



The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa
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JULY 14th – 4th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 3
(Commemorating the Wonderworker and Unmercenary Healers, Sts. Cosmas and Damian)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Romans 65: 18-23

Today's Gospel Readings:

LITURGY: Matt. 8: 5-13

Troparion: "Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His 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, great mercy!"

Kontakion: "On this day, Thou didst arise from the tomb, O Merciful One; leading us from The gates of death. On this day, Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs, they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy Power!"

Spiritual Food: This weekend, our Serbian Orthodox Church, by the Grace of God, is celebrating its 800-year Anniversary of Autocephaly – granted in 1219 by the Ecumenical Patriarch – a truly momentous occasion in our lives! Pray for all of our Hierarchs, Clergy, and Laity who are here from the four corners of the world to take part in it! Why is this so important? If not for Autocephaly, there would be no Serbian Orthodox Church in the world! That is also why it is so important that we move forward in strengthening our Parish's Spiritual Health to insure we will be a part of the Universal Church's future, and, of course, for that, we need YOUR involvement!!

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 in July!

(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 welcome our dear Brother in Christ, Rev. Arch-Deacon Ned Trbovich!
- (1-A) **Work Days For It. Village:** THIS Tuesday the 16th – Nut-rolls; Saturday the 27th – Palachinke –both starting at 9:30AM – Come join in the fun and fellowship for the good of our Parish!
- (2) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Helen Trkula Gary Popovich Katie Repasky Danijela Belo Terri Soffa Keith Bedell
Donna Medich Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Dorothy Medic Margaret Ivkovich
Melva Buzzelli-NH Prota Adam Yonitch Prota Paul Lazor Prota Joseph Cervo
Vlade Baskot Melva Dandrea John Ratesic
- (3) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+ Donna Moss + Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovich +Ann Suzich
+Lucy Pcholinski +Protas Dr. Filipovic,, Den Pavichevich, St Stepanov,
+Rastko Trbuhovich,/ +Vaso Sokolovic/Zvonko Kotorcevich +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 Medic +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 23rd – Women's Group – Tuesday, July 30th – Men's Group – 7 PM – for both)
(This will be a great way to bring 'new people' into our Community – Spread the Word!)
- (6) **July 12th – July 16th:** Fr Stevo will be at the 800th 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! In case of emergency, Fr. Michael Zak in Homestead is on call for us – 412-461-3264.
- (7) **Parent-Teacher's Meeting – is now scheduled for MONDAY the 22nd at 7 PM!**
- (8) **CHOIR Rehearsal:** Thursday the 25th at 7 PM – in the Hall! (Practicing for Concert and New Music)

TWO CHIEF APOSTLES

What a remarkable pair are SAINTS PETER AND PAUL! The Church has always celebrated their feastday together. It is fitting that this be so, since both labored so profoundly during the struggling days of the early Christian Faith.

PETER was a fisherman, but through his association with Christ he became a great leader of the Church. He established the Church at Antioch and was its first bishop. He preached the great message of Christ on Pentecost, bringing thousands into the Christian fold. He is thought to have been martyred together with St. Paul about the year 65.

PAUL was a tentmaker, but became the Church's greatest missionary, traveling far and wide though the Greek world of the day, bringing the Gospel of the Lord. He risked his life for the Faith, he was beaten, he was shipwrecked, he was jailed, he suffered a painful illness, yet he endured all for Christ. "Gladly will I glory in my infirmities, that the strength of Christ may dwell in me," he said.

The fourteen Epistles written by St. Paul are the oldest portion of the New Testament, and contain profound explanation of the Christian faith and early Church life. The Scriptures tell of the missionary journeys of St. Paul, founding Churches in such places as Corinth, Ephesus & Philippi. His remarkable conversion to the Christian Faith is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Troparion for these two great saints goes as follows: "You princes of the Apostles and teachers of the universe, pray the Lord of all to grant peace to the world, and to have great mercy on our souls."