



**The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa**  
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**February 16<sup>th</sup> – 35<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 2**  
(Prodigal Son Sunday – Commemorating the Holy & Righteous Simeon and Anna)

**Today's Epistle Reading:**  
**EPISTLE:** 1 Cor. 6: 12-20

**Today's Gospel Readings:**  
**MATINS:** Mk. 16: 1-8 **LITURGY:** Lk. 15: 11-32

**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:** “I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among the sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gave to me; and now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: ‘I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants’ .”

**CHURCH HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**THIS Wednesday:** Faith & Liturgy – 7 PM! **Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>:** Technology – 7 PM!  
**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Presentation of ALL Ministry Teams and their specific Ministry Tasks to our Parish and our College Students who will be invited to be with us that day – a BIG day in our journey to a stronger, spiritually healthier future – BE THERE!

**ATTENTION:** While we will NOT be hosting a Pittsburgh Deanery Vespers on Forgiveness Sunday (March 1<sup>st</sup>) – we will have our own Rite of Forgiveness here, then the 40-day Parastos for +George Rocknage, followed by a Cheese-Fare luncheon in the Hall – JOIN US! (We will be hosting a Lenten Vespers later in Lent!)

**REMINDER:** Our beautiful **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** will begin on **Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>**, With Confessions at 5:45 PM, and the Liturgy at 6:30 PM – JOIN US IN PRAYER!  
(If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please avoid eating from Noon till the service)

**LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY:** Fr. Stevo will be away at the Church's Assembly in Florida – from Tuesday thru Saturday; Fr. Michael Zak (412-461-3264 is available for EMERGENCY Calls ONLY Please!

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

- (1) **TODAY:** we invite you downstairs for our Fellowship – hosted by our Men's Club!
- (2) **THIS TUESDAY, the 18<sup>th</sup>:** We will be making nut-rolls at 9:30AM! **(HELP Please!)**
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**  
William Packosky Nancy Belich Marianne Hantz Helen Trkula Gary Popovich  
Danileja Belo Katie Elizabeth Repasky George Belancik-NH 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:**  
+Dan Petrovich +Keith Bedell +George Rocknage & +Mika Rocknage  
+Barbara Tomac +Joseph Stercula +Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovic  
+Protas: Dr. Filipovic, Den Pavichevich,, +Rast.Trbuhovich,, +Vaso Sokolovic,  
+Carl Magdic +Ray & Donna 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 +Seya Maybee
- (5) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**  
- Our Fish Fry days begin **NEXT Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>**..... of February!  
**(SPECIAL PLEA:** For our first Fish-Fry (the 28<sup>th</sup>), a key core of our main workers will NOT be available – they will be in Florida for the Church Sabor – so we REALLY need YOU to come forward that day and TAKE ON the responsibility of handling that day – ok? Let Dee-Dee Baskot know of your availability!
- (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" NEWS:** The next organizational meeting of our newly-christened 'Taste of Serbia' food and culture festival is coming up next week!. Our Chairperson, Jim Brady, is excited that several people have volunteered to head various sub-committees. Many details still need to be worked on, especially finalizing the date – so join us at the **next meeting is scheduled for February 24 at 7:00 PM** in the Church Hall - all are welcome - please get involved!
- (9) **OUR PARISH IS HOSTING:** A Western PA **Youth Retreat, on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>,** "The Game of Life – Navigating Today's Twists and Turns" – and we anticipate a fine turn-out of Orthodox Youth here that day!

**“OUR HEART IS RESTLESS UNTIL IT RESTS IN THE LORD”**

**A**s we continue to prepare for the beginning of Great Lent, our Holy Church places before us today the Parable of the PRODIGAL SON. It is a story that graphically points out the impetuosity of youth through the character of the youngest son, who impatiently demanded his inheritance and consequently lost everything. It is a tale of unconditional mercy, as the father in the parable - symbolizing God Himself - lovingly welcomes home his humbled, repentant offspring.

More importantly, however, the Parable of the Prodigal Son can be likened to each of us looking in a mirror. In effect, this is a story about ALL OF US. At one time or another, everyone of us has given in to the same temptations that clouded the thinking of the Prodigal Son. We have abandoned our Father's house and have strayed from the path that has been set for us. We have all foolishly felt that we can make it through life doing things "our way."

Inevitably, we must all realize that seeking a life of PLEASURE cannot bring us true HAPPINESS, for this can only be found when we are in communion with God. As St. Augustine tells us: "Our heart is restless until it rests in the Lord."

It is never too late to "rise and go to our Father." He waits for all of us to return to Him! He offers us something far more valuable than a robe, ring and sandals when we repent - He promises us a place in His Heavenly Kingdom.