



THE ENCOUNTER OF  
ST. VERONICA WITH OUR LORD

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

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## JULY 28<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 5

(Commemorating the Holy Prince Vladimir, Enlightener of Russia)

### Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Romans 12: 6-14

### Today's Gospel Readings:

LITURGY: Matt. 9: 1-8

**Troparion:** “Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit; born for our salvation from the Virgin. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!”

**Kontakion:** “Thou descended into hell, O My Savior, shattering its gates as almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee – O Lord, save us!”

**(The Troparion for the Holy Prince Vladimir will also be sung!)**

**Spiritual Food:** One of the most obvious signs that Society today is under attack from the invisible demonic forces is the constant challenging by many people of the **long-standing ‘absolutes’** that helped formulate our Christian Faith: that ‘God’ should be seen as non-gender; that the traditional portrayal of the Holy Trinity should be revised; that the Mother of God giving birth as a Virgin is lunacy; and other similar stances. As Orthodox Christians, we have a responsibility (actually, a COMMAND from our Lord!) to KNOW the ‘TRUTH’ and to live it out in our lives! Which is why it is so important for us to take advantage of the opportunity to GROW in our Faith and participate in our ORTHODOX STUDY GROUPS, which began this past week with our Women, and continue this Tuesday with Our Men!

*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 for our STUDY Groups for our Men and Women, continuing in September!**

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

(1) Our MEN'S STUDY Group is meeting **this Tuesday** at Twin Oaks at 7 PM! (JOIN US)

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

Steve Kracinovsky-H 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 Trbovic +Ann Suzich  
+Lucy Pcholinski +Protas Dr. Filipovic,, Den Pavichevich, St Stepanov,  
+Rastko Trbuovich,/ +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 Medich +Arlene Crnkovich

(4) MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

(5) SPECIAL NOTE ON CHURCH-SCHOOL: in reviewing our past year, several changes were obviously needed, and here they are:

- Matins is moved up to 9AM – till 9:40AM – so that Fr. Stevo can be with our Children in the Hall – until 10AM – children will then come up to Church around 10:20 AM!
- We are starting a ‘childrens’ choir to sing some short responses in Liturgy – thx to Mary Magdic for volunteering her skills to see this ministry!
- ALSO, during the time between Matins ending and Divine Liturgy starting – we will have an Adult Edu Class downstairs – ALL our welcome to join in and LEARN! (More details to follow)
- **START-UP Date is September 15<sup>th</sup>** – and a Parish Cook-Out planned afterwards! (More details forthcoming.....)

(6) Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>: we will be Blessing our four new Relic-Icons, St. Anastasija Of Serbia, St. Theodore the General, St. Ignatius of Antioch, and St. John of Rila – and welcoming their Iconographer at our Holy Liturgy – a luncheon will follow after Church!

(7) MARK YOUR CALENDARS: for Thursday night, September 12<sup>th</sup>, as our Parish will host the Internationally-acclaimed KONEVTS Quartet from Russia for a concert of both Serbian folk music and Liturgical Hymns – in Church, with a reception after in the Hall – plan on being on time (7PM) as we expect a large Pan-Orthodox following to join us!

## A BEARER OF THE TRUE IMAGE OF CHRIST

**T**n Church History, it is often difficult to distinguish between fact and legend. In the early years of Christianity, stories abounded concerning the spiritual exploits of saintly men and women, often making them out to be larger than life. Nevertheless, the embellishments associated with them do nothing to diminish the sincerity of their commitment to Christ.

**ST. VERONICA** certainly falls into that category. The Church has adhered to the pious tradition that she was, in fact, the woman with the issue of blood who touched the hem of the garment of our Lord as He was passing by (Matthew 9:20). After her divine healing, St. Veronica had such a deep devotion to Christ that it is said that she erected a statue of Him and placed it in front of her home as a token of gratitude.

The name "Veronica" comes from the Latin word "vera" (true) and the Greek word "eikon" (image). It is little wonder then that the story developed about St. Veronica stepping out of the crowd that fateful Good Friday and wiping the perspiring Face of the Lord with her veil - an act of kindness that left an imprint of the suffering Messiah upon it.

Through the years, several traditions have surfaced concerning "Veronica's Veil." Veronica is said to have married a Christian convert named Zacchaios, who joined her in extensive missionary efforts. The veil was their constant companion. One such adventure brought them to the court of the Emperor Tiberius, who was grievously ill. Miraculously, when the Emperor was shown the veil he was instantly cured of his disease. Little else can be factually verified about her life.

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