

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

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SEPTEMBER 16th – 16th Sunday After PENTECOST – Tone 7

(Commemorating the First Serbian Patriarch – Joannicius)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: 2 Cor 6: 1-10

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Lk. 24: 12-35/LITURGY: Matthew 25-14-30

Troparion: “By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Kontakion: “The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: ‘The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!’

Spiritual Food: So, today we officially begin our Journey along the Path to a **Healthier, Spiritually-stronger Body of Christ**, with our taking the first step – the ONCD Surveys that will be completed after Church. The important information that will be gleaned from the results of the Surveys will help us assess where our weaknesses, and strengths are in our community. I am certain that all of us have our own ideas as to what those are, but it is important that we allow the process to **educate and illumine “our hearts”** so that we are able to build on the information we receive, take action steps from the results, and garner as much input we can for the next step – our Focus Groups – to insure that we are doing our utmost in moving toward a healthier Body of Christ in the future. THIS will take patience, humility, and a willingness to work together for the ‘greater good’ – that which will be pleasing to God! In these times, when the ‘trend’ seems to be moving toward a “me-first” dynamic, I encourage ALL of you to offer up Prayers to our Heavenly Father that He continue to bless us, and our efforts, as we try to solidify the very fabric that our beloved St. Sava Church was founded on over a century ago: a willingness to put aside our own personal goals, and ambitions; to make sacrifices of commitment and dedication for the Church as a whole; and a Spirit that motivated all concerned to do whatever he, or she, could do, to glorify God in all things! This morning, we begin the Journey – let us go forth in Faith, and in Love! Thank you all, in advance, for your willingness to be a part of this epic Journey!

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

- (1) **TODAY:** all who are taking the Surveys today after Liturgy – we have pencils for you downstairs – grab your refreshments, then after a short Intro – we will begin!
- (2) **REMINDER #1:** our First Day of Church-school classes will be **NEXT Sunday, September 23rd**, again with a **different format:** our Children will be dismissed **AFTER** Holy Communion for their classes downstairs – to those of us **UPSTAIRS** – please have the courtesy and respect when going downstairs **AFTER** Liturgy to **BE QUIET** and **PROCESS** to the **KITCHEN** for your refreshments – classes will be over shortly! **THANK YOU!**
- (2-A) **REMINDER #2:** Nut-roll Baking Returns on **TUESDAY** the 25th – 9 AM!
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Nick Trbovic Lucy Pcholinski Katie Repasky Donna/Nick Moss-NH
Stella Stipanovich -NH Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Keith Bedell
Margaret Ivkovich Melva Buzzelli-NH V. Rev. Adam Yonitch V. Rev. Paul Lazor
Richard Buzzelli Eugene Gould-H Patrick Singer John Walker Danijela Belo
- (4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+Martha Zivkovich- +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach
+Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Ann Vranesevic
+Nick Pilipovich +Jovan Vujatovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Stoyanka Vranesevic
+Mel Trkula +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young +Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff
+AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich,+Vasilije Sokolovic /Mateja Matejich
+Dorothy Sevich +Ann Bogus +George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich +Amy Pacura
- (5) **GROUPS Ministry Dates:** The September the 25th - Women's Group is cancelled – we will resume in October!
- (6) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!
- (7) **Choir Rehearsal at 7 PM** on this **WEDNESDAY** (the 19th) and the following **TUESDAY** (the 25th) for the Choir Concert in Monroeville and the Vigil of the Cross (Wed the 26th)
- (8) **THIS Friday, September 21st:** Nativity of the Theotokos – 9:30AM Liturgy!
- (9) **Wednesday and Thursday the 26th/27th:** Exaltation of the Cross - 7PM Vigil; 9:30AM Liturgy!
- (10) **OLDIES' DANCE:** Saturday, October 6th – 7 PM...Door & Chinese Auction Prizes needed!
- (11) **Sisterhood Slava** – Sunday, October 14th – Come celebrate with us!