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OCTOBER 14th – 20th Sunday After PENTECOST – Tone 3
(Commemorating the Feast Of The Protection of the Theotokos!)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Galatians 1: 11-19

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Jn. 20: 19-31/**LITURGY:** Lk 7: 11-16

Troparion: "Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown strength with His mighty arm! He has trampled down death by death; He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted the world His great mercy!"

For The Feast: "Protected by your coming, O Mother of God, well-believing people solemnly celebrate today and gazing upon your immaculate image, they humbly say to all: 'Watch over us, with your noble protection, and deliver us from evil by asking your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls!'"

Spiritual Food:

How Can He Know?

Several years ago a group of people visited Niagara Falls. They were taken on a tour of a new hydroelectric development on the Niagara river. The guide explained that there were 400,000,000 separate pieces in the giant turbines that produced electrical current from the rushing waters. Then he made the following amazing statement: "The resident engineer knows where every one of these 400 million pieces goes and what it is supposed to do." If an electrical engineer can know all that, why should we be surprised that our God knows all about us?

Yet we live in an age where people find it extremely difficult to believe that there is a God who knows all about them. With so many millions of people in the world, many find it cynical to believe that God is interested in individuals and knows what happens to them. We live in a world that buries a vast majority of people in an impersonal obscurity behind Social Security numbers. Yet, "Your heavenly Father knows..." says Jesus.

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

- (1) **TODAY:** join us for the wonderful celebration of our beloved **St Sava Sisterhood** Patronal Feast (SLAVA), the Protection of the Theotokos – luncheon after at Luciano's!
(1-A) **ALSO TODAY:** Our regular Monthly Collection for the needy in our Parish!
(1-B) **THIS THURSDAY:** Choir Rehearsal at 7 PM – New Music to learn!
- (2) **REMINDER:** Nut-roll Baking continues **THIS TUESDAY – 9AM!**
(2-A) **THIS TUESDAY:** **Our Men's Group** meets at 7 PM – at Twin Oaks!
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Nick Trbovic Dolly Dubois Lucy Pcholinski Katie Repasky Donna 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 Patrick Singer John Walker Child Danijela Belo
- (4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+ Ray Moss +Helen Tankosich +Very Rev. Dragan Filipovic +Alex Hutsko
+Martha Zivkovich- +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach
+Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Nick Pilipovich
+Jovan Vujatovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young
+Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich/
+Vasilije Sokolovic/Mateja Matejich +Ann Bogus +George Medich
+Arlene Crnkovich +Amy Pacura
- (5) **SUPPORT GROUPS Ministry Dates:** WOMEN – Tuesday the 30th!
- (6) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!
(HARVEST DRIVE:
- (7) **NEXT WEDNESDAY: October 24th:** Akathist for all who suffer from Diseases – 7 PM!
- (8) **Monday, October 22nd:** Education Classes return – 7 PM! (Theme TBA!)
- (9) **COMING IN NOVEMBER:** We have been selected by the Diocese to **HOST** the World War I Exhibit, **from November 23rd-30th** – there will be 12 Exhibits set up in Our Hall, with appropriate **ENGLISH** handbooks explaining the Serbian text of each Panel!
(Please spread the word – this is a magnificent and educational display!)

- HELP needed to set up and dismantle the Panels for Transport to next site!

MARRIED TO THE LORD

The life of **ST. EUPHROSYNE** is both touching and tragic. She was born in Alexandria in the 5th century. Because of the prominence of her father Paphnutius, Euphrosyne grew up with everything she could possibly want. As she became a young woman, however, Euphrosyne realized that "only one thing was needful" for her: to serve Christ!

When Euphrosyne reached the age of 18, her father selected a husband for her. Wishing to give herself totally to the Lord, Euphrosyne disguised herself as a monk and sought refuge in a monastery. Her means of deception worked to perfection, as the abbot welcomed her into the monastic community. She remained there in virtual seclusion, spending every possible moment in prayer and meditation in her humble cell.

For years, Paphnutius continued to search tirelessly for his beloved daughter, who was now known as the monk Smaragdus. His efforts brought him to the very monastery that had become Euphrosyne's home. After explaining his plight to the abbot, Paphnutius was placed in the spiritual care of the monastery's most pious "monk": Smaragdus! After confessing his grief for his lost daughter, Paphnutius (who did not recognize Euphrosyne) was instructed to return in three days for an answer to his prayers. When he did so, Paphnutius found the "monk" near death. The final words of Smaragdus brought him comfort as well as sorrow: "***I AM EUPHROSYNE, YOUR DAUGHTER.***" Grateful for having had the opportunity to see Euphrosyne one final time, Paphnutius decided to remain in the monastery, settling in the cell that had brought his daughter great spiritual fulfillment.