The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa

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DECEMBER 19th – 26th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 1

(We remember the Blessed St. Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra in Lycia)

<u>Today's Epistle Reading:</u> <u>Today's Gospel Readings:</u>

EPISTLE: Eph. 5: 9-19 **MATINS:** Lk. 24: 1-12/**LITURGY:** Luke 12: 16-21

Troparion: "When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most-Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O savior, granting life to the world! The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: 'Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who loves mankind!"

Kontakion: "As God, Thou did rise from the tomb in glory; raising the world with Thyself! Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: 'Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!'"

(The Troparion for St. Nicholas will also be sung!)

Fr. Stevo continues to live-stream the Designated Liturgies as well as his Weekly Pod-casts – <u>THURSDAYS at 11AM</u> – 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, we are 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 downstairs for our Advent Celebration and a visit from St. Nicholas!
 - (ALSO: pick up your special containers of wheat down in the Church hall for the celebration of Christmas coming up!!)
- (2) We will take another Needy Collection for the Holidays today do your Best!!

(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 Dan Pacura APriest Rodney Torbic

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

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+Jennie Marino
+George Russell +Duke Vranesevic +Samuel Cugali
+Fr. Igor Soroka AP.+Adam Yonitch +George Livanos +Dragoljub Malich
+AP Paul Lazor +Mihailo Doder, +Dr. Filipovic,,+R.Trbuhovich, +Vaso Sokolovic,
+George/Mika +Barbara Tomac +Rade/Violet/George +Stella/Dragan Reznicak
                 +Joseph Stercula +Nick Trbovic +Ann Cervo +Dan Ikach
+Diana Drobac
+Amy Pacura
               +Mimi Pavlovich +Nick Pilipovich
                                                       +Sophie Vranesevic
+John Ratesic
              +Dorothy/George Shumkaroff
                                             +Arlene Crnkovich
+Nancy/+Milan W. +Alina Esapovich
                                      +Keith Bedell
                                                     +Helen Lia
+Victor Pacura
                  +Gregory Hantz
                                   +Sam Radanovic
                                                        +Delores Radakovich
+William Vergot and +Frank Urban – (Tootsie's Brothers) + Milica Kovacevich
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(5) UPCOMING: NEXT SUNDAY: pick up your January Monthly Calendar and your Schedule of Services for the Christmas and Epiphany Seasons!