

Химна Светом Сави
Ускликнимо с љубављу
Светитељу Сави
Српске цркве и школе
Светитељској глави.
Тамо венци тамо слава
Где нас српски пастир Сава.
Појте му Срби,
Песму и утројте!

Благодарна Србијо,
Пуна си љубави
Према своме пастиру
Светитељу Сави.
Босна и Херцеговина
Светог Саве дедовина
С тобом славе славу
Светитеља Саву.

Бачка, Среме, Банате
И Србијо Стара
Раванице, чувај нам
Тело кнез Лазара;
Црна Гора, сестро мила,
Здраво и ти с нама била
Да славимо славу,
Светог оца Саву!

С неба шаље благослов
Свети отац Сава
Са свих страна сви Срби
С мора и Дунава.
К небу главе подигните
Саву тамо угледајте.
Саву српску славу,
пред престолом Творца!

Милешево слави се
Телом Светог Саве
Кога славе сви Срби
С обе стране Саве;
Синан-паша ватру пали,
Тело Светог Саве спали,
Ал' не спали славе,
Нити спомен Саве.

Пет векова Србин је
У ројству чамио
Светитеља Саве
Име је славио.
Свети Сава Србе воли
И за њих се Богу моли.
Појте му Срби,
Песму и утројте!

Да се српска сва срца
С тобом уједине,
Сунце мира, љубави,
Да нам свима сине,
Да живимо сви у слози,
Свети Сава, ти помози.
Почуј глас свог рода,
Српскога народа!



Top: His Grace Bishop IRINEJ and Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Aleksandar and Princess Katherine with children

Above: His Excellency Djerdj Matkovic, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia in the United States, with his wife Vera, His Grace Bishop IRINEJ, and Their Royal Highnesses

CELEBRATION OF ST. SAVA

St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church,
Washington, D.C.

From left, Obrad Kesic, His Grace Bishop IRINEJ and Milos Rastovic



Serbian Singing Society Lira



Distinguished guests with the children

by Milos Rastovic

On February 2nd, 2019, I represented the Serb National Federation at the celebration of St. Sava sponsored by St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church in Washington, D.C. This event was organized at the Social Hall of Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church.

St. Sava was the First Archbishop of Serbia. This year, we celebrate the 800th anniversary of the autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Tatjana Rajic, Mistress of Ceremonies, introduced the honored guests: His Grace Bishop IRINEJ, Eastern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church; Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Aleksandar and Princess Katherine of Serbia; His Excellency Djerdj Matkovic, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia in the United States; Obrad Kesic, Director of the Republic of Srpska Office for Co-operation, Trade and Investment; the Honorable Branko Terzic, Royal Adjutant and Member of the Privy Council and Delegate of the Crown Prince of Serbia in the United States; Rev. Dr. Vasilije Vranic, economos of the St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, Washington, D.C.; and Milan Visnick, Vice President of the Trusteeship of St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church.

The celebration began with the Lord's Prayer, National Anthems, and Ode to St. Sava performed by the Serbian Singing Society Lira and guests. Father Vasilije and Mr. Visnick warmly welcomed guests of the Serbian parish and community in Washington, D.C. Father Vasilije stressed the welcome with the following words: "It is with great joy that I welcome you on behalf of St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church to this year's celebration of our Father and Enlightener – St. Sava the First Archbishop of Serbia. Our Saint has dedicated his entire life to working tirelessly for the benefit of his people, promoting education and welfare and securing the existence of an autocephalous Serbian Church. By the grace of God, this year we are celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the existence of our Church, which was born through the work of our Saint Sava. By his noble endeavors, St. Sava left to us, his spiritual children, an important legacy – to work united and in harmony for the greater glory of God, towards the betterment of our community, and for the benefit of our people. And tonight's gathering is a celebration of that sacred legacy of our Enlightener."

All speakers stressed the importance of St. Sava heritage not only for the foundation and existence of our homeland, but also for future generations. This event was followed by singing, recitation, and dancing by the Serbian Singing Society Lira, the Children's Folklore Group and Children's Choir of St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, Serbian Cultural Center "Opancici," the Sunday School of St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, "Nikola Tesla" Serbian School, "Serbiana" Chamber Ensemble, and "Prelo" Folklore Ensemble.

The event ended on a high note by dancing a traditional Serbian kolo when His Grace Bishop IRINEJ, and Their Royal Highnesses led the dance.

Thanks were expressed to all members of the organizing committee including Mark Rasevic, and Ana Lojanica, Co-Chairs, Drina Vlastelic Rajic, Dobrila Nina Lojanica, and Rev. Dr. Vasilije Vranic.