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## **JULY 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After PENTECOST – Tone 4**

(Commemorating the Holy Martyrs, Leontius, Theodulos, and Hypatius)

**Today's Epistle Reading:**

**EPISTLE:** Romans 10: 1-10

**Today's Gospel Readings:**

**LITURGY:** Matthew 8: 28-34; 9:1

**Troparion:** “When the women disciples of the Lord, learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: ‘Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!’ “  
**Kontakion:** “My Savior and Redeemer as God, rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains! He has shattered the gates of hell; and, as Master, He has risen on the third day!”

**Spiritual Food:** So, this weekend, our Parish has officially begun our ‘journey’ into the future, through the meetings of our Parish Council, parishioners, and Church Health Team with Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, Director of the Orthodox Natural Church Development in the United States. Friday night’s session was BOTH interesting and unsettling: one of the things that Fr. Jonathan shared with us is, “*There is nothing that any of you can do to make your Church grow – nothing.*” We were all really thrown by that remark. But, then he quickly added, “It is God’s Will that makes your Church grow – and it is your coming to an understanding, an acceptance, and a willingness to do things HIS way (not yours) that will make that happen!” Needless to say, our eyes were opened, and more than quite a few of us were intrigued as he went on further to describe the various qualities of a healthy, growing parish and an unhealthy, declining one. Over the several months, beginning immediately with our Church Health Team (Mike Vranesevich, Prot. JoAnn, Sari McNamara, Donna Vranesevic, Lyle Washowich, and Fr. Stevo), developing the strategy to begin Phase I (the surveys and focus groups), we will be calling on some of you to fulfill roles in the process; **EVERYONE will have a part to play**, just not all at once – so please be patient with our Team, and allow us to follow the training that we have experienced to help us make our St. Sava Parish a healthy, growing parish! At present, we will be looking for interested parties to host Focus Group sessions in their homes, and others to help along the way – so stay tuned! We so look forward to this exciting endeavor for our community and look for your support!

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

**(1) TODAY:** we are having the 40-day **PARASTOS** for +Helen Lia, given by her loving family “Memory Eternal!”

**(1-A) Also today:** Serbian LIFELINE Picnic at the Serb Club from NOON to 7 PM!

**(1-B) NEXT SATURDAY:** Divine Liturgy for St. John the Baptist’s **Birth – 9:30AM!**

**(1-C) DIOCESAN PLEA:** To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> 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!

**(1-D) SPECIAL THANKS:** to Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff for being with us the past two days and helping us begin our ONCD Program – and also to our dear Protinica JoAnn and Dee-Dee Baskot for getting the refreshments and food set up for both Friday and Saturday!

**(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 Peholinski 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> – **WOMEN;** 24<sup>th</sup> – **MEN!**

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

**(6) Baptism** of Marko Andres Villa is this coming Month – July 22<sup>nd</sup> – after Holy Liturgy!

**(7) JULY I.V. DATES:** to make palachinke for the Village – TBA!

**(8) Shadeland Diocesan Day** is Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – Make your plans to celebrate with us! (See the Flyer both downstairs and upstairs!)