

The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa
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October 27th – 19th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 2
(Remembering the Venerable Mother, St. Petka Of Serbia)

Today's Epistle Reading:
EPISTLE: 2 Cor.11, 31-12:9

Today's Gospel Readings:
MATINS: Jn. 20: 11-18/**LITURGY:** Lk. 6: 31-36

Troparion: “When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths, Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out to Thee: ‘O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory to Thee!’”

Kontakion: “Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world O my Savior, praises Thee forever!”

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

- Sign up for STUDY Groups for our Men and Women, continuing in this month!
(THIS TUESDAY: 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 NEXT SUNDAY– 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 are taking our children on a hayride, as well as an “Escape Room” event!

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

(2-B) **ALSO TUESDAY:** Men’s Study Group – 7 PM, at Twin Oaks!

(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 Prota Adam Yonitch
Prota Paul Lazor Prota 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!,

- **NEXT SUNDAY:** Our Church Celebrates our 118th Anniversary – JOIN US for the Holy Liturgy and Banquet following, with our Concert Choir singing!

- **FRIDAY, November 8th:** St. Demetrius The Great-Martyr – 9:30AM Liturgy!

- **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 Matins and Liturgy here!

CHRIST IS OUR ANSWER

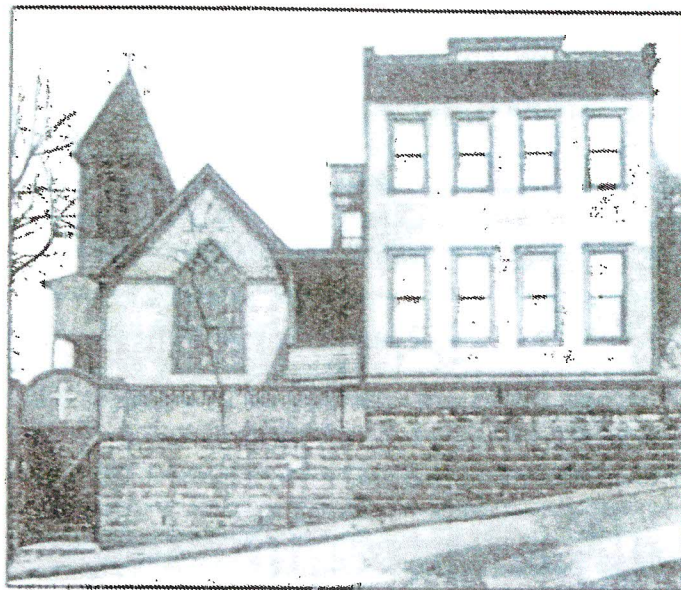
There was a popular commercial for an antacid that asked the question: "How do you spell relief?" To ask it from a Christian believer's standpoint, there is only one answer. The relief from worry and anxiety . . . relief from the problems and difficulties of daily life . . . relief from temptation and sin . . . it can only be spelled C-H-R-I-S-T.

Some icons of our Lord depict Him holding an open book, highlighting this famous quotation: "COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." (Matthew 11:28) Life is often a tremendous struggle. Trials and tribulations must be dealt with constantly. Even the strongest of individuals needs assistance in dealing with the pressures of living in what is often a cold, cruel world.

How comforting it is to know that Christ is ALWAYS there for us! He will never abandon those who faithfully follow Him. As the Psalmist tells us: "THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH AND OUR SONG, AND HAS BECOME OUR SALVATION." We can ALWAYS rely on His grace and His love, which will see us through the darkest of times.

"COME TO ME!" Christ never forces Himself upon us, but He does invite all of us to take up His offer. Relief will truly be ours if we accept this blessed invitation!

NEXT SUNDAY: Our 118th Church Anniversary - JOIN US!
(Banquet & Entertainment After Liturgy!)



The original church of **St. Sava** in McKeesport, PA.

"I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou has done."

Psalm 143:5

