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JUNE 17th – 3rd Sunday After PENTECOST – Tone 2

(Commemorating the Saints, Martha and Mary, Sisters of St. Lazarus)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Romans 5: 1-10

Today's Gospel Readings:

LITURGY: Matthew 6: 22-33

Troparion: "When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths, Thou didst raise the dead; all the powers of heaven cried out to Thee: 'O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory to Thee!'"

Kontakion: "Hell became afraid O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!"

Spiritual Food:

"Thine Own of Thine Own We Offer to Thee"

In raising the chalice and paten above the holy table the priest offers us to God through our offering of bread and wine. He says, "Thine own of thine own we offer to Thee." This prayer is taken from I Chronicles 29:14. The background here is interesting. King David had gathered an enormous amount of materials in donations for the construction of the temple. In order to discourage any feeling of false pride in the greatness of their gift to God, he acknowledges publicly that what they have contributed to God for the construction of the temple is already God's own gift to them. They are merely giving back to God what He has already given to them. So David says, "But who am I, and what is my people that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from Thee, and of Thy own have we given Thee." We kneel humbly after this prayer, acknowledging that even in the giving of ourselves to Christ as God, we are merely giving back to Him what He has already given to us.

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

(1) **TODAY:** we invite you downstairs to share a piece of our special cake honoring all our Fathers on this Father's Day!

(1-A) **DIOCESAN PLEA:** To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW I, the Diocese is asking IF anyone has souvenirs (medals, trinkets, symbols, uniform parts, etc.) from that time (1914-1918) to please let Fr. Stevo know, as the Diocese wants to hold a Traveling Exhibit that will go around the Diocesan parishes beginning in September of this year!

(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 Yonitch
V. Rev. Paul Lazar 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 Rocknage +Sharon Young +Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff
+AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich,+/Vasilije Sokolovic +George Medich
+Arlene Crnkovich +Amy Pacura

(4) **GROUPS Ministry:** Our Support Group dates for July : TUESDAY, the 10th – WOMEN;
24th – MEN!

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

(6) **SLIGHT CHANGE FOR THE WEEKEND OF June 29th-30th:** Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff,

Director of the Orthodox National Church Development Program, will be here with us to BUT will be unable to stay for Sunday to meet with all our parishioners as something came up. SO, there will be a Forum session **FRIDAY night (the 29th) at 7 PM** if you wish to come and learn about the Orthodox Natural Church Development Program that is being implemented here!

(7) **Baptism** Of Marko Andres Villa is this coming Month – July 22nd – after Holy Liturgy!

(8) **Sunday, JULY 1st:** Serbian LIFELINE Picnic at the Serb Club from NOON to 7 PM!

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