

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

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JUNE 12th – PENTECOST – Descent of The Holy Spirit – Tone 8

(Remembering the Venerable St. Macrina the Elder, Grandmother of St. Basil the Great)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: ACTS 2: 1-11

Today's Gospel Readings:

DIVINE LITURGY: John 7: 37-52; 8: 12

Festal Troparion: "Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who has revealed the fishermen as most wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net; O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!"

Kontakion: "When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity! Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the all Holy Spirit!"

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

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

The Feast of Pentecost, DUHOVI in Serbian, is actually the 'Birthday' of our Holy Orthodox Faith...why? Because on this day in 33AD, 50 days after His Resurrection, Our Lord Jesus Christ, sent down upon His Disciples the **HOLY SPIRIT**, in the form of Fiery tongues! They, in turn, with this **new Power**, were able to travel throughout the immediate world and spread "**the Good News**" – the message of Jesus Christ – and baptize hundreds and hundreds of people! They, in close association with the Apostle Paul, were able to then establish the official Orthodox Church, which began in Antioch and Jerusalem at the end of the first Century and early into the Second! The first 'established' Orthodox Church Areas were: Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem. As the Christian Faith became "official" (not until the mid 4th Century under Emperor Constantine) and the overt persecution of Christians started to wane, the spread of the FAITH to "all the ends of the earth" were primarily done through the followers of the 12 Apostles and St. Paul. (For us Slavs, the efforts of the two Brothers, Cyril and Methodius, in the 10th Century, were crucial in converting the pagan Slavs of the Balkans to Orthodox Christianity!

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

- (1) Today we joyfully celebrate our Holy Trinity Kolo Slava – "Many Years!"
- (2) **THIS MONDAY:** Pentecost Matins at 9:30AM – Blessing of graves by appointment after!
- (3) **JOIN us** this THURSDAY at 11 am for our Weekly Podcast!
- (4) **NEXT SUNDAY:** we honor all our Fathers, Grandfathers, etc., on Father's Day!!
- (5) **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 Beverly Stipanovich-H All of our Parish "Shut-ins"
- (6) **Also pray for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+Protinica Donna Merick +Vlade Baskot +Child Benjamin
+Margaret Radanovic +Joseph Stercula +Emily +Steve Cheran
- (7) **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!)
- (8) **Tuesday, June 28th:** Feast of Vidovdan – Liturgy at 9:30AM!
- (9) **MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR:** Our next "Tour Of Serbia" – Friday and Saturday, **September 30th and October 1st** – more detailed information is on our BREEZE Link from our Web-site, and for those who do not have emails, you are receiving a hard-copy info packet in the mail!