

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

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### JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> – The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha – The Holy Fathers – Tone 6

(Remembering the Venerable Michael the Confessor, and the Holy Fathers of the Councils)

#### Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: ACTS 20: 16-18, 28-36

#### Today's Gospel Readings:

DIVINE LITURGY: John 17: 1-13

**Resurrection Troparion:** "The Angelic Powers were at Your Tomb, the guards became as dead men; Mary stood by Your Grave, seeking Your most-pure Body; You didst capture hell, not being tempted by it; You came to the Virgin, granting life! O Lord, Who rose from the dead, Glory to You!"

**Kontakion:** "The apostles' preaching and the fathers' doctrine have established our faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology; great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies!"

**REMINDER:** If you haven't done so yet, please send in your PLEDGE CARDS!

**REMINDER #2:** Don't miss Fr. Stevo's Weekly Podcasts – this FRIDAY at 11AM!

(This week, Fr. Stevo will discuss the Orthodox Christian perspective on the Tragedy in Texas, and what are response should be!)

#### **Spiritual Food for Thought: Did you know?????**

The **Feast of Ascension**, celebrated 40 days after Pascha (Last Thursday), is the Second Tangible Sign that God's Plan for our Salvation is underway! The first sign, obviously, was **PASCHA**, our Lord's Resurrection. The last sign happened 50 days after Pascha, when He sent the Holy Spirit down upon His Apostles, **PENTECOST**, and initiated the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith, from which gave birth to the Holy Orthodox Church, officially started in 33AD and has continued through the Apostolic Succession until this very day – 2022! (**Remember:** Apostolic Succession is that gift of the Holy Spirit, through the laying on of hands, that gave us our Bishops, Priests, and Deacons – from the original PENTECOST - with the tongues of fire coming upon the 12 Apostles) Only the Holy Orthodox Church (EASTERN) and the Roman Catholic Church (WESTERN) of all Christian Faiths can trace their origins back to the Original Pentecost – Praise God!

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

- (1) Today we are soo thankful to be back with you all, and for all your thoughts and prayers during the past week or so – God Bless You all!
- (2) **THIS Saturday, Parish Parastos at 9:30AM** – followed by Blessing of Graves at McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery!  
(Great Vespers of Pentecost – 6 PM Saturday evening)
- (2-A) **ATTENTION ALL Sarma-Lovers - on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>,**  
We'll all be rolling sarmas at 9AM – HELP is needed!
- (3) **JOIN us** this THURSDAY morning at 11 for our Weekly Podcast!
- (4) **Please pray for the health and well-being of the following loved ones:**  
Eva Orr-NH    Katie Repasky    Danijela Belo    Eugene Gould-NH  
Dorothy Medic-NH    Milena Vojnovich    Becky Suzich-NH    Barb Mochan  
Betsy Cannon    Stephanie Hooper    Margaret Ivkovich-NH    Gary Popovich  
Nancy Belich    All of our Parish "Shut-ins"
- (5) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**  
+Vlade Baskot    +Child Benjamin    +Margaret Radanovic    +Joseph Stercula  
+Emily    +Victims of the Texas school shooting
- (6) **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Fr. Stevo has listed the **NEW OFFICE HOURS** for appointments, calls (non-emergency), which are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-2, in case of emergencies, of course, call ANYTIME!!  
(For those that need to meet in the evening, please contact me directly!)
- (7) **Pick your copy of the JUNE Monthly Calendar!**
- (8) **COMING UP:** Our Holy Trinity KOLO Slava – **NEXT Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>,** with the Holy Liturgy at 9:30AM, followed by the Slava Service!
- (9) **CONGRATULATIONS:** to our **Nicholas Medich**, on his 1<sup>st</sup>-ever Public Appearance as our Choir Director at the SSF Festival last weekend – and Special "thank you!" to our dear singers, who despite missing several voices due to Co-vid, were able to perform wonderfully for the Festival!!!