



E. No. 665
September 20, 2019

INVITATION
TO THE
**800th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE
AUTOCEPHALY OF THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
1219-2019**
AND THE
**130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. MARDARIJE
NOVEMBER 2ND, 1889-2019**
OF THE GOD-PROTECTED DIOCESE OF EASTERN AMERICA
NOVEMBER 1ST – 2ND, 2019
ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
IN BOSTON

“Endowed by God, Treasured by the People!”

TO ALL CLERGY AND MONASTICS
TO ALL CHURCH-SCHOOL CONGREGATION EXECUTIVE BOARDS
TO ALL MISSION PARISH COUNCILS AND MONASTERY ADMINISTRATIONS
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL AND AUDIT BOARD
TO THE FEDERATION OF THE CIRCLES OF SERBIAN SISTERS
OF THE HOLY DIOCESE OF EASTERN AMERICA

Most beloved Clergy and Faithful,

Joy and peace to you at the beginning of this New Ecclesiastical Year of the Lord's Grace!

On the basis of a decision of the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church No. 42/Min. 13, at its regular meeting of May 9th, 2019, with exceedingly great paternal joy and distinct pleasure, We herein invite you to the Official Celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church and the 130th Anniversary—to *the day*—of the Birth of St. Mardarije of Libertyville and All America, to be held in the presence of his Holy Relics, on Friday, November 1st & Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 at the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 41 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, MA 02140, per the following schedule:

❖ **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST:**

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Great Vespers and Blessing of new Iltia
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Festal Dinner
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Film Presentation on the Life of St. Mardarije of Libertyville and All-America and Gala Program

❖ **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND:**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Consecration of new Antimensia
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Gala Banquet
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Celebratory Program

ATTENDANCE

All parish clergy and ordained monastics are *required* to attend, given that we will be consecrating new Antimensia for the churches and chapels of our parishes and monasteries. Kindly encourage your faithful to join us in this rare sojourn on the “Path that leads to Life” (cf. Troparion to St. Sava) by honoring Saints Sava and Mardarije in our common unity as their spiritual children.

Further, we herein request that at least one representative from each Church-School Congregational Board and Mission Parish Council be present at this official celebration.

All members of our Diocesan governing bodies and representatives of the Federation of the Circles of Serbian Sister are kindly asked to attend this once in a life time event, which will consist of a very rich and diverse program. We anticipate hierarchs and clergy from our Sister Orthodox Churches to join us in this celebration!

ALL ROADS LEAD TO BOSTON! WELCOME! WELCOME, INDEED!

RESERVATIONS

For reservations visit the official 800th Anniversary Celebration Website and pay by credit card:*
<https://stsavaboston.org/800yearsautocephaly>

Or, mail your reservation check to:
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church
41 Alewife Brook Parkway
Cambridge, MA 02140

Be certain to include a letter with a description of your reservation (number of people attending, what days, and lunch choice for Saturday (meat, fish, vegetarian) etc).

For any further questions, please contact **Stanislava Ristanovic** at reservations@stsavaboston.org or at +1 (617) 674-4035.

*Cutoff date for reservations is October 20th, 2019.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- 1. Hyatt Place Medford/Boston**
116 Riverside Ave, Medford, MA 02155
Reservations: +1 (781) 395-8500
1.5 miles from St. Sava Cathedral
\$161 plus tax "Saint Sava Group"
- 2. AC by Marriott Hotel Cambridge**
10 Acorn Park Drive, Cambridge, MA
Reservations +1 (617) 876-6190
1.2 Miles from St. Sava Cathedral
\$169 plus tax "Saint Sava Group"
- 3. Homewood Suites by Hilton**
1 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA 02474
Reservations: 844-263-4951
0.3 miles from church - 5 minute walk
\$249 plus tax "Saint Sava Group"

Active links for hotel reservation are posted on the official 800th Anniversary Celebration link:
<https://stsavaboston.org/800yearsautocephaly>

Lord, make us worthy to behold Your Light set before us by Saint Sava and kept burning by Saint Mardarije, in a pure confession of faith, love and unbounding joy, so that we may heed the directives of Ecumenical Patriarch Manuel I, in the *Grammaton* issued to the newly-consecrated Archbishop Sava:

**"LISTEN TO HIM, ALL OF YOU WHO ARE IN CHRIST,
TRUE BELIEVING CHRISTIANS!"**

YOUR HUMBLE INTERCESSOR BEFORE THE THRONE OF SAINT SAVA,

BISHOP OF EASTERN AMERICA
THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

