



A
DREAM

written down with a date becomes a

GOAL

A goal broken down into steps becomes a

PLAN

A plan backed by

ACTION

makes your dreams

REALITY



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November 3rd – 19th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 3
(Remembering the Venerable Hilarion The Great)

Today's Epistle Reading:
EPISTLE: Galatians 1: 11-19

Today's Gospel Readings:
MATINS: Jn. 20: 19-31/**LITURGY:** Lk. 7: 11-16

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 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!"

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!)

- Sign up for STUDY Groups for our Men and Women, continuing in November!
Tuesday the 12th (Women) and the 26th (Men) – 7 PM!

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:

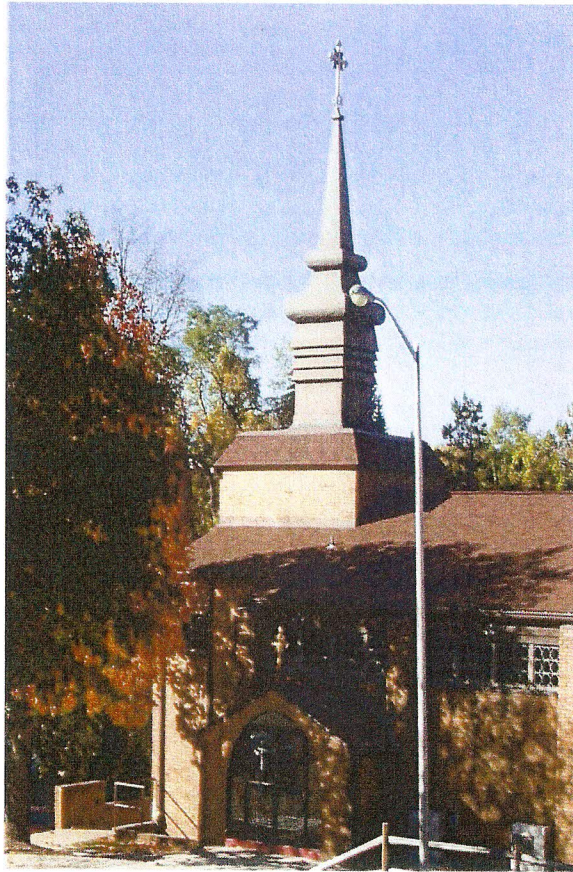
- (1) **TODAY:** We invite you to join us as we celebrate our 118th Anniversary as the Body of Christ! Banquet and Choral Presentation after Church – Come and enjoy!
- (2) **Thanksgiving Drive Begins:** we put an insert in the Today's Bulletin asking for donated Goods for the needy in and around our Community – **and TODAY is our 1st Collection!**
- (3) **THIS TUESDAY:** Our Nut-roll Baking continues! – 9AM!
- (4) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
George Rocknage Nancy Belich 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
- (5) **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 Kotorceвич +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
- (6) **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!,
 - **THIS FRIDAY, November 8th:** St. Demetrius The Great-Martyr – 9:30AM Liturgy!
 - **NEXT SUNDAY:** : While I am away for the Castleman's Gala Weekend, **Proto Dan Rogich** (formerly of Clairton's Parish) will serve the Holy Matins and Liturgy here!
- (7) **A PERSONAL NOTE:**
 - Thank you, all who have texted or called about our Dad's health – we have placed him Now under Hospice Care, and have begun the "roller coaster" of good days and bad ones. With the assistance of the Professionals, we are keeping Dad as comfortable as possible, And helping him eat and drink....Praise God for such Blessings!

A DREAM BECOMES A REALITY

In his ill-fated campaign for the Presidency in 1968, the late senator Robert F. Kennedy would frequently paraphrase the words of playwright George Bernard Shaw at the conclusion of his speeches: "Some men see things the way they are and say 'Why?' I dream things that never were and say 'Why not?'" The implication was clear: Kennedy wanted to portray himself as a man who would not be afraid to boldly venture in areas that others would timidly avoid. The same can be said about the monastery featured on today's bulletin and its founder.

The RILA MONASTERY was started in the first half of the 10th century. It was through the tireless resolve of ST. JOHN OF RILA and his companions that it would become one of the main monastic centers of Bulgaria. It flourished greatly in the 13th and 14th centuries, was burnt down in 1833 and rebuilt from the ground up. For generations, it has served as a beacon of Christianity. But it took the pious devotion, inspired vision and endless drive of a poor monk for his DREAM to become a REALITY.

In Proverbs 16:3, we are instructed "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Be sure not to merely be a "dreamer" but a "doer." With sweat, determination and hard work, may we honor our Lord, as He watches over our every action.



Our St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church-Community is 118 Years Old!

But, what does this mean? That we are old? (Depends who you talk to!) That we are a dying Community? (NEVER!) That we are just “biding our time” until we all either go to our final resting places, and the doors are closed for the last time? (Umm, NOPE!)

One of the most frustrating aspects of being in an older Community is that too many people fail to understand that it is not just the ‘young’ that have to focus forward and make positive contributions to the Parish’s Future – it is also necessary for the ‘we older ones’ as well! This can be done in a variety of ways: talking about what things worked in the past, ideas, projects, etc.; giving advice and counsel to our Parish Leadership on what the Community must do to ensure a stronger future; but, perhaps most importantly, **pray for our Lord to help us ALL see the POSITIVE** in what our Parish is now doing to meet the challenges of the future. Now is NOT the time to be negative, or to question every ‘change’ that is starting to take place. We must All come to the realization that the changes that we are starting to see happen are for the “good and sanctification of ALL our St Sava Stewards”!

It is our fervent prayers and hope that, as we come together today and joyfully celebrate our Milestone as the Body of Christ, we will also **joyfully lift each other up and prayer**, from Fr. Stevo and the Parish Council, all the way down to our tiniest (and youngest) believer!

“May God Grant Us Many, Many Years In Continuing To Do His Work!”

Thanksgiving Drive For The Needy – 2019

Our St. Sava Parish Council is once again coordinating this Season's Food Drive for the needy families in our local community....last year, we were able to assist five families – let's do even better this year! Please continue to bring in your donated goods to the Church hall (put them on the stage, except for frozen things, etc.), and the **DEADLINE** for ALL donated goods to the Church hall is **Sunday, November 22nd**:

Frozen Turkeys (between 12-18 lbs.)
Potatoes (regular or sweet)
Stuffing mix.
Dinner rolls (frozen or refrigerated)
Cranberry sauce.
Pumpkin pie filling
Pumpkin pies
Coffee (regular and/or decaf)
Cool Whip
Pasta and Spaghetti sauces
Canned vegetables
Milk (fresh please!)
Eggs (again, fresh please!)
Butter/Margerine
Giant Eagle Gift Cards
Gravy

In addition, remember that we will be taking special collections for our Needy families **Today, then again on the 8th, the 15th, and the 22nd** – so whatever you can do to help, by all means, do your best!

Finally, we ask that you remember all of the needy in prayer this coming Season!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING CONCERN FOR OUR NEEDY!

Your St. Sava Parish Council