

"FOR THE LAW WAS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES"



Scriptures tell us that 3 months after delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, Moses was called by God to Mt. Sinai, where he was greeted with these words from the Lord: **"IF YOU OBEY ME FULLY AND KEEP MY COVENANT, THEN OUT OF ALL NATIONS, YOU WILL BE MY TREASURED POSSESSION."** To insure their understanding of this message, God clearly defined the guidelines by which He expected His "chosen people" to live: He gave Moses the 10 Commandments.

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SEPTEMBER 15th – 13th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 4

(Commemorating the Martyrs Mamas, John the Faster, and the Synaxis Of Serbian Saints)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 15: 1-11

Today's Gospel Readings:

LITURGY: Matt. 19: 16-26

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!"

Kontakion: "On this day, Thou didst rise 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!"

FOR YOU: We hope that ALL of you will pay close attention to the talk after Church by our Church Health Team Chairperson, Michael Vranesevic, regarding our New Ministries: Technology, Activities & Welcoming, and Faith & Liturgics! Check out the Dates and Locales BELOW for the next round of Focus Groups and GET INVOLVED!

Thursday, September 12th: 1 PM – Denise Englert's Home

Monday, September 16th - 7 PM - Mike Vranesevic's Home

Tuesday, September 17th - 7 PM - Dan Pacura's Home

Friday, September 20th - 7 PM - Lyle Washowich's Home

REMEMBER: The more that ALL of us can take part in the Process of Coming Together for the betterment of our Community, the more the Future is secured for our beloved Church!

- Sign up for STUDY Groups for our Men and Women, continuing in September!

Women on the 10th, Men on the 24th – BOTH at 7 PM At Twin Oaks)

TODAY: Join us at 9:40AM for our Education Session up in Church!

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

- (1) **WELCOME BACK: Parents and children – Blessing service downstairs....** Picnic after Church in the Hall – Grilled meats and other delicious foods – ALL Welcome!
- (1-A) **CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Thursday evening at 7pm!
(1-B) **NEXT SUNDAY:** Parastos for +Amy Pacura and +Mika Rocknage...
- (2) **SATURDAY: Nativity of The Theotokos – Liturgy at 9:30AM!**
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Eugene Gould Helen Trkula Gary Popovich Mileva Repasky Danijela Belo
Terri Soffa Keith Bedell Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Dorothy Medic
Margaret Ivkovich Melva Buzzelli-NH Protá Adam Yonitch Protá Paul Lazor
Protá Joseph Cervo Vlade Baskot Melva Dandrea John Ratesic
- (4) **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, St Belonick,
+Rast.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 Medich +Arlene Crnkovich
- (6) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
- **St. Cyril of White Lake Food Drive:** bring in donated goods – basket in foyer of Entrance!
 - **REMINDERS:** 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!
 - **Great Vespers Of Elevation of The Cross** – Thursday the 26th – 6 PM!
 - **NUT-ROLLS** Begin the first Tuesday in October – the 1st – at 9 AM!
 - **OCTOBER FAITH STUDY GROUPS:** the 15th – **Women**/the 29th – **Men** – at Twin Oaks!
 - **Sunday, October 13th:** Sisterhood Slava Day – Luncheon at Luciano's – SIGN UP Now at the Tutor's Desk!
 - **Saturday, October 19th:** **OLDIES DANCE – 7 PM** – Door and Chinese Auction Prizes needed for this wonderful event!!

Moses' encounter with the Lord is presented to us in the Book of Exodus. He remained on the cloud-shrouded Mt. Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights, as God explained these 10 great laws to him. In addition to this, God also provided Moses with a series of civil and religious statutes for the Israelites to follow. The Lord instructed His beloved servant in other areas as well, giving him specific orders on how to construct the Tabernacle where His people would worship Him. The duties and obligations of His priests were also set forth by God at this time.



The Israelites, however, were not a patient people, nor was their faith in the Lord as strong and firm as it should have been. They grew weary of waiting for Moses to return from Mt. Sinai, and persuaded Aaron the high priest to make a golden calf for them to worship. They turned away from the one true God, Who had freed them from their bondage to Pharaoh!

When Moses finally returned to their encampment at the foot of the holy mountain, he was enraged at this terrible sight. In a fit of anger, he destroyed the stone tablets upon which God Himself had written the Commandments, and ordered the Levites to slay the unfaithful sons and daughters of Israel. We read in the Book of Exodus that some 3,000 people lost their lives that day.

In His mercy, God later re-affirmed His covenant with the Israelites. Moses returned to the top of Mt. Sinai, where he was given 2 new stone tablets containing God's special precepts as a symbol of this renewal of promise between God and His people.