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## **JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After PENTECOST – Tone 1**

(Commemorating the Saint, Nicetas the Confessor, Bishop of Chalcedon)

Today's Epistle Reading:

**EPISTLE:** Romans 2: 10-16

Today's Gospel Readings:

**LITURGY:** Matthew 4: 18-23

**Troparion:** "When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most-Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world! The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: 'Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!'"

**Kontakion:** "As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: 'Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!'"

## **No Time Or No Love?**

Many persons complain that they have no time to read the word of God. **Spiritual** But it is not really a question of *time* as it is of *love*. We always find time to do the things we like to do. For example, there was once a girl who just did not care to read a certain book. Later, however, she fell in love with the author of the book. All of a sudden her whole attitude changed. She read the book over and over again, very, very eagerly.

When we fall in love with the author (Jesus) it will not be a chore to read His personal letter to us. It will be pure delight. It has been said that the two people who read the Bible most carefully are the atheist and the saint. The atheist because he hates; the saint because he loves.

Father Florovsky has written,

"No one profits from the Gospels unless he is first in love with Christ. For Christ is not a text but a living Person, and He abides in His body, the Church."

The highest form of Bible reading comes to those who love Jesus so much that to read His word is sheer enjoyment. They savor the sweetness of being with him through His word.

We must not expect God always to be giving us great insights when we read his word. Reading God's word is also a way of being with God, basking in His presence, practicing His presence. A father goes fishing with his child not just to catch fish but also just to be with his child.

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

(1) **TODAY:** we invite you to take home some apples to peel for the Strudel-making-day this coming Tuesday at 9 AM!

(1-A) Today we will take our collection for the needy families in our community – please help us!

(2) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**

Katie Repasky Nick Trbovic Donna/Nick Moss-NH Lucy Pcholinski Martha Zivkovich-NH  
Stella Stipanovich -NH Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Keith Bedell  
Margaret Ivkovich-NH Melva Buzzelli-NH V. Rev. Adam Yonich  
V. Rev. Paul Lazor Wayne Eremic Servant Joseph John Walker

(3) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**

+Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach +Sophie Vranesevic  
+Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Ann Vranesevic +Nick Pilipovich  
+Jovan Vujatovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Stoyanka Vranesevich +Mel Trkula  
+Mika Rocknag +Sharon Young +Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff  
+AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rasko Truhovich,/+Vasilije Sokolovic +George Medich  
+Arlene Crnkovich +Amy Pacura

(4) **GROUPS Ministry:** Our Support Group dates for June : TUESDAY, the 12<sup>th</sup> – **MEN;** 26<sup>th</sup> – **Women!**

(5) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!

(6) **REMINDER:** NOW is the time to register for the Youth Conference in Cleveland – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> in Cleveland - **sign up at [easterndiocese.org](http://easterndiocese.org)** – then go to Conference banner-link!

(7) **THE WEEKEND OF June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 1<sup>st</sup>:** Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, Director of the Orthodox National Church Development Program, will be here with us to present the Program's Benefits to us in sessions with our Parish Council, our Church Health Advisory Team, then meet with all our parishioners as a whole on Sunday after Liturgy!  
Make your plans to be with us!

(8) **Baptism** Of Marko Villa is this coming Month – July – Date TBA!

(9) **Shadeland Diocesan Day** is Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – Make your plans to celebrate with us!