

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

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JULY 3rd – 3rd Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 2

(Remembering St. Methodius, Bs. Of Patar & St. Naum of Ochrid)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Romans 5: 1-10

Today's Gospel Readings:

DIVINE LITURGY: Matthew 6: 22-33

Resurrection Troparion: "When Thou didst descend to death. O Life Immortal! Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths, Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: 'O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory to Thee!'"

Kontakion: "Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior; seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!"

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

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

As Orthodox Christians, we are CALLED to follow the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, AS BEST WE CAN. But what does that mean? For some (far too many in my humble opinion) it means we can apply the "salad bar" approach to our adherence to the Teachings of our Faith: those we like, we follow; but those we don't we ignore. Not only do we ignore them, we actually rationalize in our sinful minds why it's ok to ignore them! For example, currently we are in the Fast Period of Sts. Peter and Paul – a Fast that was instituted by the Fathers of the Church centuries ago as a means of helping the faithful not stray away too far from Church Life until the next Fast – in August for the Mother of God...they felt that going several months without any spiritual "checks and balances" on ourselves would have harmful effects -SOO TRUE! So, as we contemplate this reality, how many of us have come to Holy Confession this Fast Period, or kept this Fast at all (since it is, after all, Summer-time?) It is for our benefit to "reign in" our earthly passions and desires by applying some spiritual tools on ourselves when the Church asks us to – yes?

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

(1) **THIS MONDAY:** Independence Day – be safe, and remember why it is we celebrate this day in our Country – and it is NOT about picnics and good times (although they have their place after we take the time to honor our Country!)

(1-A) **THURSDAY:** Feast Of Nativity Of John The Baptist – 9:30AM Matins!

(2) **SUNDAY the 17th:** Parastos For +Evanovich Family departed members!

(3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of the following loved ones:**

Eva Orr Melva Buzzelli-NH 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-NH All of our Parish "Shut-ins"

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

+Protinica Donna Merick +Eli Vojnovich +Vlade Baskot +Child Benjamin
+Margaret Radanovic +Joseph Stercula +Emily +Steve Cheran

(5) **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!)

(6) **MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR:** Our next "Taste Of Serbia" event– Friday and Saturday, **September 30th and October 1st** – more detailed information is on our BREEZE Link from our Web-site, **so check your e-mails**, and for those who do not have emails, you are receiving a hard-copy info packet in the mail!

(7) **This FRIDAY** – Weekly Podcast at 10 AM!