

The Church today commemorates the Leave-taking of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Today is also the feast day of Sava, Archbishop of Serbia – one of the most beloved of all saints of the Serbian nation and co-founder of the Hilandar Monastery on Mount Athos.

Apolytikion of Sabbas (Sava), Archbishop of Serbia

Third Tone

Thou wast a guide of the way that leadeth to life, and a first prelate and teacher; for thou wast the first to enlighten thy fatherland, O Saint Sabbas, having given it rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Thou didst plant thy sanctified children like olive trees in the spiritual Paradise. Wherefore, as we honour thee as an equal of the Apostles and holy hierarchs, we implore thee; Pray to Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kontakion of Sabbas (Sava), Archbishop of Serbia

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The Church of thy people glorifieth thee as her first great prelate and a companion of the Apostles, O Saint. But since thou hast boldness with Christ God, by thy prayers save us from all harm that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, O divinely-wise Father Sabbas.

