

The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa 901 Hartman Street, McKeesport, Pa. 15132 Our Web-site: stsavapa.org* *(PLEASE VISIT OUR Parish Website, and Also Our Facebook & Twitter Pages!)

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February 2nd – 33rd Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 8

(Zacchaeus Sunday - Remembering the Holy & Venerable Euthymius The Great)

Today's Epistle Reading:

Today's Gospel Readings:

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 4: 9-15 MATINS: Jn. 21: 15-25 LITURGY: 19: 1-10

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!"

CHURCH HEALTH MINISTRY

MEETING DATES: Coming up in February at Church Hall:

Wednesday the 19th: Faith & Liturgy – 7 PM!

Tuesday the 25th: Technology - 7 PM!

(Please read over the Updates On These Ministries In The Bulletin Insert!)

ATTENTION: Our "Faith/Liturgy" Committee is updating our 'ancient' Parish Directory – you will be asked if you want to be listed in it (name, address, phone number, etc.) – by contacting Nada James: nadajames1960@yahoo.com! (Or call her at: 412-751-5450; Sign-up cards at the Tutors' Desk)

SPECIAL NOTE: I am trying to catch up on House Blessings – still somewhat behind, but I will call ahead to let you know! **Thx for your continue patience!**

SPECIAL THANKS: Again, to all of you, my dear Church family, for the continued outpouring of loving prayers and support (both in food, household items, etc.) in the wake of my dear Father's falling asleep in the Lord on Theophany – "Mnogu Hvala!"

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

- (1) **TODAY:** we will serve the Litany for the Departed for **+Keith Bedell**, nephew of Donna Medich!
- (1-A) **Beth Kracinovsky** (of our Activities-Welcoming Committee) will give a short pep talk on our reintroducing the Fellowship Hour!!
- (2) TUESDAY, February 11th: We will be making nut-rolls at 9:30AM!
- (3) Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:

 Nancy Belich Bruce Bennet Marie Ann Hantz Helen Trkula Gary Popovich

 Danileja Belo Terri Soffa Katie Elizabeth Repasky Nathaniel Rocknage Mary Sayers

 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 Eugene Gould John Ratesic
- (4) Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:
- +George Rocknage +Keith Bedell +Mika Rocknage +Betty Karlovich +Joseph Stercula
 - +Donna Moss +Barbara Tomac +Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovic
 - +Protas: Dr. Filipovic, Den Pavichevich, St Stepanov, +St Belonick, +Rast.Trbuhovich,
 - +Vaso Sokolovic, +Zvonko Kotorcevich +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
 - +Peter Miljus +George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich +Hubert Witte

(5) MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Our Fish Fry days begin on Friday the 28th..... of February!
- February Tuesdays the 11th, 18th, and 25th NUT-ROLL Baking for our Fish-Fry Days!
- (6) Stewardship Pledges For 2020 Have You Turned Yours in yet?????
- (7) Have you contacted Nada James regarding the Updated Parish Directory? (Her contact info is in this Bulletin!)
- (8) "SERB-FEST" UPDATE: The first organizational meeting of our newly christened 'Taste of Serbia' food and culture festival was held last Tuesday evening in the Church hall. It was well attended by over 20 people. Jim Brady agreed to be general chairperson for the event and several people volunteered to head the various sub-committees. There was a high level of energy at the meeting and many excellent ideas were discussed. More details will be shared with you in the very near future. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24 at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall all are welcome please get involved!

A MODEL OF MEEKNESS

oday we feature a saint whose life teaches us that greatness often lies merely in doing simple things to the very best of our abilities. St. Euthymius is given the distinction of being referred to as "the Great," even though he spent most of his life in obscurity.

ST. EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT was born in Militene of Armenia in 377 A.D. Blessed with a firm desire to totally dedicate his life to serving the Lord, he was ordained to the holy priesthood at the tender age of 19. Devoted to the monastic way of life, Euthymius soon withdrew into the wilderness between Jerusalem and Jericho. He lived in a cave, filling his life with prayer and meditation. His reputation for piety and spirituality spread rapidly, and pilgrims from far and near sought him out, eager to receive his wise counsel. He became well-known for his profound spiritual sayings, always emphasizing the importance of love and humility in one's life. A follower of strict ascetic practices, Euthymius would leave his cave each Lent and retire to the desert, where he would remain in solitude until Pascha.

St. Euthymius the Great was blessed by the Lord with longevity of years. He died in 473 A.D. at the age of 97. His final request was that the monastery which had been founded near his cave would always keep its gates open to visitors, offering warmth and hospitality to all who entered.

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