderful and practical gift and keepsake!

(9) **PLEASE:** do your part in coming to Church regularly AND getti  
Pledge Card in BEFORE the end of January, if possible!

(10) **SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL:** Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> is our Church  
baked goods for the banquet that day!

(11) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** the 24<sup>th</sup> – Swearing-in of Parish  
Picture-taking for all Parish Organizations!; the 31<sup>st</sup> – St. Sava D  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Forgiveness Sunday AND Ordination of Christo  
Holy Diaconate – be here for this historical event!