



**The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa**  
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**December 8<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 8**  
(Remembering Holy Hiero-martyr Clement & The Leave-Taking Of The Theotokos Feast)

**Today's Epistle Reading:**  
**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 4: 1-6

**Today's Gospel Readings:**  
**MATINS:** Mk. 16: 9-20/**LITURGY:** Luke 10: 25-37

**Troparion:** “Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial, to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: ‘Glory to Thee!’”

**Kontakion:** “By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!”

**FOR YOU:** As the Holiday Season draws ever closer, perhaps NOW is the time to set aside a block of time for you, your family, etc., to get away from the hustle and bustle of the Season and do something for your souls! A great way to start is our **Saturday night Vespers**, a short **25-30 minute** spiritual experience that will put you in a good frame of mind to focus on the most important things in life: **God, Family, and Our Souls!** In addition, find the time to reach out to others, those God has put in our lives who are in need, and do something for them! You will be glad you did – and your soul will rejoice!

**- ACTIVITIES & WELCOMING – Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30PM**  
**- Sign up for STUDY Groups for our Men and Women, continuing in November!**  
**THIS TUESDAY the 10<sup>th</sup> (Men) – 7 PM!**

**NOTE:** Our next Adult Forum Session is Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> – “St. Nicholas & Santa Claus” is the topic - come join us at the front of the Church to learn more!

**ATTENTION:** Our “Faith/Liturgy” Committee will be updating our ‘ancient’ Parish Directory beginning in January – you will be asked if you want to be listed in it (name, Address, phone number, etc.) – by contacting Nada James: [nadajames1960@yahoo.com](mailto:nadajames1960@yahoo.com)!  
(Or call her at: 412-751-5450)

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

(1) **TODAY:** is our Stewardship Sunday – please bring up your Pledge Cards during the service, when prompted!

(2) **The Christmas Lenten Fast is here** – Confessions on Saturdays between 5 and 6 – stay for Vespers please!

(3) **NO MORE ORDERS FOR NUT-ROLLS PLEASE!**

(4) **THIS THURSDAY: Choir Rehearsal for Christmas – 7 PM!**

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

George Rocknage Nancy Belich Tom Stanesic Mary Sayers Helen Trkula  
Gary Popovich Madelyn and Katie Repasky Danileja Belo Terri Soffa Keith Bedell  
Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Dorothy Medic-NH Margaret Ivkovich  
Melva Buzzelli-NH Prota Adam Yonitch Prota Paul Lazor Prota Joseph Cervo  
Vlade Baskot Timothy & Gregory Melva Dandrea John Ratesic

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

+Barbara Tomac +Mika Rocknage +Betty Karlovich +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

(7) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **NEXT Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: ADVENT CELEBRATION** – Lenten Covered Dishes needed – Come enjoy the Church-School Presentation for all!

(Join us for a wonderful celebration of the Holy Season of Advent – GREAT Fellowship!)

- **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for the beautiful Baptismal Liturgy of our catechumen, Jon Mohney, who will be welcomed into the Holy Orthodox Faith – Come and lift him in prayer that day!

(8) **2020** Wall Church Calendars (FREE) and Pocket Calendars (\$2) are at the Tutor's Desk!

## **SUFFERING FOR THE LORD**

**S** AINT KATHERINE was born in the late third century in Egypt. She lived in an era when Christianity, after withstanding centuries of persecution, was finally beginning to get the “upper hand” over various forms of pagan worship. Still, Christians were constantly called upon to defend their Faith and risk the prospect of martyrdom in the process.

Even at an early age, Katherine displayed a wonderful ability to verbalize her feelings about the Lord she so loved. At the age of 18, she engaged in fierce public debates in the city of Alexandria. After one such encounter, when she thoroughly humiliated the most powerful pagan orators, Katherine was arrested by the Emperor and accused of being an “enemy of the state.”

After she refused an offer of clemency in exchange for denying Christ, it was decided that a public example should be made of Katherine, hoping to discourage other Christians from speaking out so strongly against their pagan beliefs. She was placed on a revolving wheel of spikes and tortured in this cruel and barbaric manner until she died.

The year of Katherine’s death is thought to be 311 A.D. Her relics are preserved in the famous monastery at Mt. Sinai that bears her name. The words of her Troparion exemplify her life: “I SUFFER FOR YOUR SAKE IN ORDER TO REIGN WITH YOU, LORD.”