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October 20th – 18th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 1
(Remembering the Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus of Syria)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: 2 Cor.9: 6-11

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Jn. 20: 1-10/**LITURGY:** Lk. 5: 1-11

Troparion: “When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most-Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: ‘Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!’”

Kontakion: “As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself! Human nature praises Thee, as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: ‘Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!’”

FOR YOU: We hope that all of us will take an ACTIVE role in getting involved and providing input for our Parish Leaders now, as we are moving forward in addressing our Focus Groups setting up Goals for our three Important Ministries (Technology, Activities, Welcoming/Faith, Liturgy) in our Community, with the dates of the initial meetings below:

(There are still openings on each of our Ministry Committees!)

Monday, October 28th: Technology Ministry Meeting – 7 PM – Church Hall

Wednesday, October 23rd: Faith/Liturgy Ministry Meeting – 7 PM Church Hall

Wednesday, October 30th: Activities/Welcoming Ministry – 6:30 PM Church Hall

- Sign up for STUDY Groups for our Men and Women, continuing in this month!
(TUESDAY the 29th of this month: Men's Group - at 7 PM At Twin Oaks)

NOTE: We will hold our Adult Education Discussions EVERY OTHER Sunday,
So our next Session is TODAY– feel free to join the group at the front of the Church to share in this wonderful opportunity!

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

(1) **TODAY:** We have palachinke for sale in the hall after Church – SUPPORT OUR KOLO!

(1-B) **ALSO:** We will do a special Litany for the Departed for +**Joseph Stercula** during the Liturgy...

(2) **THIS TUESDAY:** Our Nut-roll Baking continues! – 9AM!

(2-B) **ALSO TUESDAY:** short Choir practice to go over Anniversary music....

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

Diane Stanesic Mary Sayers Helen Trkula Gary Popovich Katie Repasky
Danileja 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 Timothy & Gregory
Melva Dandrea John Ratesic James King Stephanie Pollock

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

+Joseph Stercula +Dean Trbovic +Donna Moss +Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich
+Nick Trbovic +Lucy Pcholinski +Protas: Dr. Filipovic, Den Pavichevich,, St Stepanov,
+St Belonick, +Rast.Trbuhovich,, +Vaso Sokolovic, +Zvonko Kotorcevic +Carl Magdic
+Ray Moss +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach +Ann Suzich
+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

(5) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **St. Cyril of White Lake:** temporarily suspended while Fr. Carpenter recuperates.....

- **REMINDERS:** Our 'childrens' choir is up and running – but we need ALL the children participating please!,

- **OCTOBER FAITH STUDY GROUPS:** **the 29th – Men** – at Twin Oaks!

- **October 27th:** Church-School Activities Day – Join us for Hayride/Escape Room!

- **NOVEMBER 3rd:** Our Church Celebrates our 118th Anniversary – JOIN US!

- **NOVEMBER 10th:** While I will be away for the Castleman's Gala Weekend, **Proto Dan Rogich** (formerly of Clairton's Parish) will serve the Holy Liturgy here!

MOSAICS: AN ANCIENT ART FORM

When we think of religious art, our initial thoughts will generally turn to iconography. While sacred images on wood and canvas certainly are the most common, there is another form of art that has a rich history of its own. Mosaic-making is one of the oldest known art forms. It involves a special technique of arranging materials, such as stone and cut glass, in such a way that an image of a person or event is formed. The ancient Egyptians decorated the walls of their temples and tombs with colorful mosaics. The Greeks and Romans of antiquity continued to refine and develop this unusual art form.

When Christianity emerged as a powerful spiritual force during the reign of the Emperor Constantine, mosaics began to flourish. The magnificent Church of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, erected by the Emperor Justinian in the 6th century, featured mosaics of indescribable beauty and splendor. Other churches built during this period also contain fine examples of mosaic art. Amazingly, after centuries of exposure to time, the elements and even attempts at desecration, some still remain intact, with all of their original glory.

The process of making a mosaic is still a long one. Proper materials must be painstakingly selected. Before any of the pieces can be set down, an artist must first design the image that the mosaic will depict. After careful planning of colors and forms, the "*masterpiece*" is slowly assembled and held together with mortar or other adhesives. This beautiful process reflects the dedicated workmanship that can be admired in churches today!