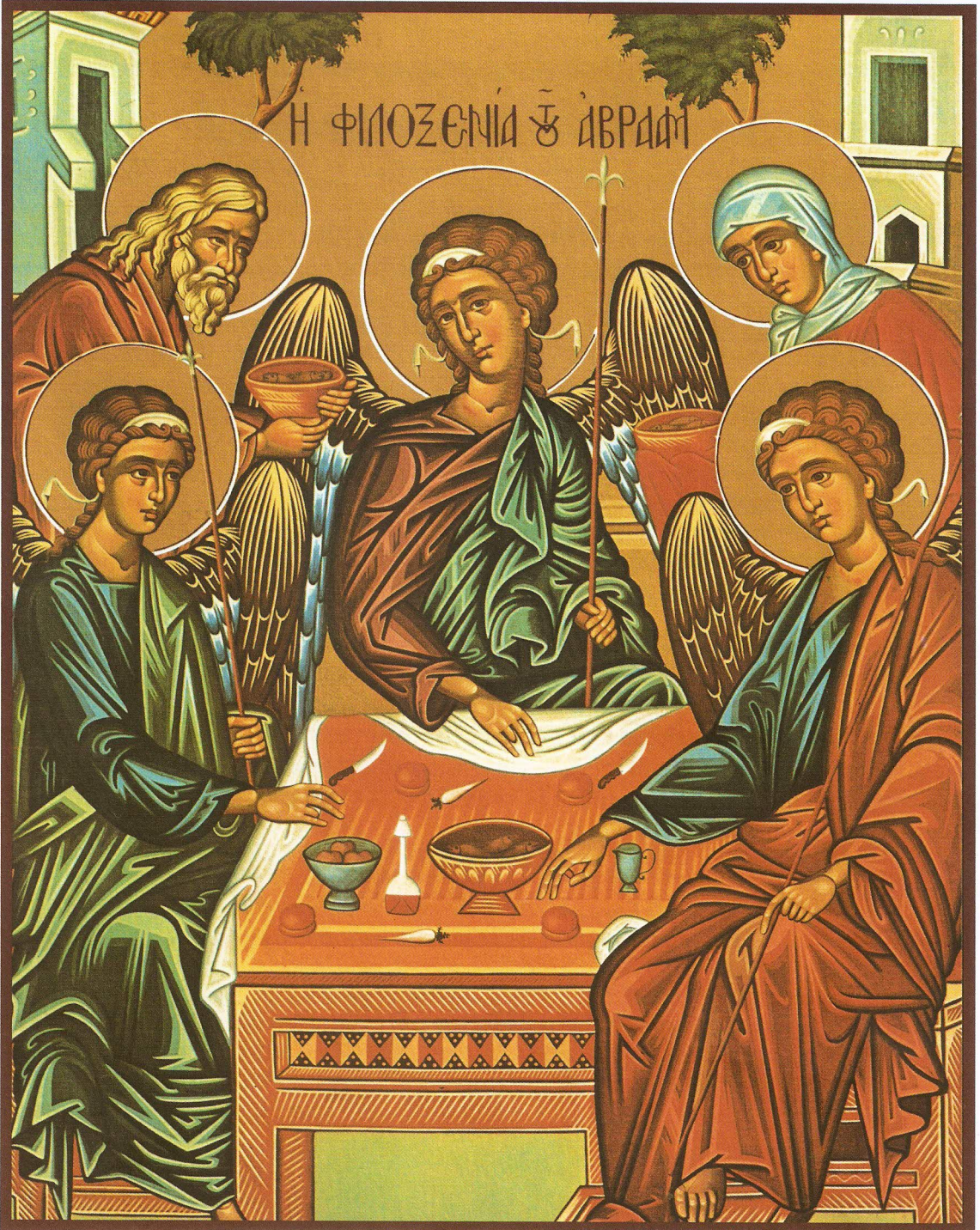


Η ΦΙΛΟΖΕΝΙΑ Ἐ ΑΒΡΑΜ





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

901 Hartman Street, McKeesport, Pa. 15132 **Our Web-site:** [stsavapa.org](http://stsavapa.org)\*

\*(PLEASE VISIT OUR Parish Website, and Also Our Facebook & Twitter Pages!)

*Very Rev. (Stavrophor) Stevan Rocknage, Parish Priest*

**Rectory:** (412)672-1872

**Hall:** (412) 664-0820

**E-mail:** [frstevor@aol.com](mailto:frstevor@aol.com)

**JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Sunday Of ALL Saints – Tone 8**

(Remembering the Holy Hiero-martyr Timothy of Prussia)

**Today's Epistle Reading:**

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews 11, 33-12: 2

**Today's Gospel Readings:**

**LITURGY:** Mt. 10: 32-33, 37-38; 19: 27-30

**Troparion:** "Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial, to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: Glory to Thee!"

**Troparion of All Saints (Tn. 4):**

"As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: 'Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls!' "

**Kontakion:** "By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead, and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!"

**Spiritual Food:** Now that the first round of Focus Groups are completed, our CH Team will be meeting soon to go over all the data via discussion that was obtained, and try to build on the wonderful momentum the groups gave our ONCD Program – stay tuned – YOUR input will be vital to our moving forward!

*You are invited, welcomed, accepted, and loved at the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church regardless of your present or past status in the Orthodox Church; your current family or marital situation; your past or present religious affiliation; or your personal history, age, background, race, or color...*

**Sign up NOW for our Support Groups for our Men and Women, beginning this month!**

**(I realize that the Summer is upon us, but our Support Groups only meet once a month!)**

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

(1) **TODAY:** We remember all the Saints of our Holy Orthodox Faith – both known and unknown!

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

Helen Trkula-H Gary Popovich Katie Repasky Danijela Belo Margaret Ivkovich  
Rick Crnkovich Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Dorothy Medic Dennis McNamara  
Melva Buzzelli-NH Prota Adam Yonitch Prota Paul Lazor Prota Joseph Cervo  
Helen Mochan Vlade Baskot Melva Dandrea Eugene Gould John Ratesic

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

+ Donna Moss + Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovic +Ann Suzich  
+Lucy Pcholinski +Protas Dr. Filipovic,, Den Pavichevich, St Stepanov,  
+Rastko Trbuhovich,/ +Vaso Sokolovic/Zvonko Kotorcevic +Carl Magdic  
+Ray Moss +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach  
+Anka Kresovich +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Nick Pilipovich  
+Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young +Amy Pacura  
+Sophie Vranesevic +Dorothy Shumkaroff +George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich

(4) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **St. Cyril of White Lake Food Drive:** bring in donated goods – basket in foyer of Entrance!

(5) **Have you signed up for our SUPPORT GROUPS yet** – we hope to begin them again this month, at Twin Oaks – so sign-up NOW!  
(Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Women's Group – Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Men's Group – 7 PM – Both)

**(This will be a great way to bring 'new people' into our Community – Spread the Word!)**

(6) **THIS FRIDAY, June 28<sup>th</sup>: Feast Of Vidovdan** – the Battle of Kosovo in 1389 – join us for Festal Matins at 9:30AM – this is THE Quintessential Serbian People's Feas-tDay!

(7) **THIS TUESDAY June 25<sup>th</sup>:** Fr. Stevo & Prot. JoAnn's 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

(8) **July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Fr Stevo will be at the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Serbian Orthodox Church's Beginning as an Autocephalous Orthodox Church (in Chicago) – then attending our Church in America's National Sabor as well!



## AN ICON OF THE HOLY TRINITY

**T**he 18th Chapter of Genesis records the appearance of the Lord to Abraham on the plains of Mamre. One day he lifted his eyes to the door of his tent and saw 3 men standing there. He ran to meet them and bowed himself toward the ground. He welcomed them, and then asked Sarah, his wife, to prepare food for them.

To show that the 3 guests belong to the heavenly world, they are portrayed as angels. This image shows the first appearance of God to man, signifying the beginning of the promise of redemption to mankind. This promise was ultimately fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when the final revelation concerning the Holy Trinity is given to the Apostles in Jerusalem. Therefore, we might say that the Holy Trinity literally binds together the beginning of the Old Testament Church with the establishment of the Church of the New Testament.

Today's Icon shows Abraham and Sarah serving their heavenly visitors. The table has on it a sacrificial dish, considered to be a symbol of the Eucharist. All sacred images of the Trinity tend to present the angels with identical faces, emphasizing the single nature of the 3 Divine Persons. While enjoying the hospitality of Abraham, the angels reveal that in a year's time, his wife Sarah will bear a son. They also, according to the Genesis account, foretell the destruction of the sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Trinity itself is a mystery. Any attempt to set it into iconographic terms is fraught with difficulty, but our Church attempts to capture this essential part of our theology. We are reminded that our religion is TRINITARIAN in nature. The dogma states that God is "Father, Son and Holy Spirit." Here it is depicted graphically.



# KOSOVO

## What Does It Mean To You?



### ABOUT VIDOVDAN

We are offspring of the Kosovo champions, who sacrificed themselves for the Holy Cross and Golden Freedom; we are the green shoots and luscious branches of the national tree, which was badly cut up at Kosovo to very nearly its roots. But that tree did not die, because, the blood of the Cross-bearing Martyrs nourished it to life. The small stump that remained did not dry up because, the Heavenly Kingdom, which was chosen by the champions of the Cross at Kosovo, gave it strength to grow new green branches. We are the body of the body, and bone of the bone, and spirit of the spirit of the people, who after Kosovo lived on in their homes without freedom, in their country under foreign rule - how identical it is with the present state of freedomless servitude of the Serbians at Kosovo and Metohia! - without the earthly kingdom and earthly prosperity... Those peasant ancestors of ours, who no longer dressed in gold-braided dolmans, but in hemp and rough wool, looked at Kosovo with sighs, not as if looking down at a valley, but up to a mountain. From that mountain the people came to expect springs of clean water to wash their wounds and tears, to satisfy the thirst in their hearts and in their spirit, to provide them with heavenly inspiration to bear it and to hold on.

(over)

And truly, the people bore it and held on, thanks be to Kosovo and the Kosovo Pledge in the Church. The church revealed the meaning of KOSOVO and KOSOVO revealed the meaning of everything that happened before and after the fall of the Serbian earthly kingdom. With the help of these two interpreters, the people came to understand deeply the essence of freedom. They came to understand that freedom is a gift of God, that it is a holy state and that it is inseparable from the Holy Cross. Whosoever transgresses against the Holy Cross, he sins against freedom; and vice versa, whosoever transgresses against freedom, he sins against the Holy Cross. Freedom is holy and that is why we came to call it: Holy Freedom. Like clean linen, freedom is given to people; when the people soil it, they have to clean it with blood and tears. Because, freedom is either clean, or it is not at all. Or Golden Freedom is inseparable from the Holy Cross, or it is not at all. In deepest repentance, the people have for centuries washed the soiled freedom with tears of repentance and with the martyr's blood. And when they washed it clean, it was given to them again.

We are the offspring of those martyrs and repenters, who gave life to the insurgents (under Karadjordje)...If anyone in the world can be proud of great and honourable characters, holy men and women, heroic champions and the multitude of martyrs for the Cross and Freedom, then, surely, we can...

The Prince's (Lazar's) choice of the Heavenly Kingdom was made in the name of all of his people and it was the strongest expression of the all-embracing meaning of our history and its regulating idea. Because, Kosovo showed that our national history unfolded on the level of the highest plan, on the tragic and exalted border of the heavenly and the earthly (i.e. the historical and eschatological), of God's and man's. If, as a people in the Nemanjic era, we, with Christ in freedom had power, prosperity and foundations, in the after-Kosovo era, again with Christ, in slavery we did not sink, did not fall, did not perish, instead, we showed a surprising depth of soul through manifold national art and through the strength of that same soul we achieved freedom through victorious national insurgencies. Kosovo is our eternal witness that we as a people have never struggled for superficial and insignificant goals and that we can never be sincerely enthused with petty and temporary values."

ST. BISHOP NIKOLAJ OF ZHICHA,  
*from the Vidovdan Speech, 1939*

# The Defeat Which Became A Victory



Come Pray With Us - FRIDAY @ 9<sup>30</sup> AM!