

The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa

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May 27th –PENTECOST – DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DAY!

(Commemorating Saint Isodore, Fool for Christ, Wonderworker of Rostov)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: ACTS 2: 1-11

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Jn. 20: 19-23/ **LITURGY:** John 7: 37-52; 8:12

Troparion: “Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who has revealed the fishermen as most wise! By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them, Thou didst draw the world into Thy net! O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!”

Kontakion of Pentecost: “When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit!”

Spiritual Food: Today, spiritually-speaking (according to our Holy Orthodox Faith) is the **birthday of our Holy Orthodox Christian Faith** – the starting-point of the most profound, influential event to ever impact humanity! Why do I say that? Because, without our Lord and Savior, through His Loving and Merciful Grace, sending His disciples the “fiery tongues” that empowered them to go out, and “...*Make disciples of all nations...*”, we would not be living in His Loving and Merciful arms, thankful for His Salvific work on our behalf. **But what is the relevance of this event for us today?** Very simply, because we too have been empowered with that SAME Grace, and that SAME Power as were the Twelve Apostles, (through our Baptism and Chrismation) the Gates of Heaven are open to us for all eternity! However, **this only applies IF** we have tried to live a life in Christ, meaning that we have lived IN the Body of Christ, that we have participated IN the Life of Christ (through His Precious Body and Blood), and that we take seriously His command to “...*make disciples of all nations...*”. In other words, our Holy Churches can no longer be “private ethnic clubs”, filled with believers who want the Church to remain ‘Greek, Serbian, Russian, or whatever other ethnic group there may be’. Instead, we must do all we can to bring the **“Good News”** of our Savior’s Work to ALL those who have put placed in and around our communities – making our Churches welcome and inviting to them to “Come and see” the great things that are happening in the Lord’s Body – our Holy Orthodox Faith. If we can find more ways to do this, the Grace and Power of the Holy Spirit will continually guide and direct us!

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **TODAY:** we invite you to celebrate our Holy Trinity Kolo Slava – PRAY with us!
- **ALSO:** you are asked to join us downstairs for their Palachinke brunch!
- (2) Services for Pentecost Monday tomorrow at 9:30AM – NO services Tuesday!
(Blessing of Graves by appointment on Tuesday!)
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**

Ann Cervo Katie Repasky Nick Trbovic Donna/Nick Moss-NH Lucy Pcholinski-H
Martha Zivkovich-NH Stella Stipanovich -NH Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich
Keith Bedell Margaret Ivkovich-NH Melva Buzzelli-NH V. Rev. Adam Yonitch
V. Rev. Paul Lazor Wayne Eremic Servant Joseph John Walker
- (4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**

+Helen Lia Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach +Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich
+Smilja Blagovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Robert Torbic +Ann Vranesevic +Nick Pilipovich
+Jovan Vujatovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Stoyanka Vranesevich +Mel Trkula
+Sharon Young +Mika Rocknage +Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +Amy Pacura
+AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich,+Vasilije Sokolovic +George Medich
+Arlene Crnkovich
- (5) **GROUPS Ministry:** Our Support Group dates for June are: **12th – MEN; 26th – Women!**
- (6) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!
- (7) **REMINDER:** NOW is the time to register for the Youth Conference in Cleveland – June 20th – 24th in Cleveland - **sign up at easterndiocese.org** – then go to Conference banner-link!
- (8) **NEXT Sunday: June 3rd** – we will go to our 9:30AM start time for the summer – be on time!
- (9) **STRUDEL Making For IV:** the next three Tuesdays – May 29th, June 5th, and June 12th at 9 AM!
- (10) **SPECIAL THANKS TO:** all who out on short notice to “pitch in” and provide Blessed Stewardship in working on our Church property to get out the weeds and make the grounds presentable again – you are sooooo appreciated by all – and special thx to Protinica JoAnn for coordinating the day for us!