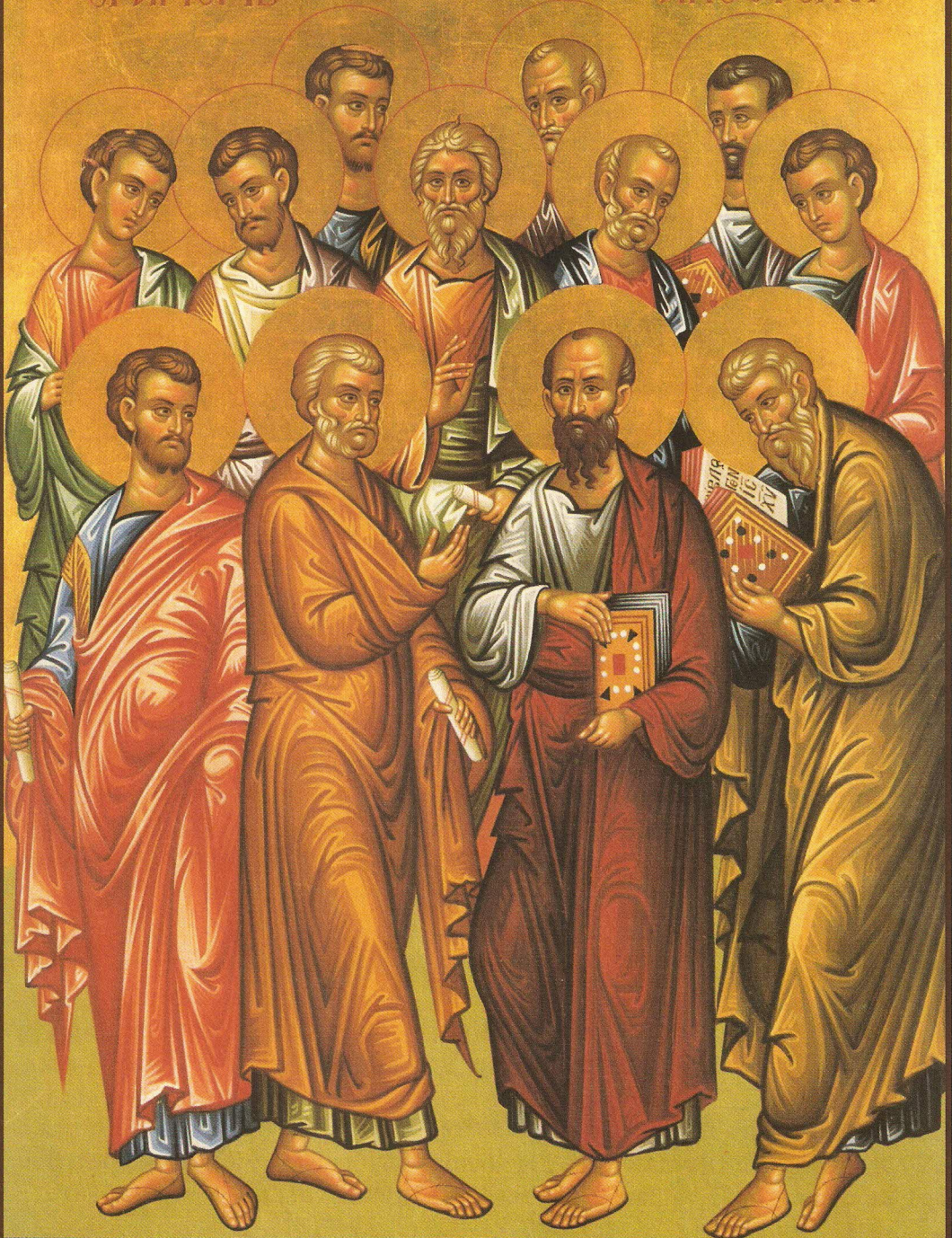


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March 8th – 38th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 5 – Sunday Of Orthodoxy

(Today the Church remembers the 1st and 2nd Finding of the Head of John the Baptist)

Today's Epistle Reading:

Today's Gospel Readings:

EPISTLE: 2 Cor. 4: 6-15

MATINS: Lk 24: 12-35

LITURGY: Jn. 1: 43-51 & Mt. 11: 2-15

Troparion: “Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit; born for our sakes from a virgin. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to destroy death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!”

Kontakion: “We venerate Thy most Pure Image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Your Good Will, You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore, with thankfulness, we cry aloud to You: You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, for You came to save the world!”

CHURCH HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

A BIG DAY - on Sunday, May 17th: A special Presentation of ALL Ministry Teams and their specific Ministry Goals to our Parish and our College Students who will be invited to be with us that day – an important day in our journey to a stronger, spiritually healthier future!

REMINDER: Our beautiful **Pre-Sanctified Liturgies** continue **THIS Wednesday** with Confessions at 5:45 PM, and the Liturgy at 6:30 PM – **JOIN US!**

(GREAT turnout last week – Keep it up!)

(If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please avoid eating from Noon till the service)

REMINDER: Each Friday is our **FISH FRY** –from 12-6 PM, and remember that our Prep Day is each **THURSDAY** to help prepare our delicious **MENU** – **BE THERE!**

(ALSO: Our St. Sava Parish has made it to **Round 2 “Savory Sixteen”** of

The **2020 Pittsburgh Ultimate Fish Fry** tournament bracket! Please visit theincline.com to cast your vote – **BUT, no late than Tuesday, March 10th!!!**)

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

(1) TODAY: we will celebrate the Triumph of Orthodoxy with our Procession of Icons
At the end of the Divine Liturgy – you are welcome to join in!

(1-A): **SPECIAL THANKS** to ALL who have helped at the Fish Fry – BUT, we are in desperate need of more **donated BAKED GOODS** for the dessert table – PLEASE DONATE!

(2) **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 Mary Sayers LuAnne
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

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

+Dan Petrovich +George Belancik +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
+Keith Bedell +Arlene Crnkovich +Hubert Witte +Smilja Blagovich

(4) **Stewardship Pledges For 2020** – Have You Turned Yours in yet?????

(5) **”SERB-FEST” NEWS:** Our Parish Festival – officially named, “A Taste of Serbia” has
A LAUNCH DATE: **October 2-4th, 2020** – please mark your calendars, and SAVE the date,
As well as pass the word amongst all your family and friends! Remember: YOUR help is
needed to make this inaugural event a success – more details to follow soon!!
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 31st at 7 PM!

(6) **OUR PARISH IS HOSTING:** A Western PA Youth Retreat, on Saturday, April 4th,
“The Game of Life – Navigating Today’s Twists and Turns” – and we anticipate a fine
turn-out of Orthodox Youth here that day!

(7) Our **LENTEN EDUCATION CLASSES** begin on Monday the 16th at 7 PM – JOIN US!

✠ ✠ A LESSON ABOUT HOLY IMAGES ✠ ✠

On this SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, let us ponder the wise words of the Church Father, ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS:

"In former times God, who is without form or body, could never be depicted. But now when God is seen in the flesh conversing with men, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake. Never will I cease honoring the matter which wrought my salvation! I honor it, but not as God. How could God be born out of things which have no existence in themselves? God's body is joined to His person by a union which shall never pass away. The divine nature remains the same; the flesh created in time is quickened by a reason endowed soul. Because of this I salute all remaining matter with reverence, because God has filled it with His grace and power. Through it, my salvation has come to me. Was not the blessed wood for the Cross considered matter? What of the life bearing rock, the holy and life-giving tomb, the fountain of our resurrection, was it not matter? Is not the ink in the most holy Gospel-book matter? Is not the life-giving altar made of matter? From it we receive the bread of life! Are not gold and silver matter? From them we make crosses, patens, chalices! And over and above all these things, is not the Body and Blood of our Lord matter? Either do away with the honor and veneration these things deserve, or accept the tradition of the Church and the veneration of images."