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The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa
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November 10th – 21st Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 4
(Remembering the Venerable St. Arsenius of Srem, Arch-Bishop of Serbia)

Today's Epistle Reading:

Today's Gospel Readings:

EPISTLE: Galatians 2: 16-20

MATINS: Jn. 21: 1-141/**LITURGY:** Luke 8: 5-15

Troparion: "When the women disciples of the Lord, learned from the Angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: 'Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!'"

Kontakion: "My Savior and Redeemer as God, rose from the Tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell; and, as Master, He has risen on the third day!"

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 Parish, **with their Second Meeting Dates below:**

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

- **TECHNOLOGY** – Tuesday, December 3rd – 7 PM
- **FAITH & LITURGY** – Wednesday, December 4th – 7 PM
- **ACTIVITIES & WELCOMING** – Wednesday, December 11th – 6:30PM

- **Sign up for STUDY Groups for our Men and Women, continuing in November!**
THIS 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 NEXT SUNDAY the 17th – come 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 welcome our dearest Brother in Christ, Protá Daniel Rogich (formerly of our Serbian Parish in Clairton) to lead us in the Holy Services this morning!
- (2) **Thanksgiving Drive has begun:** Please refer to our list of donated goods for the needy in and around our Community – **and TODAY we take our 2nd 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 Protá Adam Yonitch Protá Paul Lazor Protá 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:**
+Barbara Tomac (Fr. Stevo's Teta) +Mika Rocknage +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
+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.....
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our Church-school is in the process of taking on an Advent Play, "*The Christmas Story in the 21st Century*" for our Parish Celebration on Dec. 15th!
- **THIS THURSDAY, November 14th:** Sts. Cosmas & Damian – **9:30AM Matins!**
- (7) **A PERSONAL NOTE:**
- Again, thanks to all who have texted or called about our Dad's health – he continues under Hospice Care, and the "roller coaster ride" of good days and bad ones.
(Whenever possible, we will try to allow a minimum of visitation for those who wish to see him for a short period of time!)
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!

“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD”

Do you remember the Gospel story where Christ is confronted by a wealthy young man who wants to know what he must do to gain eternal life? Our Lord's answer – “**Sell all that you have and come, follow Me**” – caused the lad to hang his head and walk away, for his world apparently revolved around his material possessions.

Fortunately, there have been many pious people throughout the course of Church History who have been able to understand that a Christian's goal must be storing up treasures in heaven, not here on earth! One such person was **ST. HILARION THE GREAT**, who literally walked away from a life of luxury, content to spend his years as a humble ascetic.

Hilarion was born in 293 A.D. in the village of Tabatha near Gaza in Palestine. At an early age, he was sent to Alexandria by his wealthy parents so that he could receive a well-rounded education in this ancient center of learning. It wasn't the arts or sciences that attracted his interest, however. Hilarion immersed himself in the teachings and doctrines of the Christian faith. After his formal baptism into Christianity, Hilarion embarked upon a strict monastic lifestyle in the deserts of Egypt. He sought out the famous St. Anthony the Great, whose wise counsel aided him greatly in his quest for spiritual perfection.

After several years, Hilarion returned to his Palestinian homeland, where he discovered that his parents had died. He disposed of the vast fortune which he had inherited and returned to the solitude that the quiet desert was able to offer him. He fell asleep in the Lord in Cyprus at the age of 80.