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## **DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 7**

(We remember the Holy Apostles Philemon, Apphia, and Archippus & the Martys Cecelia)

<u>Today's Epistle Reading:</u> **EPISTLE:** Eph. 2: 14-22

MATINS: Mk. 16: 1-8/LITURGY: Luke 8: 41-56

**Troparion:** "By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death, to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the Myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou commanded Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!"

**Kontakion:** The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: 'The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!'"

**Fr. Stevo continues** to live-stream the Designated Liturgies as well as his Weekly Pod-casts – **THURSDAYS at 11AM** – TUNE in!

**REMINDER:** with the Co-vid variant still lingering, **please be SMART and SAFE:** If you are vaccinated, masks are optional – you can wear one if you wish; but, if You are NOT vaccinated, you must wear a mask – thank you for your understanding!

**The Christmas Lenten Fast is Here:** please make time for fasting (with ALL your senses), for Holy Confessions (Saturdays at 5 PM, or by appointment!), Holy Communion, and especially the Virtue of Giving Alms to the Poor!

**REMINDER:** Closely related to the above Notice on the Christmas Lenten Fast, Starting NEXT Sunday, we will be taking weekly collections for the poor in our community – please help as best you can!

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

- (1) **TODAY:** We ask that you join us for our Annual Parish Meeting after Liturgy as we discuss the status of our Parish and our future Luncheon provided!
- (2) **TUESDAY:** join us for our Women's Support Group at 7 PM at Twin Oaks our Topic, "Christmas in Today's Society"!
- (2-A) ALSO TUESDAY and THURSDAY: Nut-roll Baking JOIN US! (NO MORE ORDERS BEING TAKEN Baking is being done to fill previous!)
- (3) Please pray for the health and well-being of the following loved ones:

  Stephen Kracinovsky AP Thomas Gallaway Eva Orr Katie Repasky
  Danileja Belo Helen Trkula Beverly Stipanovich Milan Drobac
  Melva Buzzelli-NH Lora Washowich William Pakosky
  Melva Dandrea Nancy Belich Eugene Gould-NH Dorothy Medic-NH
  Margaret Ivkovich Xenia Vranesevich Infant Joseph-Paul Gregory
  Melissa Snelling Igumen Patrick Maria Sokur Prot. Mirjana Trbuhovich
  Michael Repasky Heather Bedell Becky Suzich Victoria Bruce Bennett
  Betsy Cannon

## (4) Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:

- +George Russell +Duke Vranesevic +Samuel Cugalj +Jennie Marino +Pt. IRINEJ AP.+Adam Yonitch +George Livanos +Dragoljub Malich +AP Paul Lazor +Mihailo Doder, +Dr. Filipovic,,+R.Trbuhovich, +Vaso Sokolovic, +Barbara Tomac +Rade/Violet/George +Diana Drobac +George/Mika +Nick Trbovic +Ann Cervo +Dan Ikach +Amy Pacura +Joseph Stercula +Nick Pilipovich +Sophie Vranesevic +John Ratesic +Mimi Pavlovich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +Arlene Crnkovich +Nancy/+Milan W. +Alina Esapovich +Eugenia (Slutyak) Longcrier +Helen Lia +Victor Pacura +Keith Bedell +Gregory Hantz +Sam Radanovic +Delores Radakovich +William Vergot + Milica Kovacevich
- (5) Our DECEMBER SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE: Tuesday, December 7th WOMEN at 7PM; Tuesday the 14th MEN at 7 PM Twin Oaks!
- (6) NEXT SUNDAY: Stewardship Sunday Bring your Pledge Cards to Church!
- (7) Sunday, December 19th: Parish Advent Celebration right after Church!!