

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

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JULY 10th– 4th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 3

(Remembering the Venerable Church Father, Sampson the Hospitable)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Romans 6: 18-23

Today's Gospel Readings:

DIVINE LITURGY: Matthew 8: 5-13

Resurrection Troparion: "Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death; He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!"

Kontakion: "On this day, Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day, Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs, they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy Power!"

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 too – yes?

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

- (1) TODAY: 2nd Sunday of the Month** – We will take our "NEEDY" Collection Today – Please help out!
- (2) THIS TUESDAY: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul** – 9:30AM Liturgy!
(2-A) WEDNESDAY: Nut-roll baking at 9 AM – YOU are needed!!
- (3) NEXT SUNDAY:** Parastos For +Evanovich Family departed members!
- (4) 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"
- (5) 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
- (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) 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!
- (8) Our Mens' and Womens' Support Groups** will be starting up again in the fall, but at a new location and time: Saturday mornings at 10 AM at the downtown **McKeesport Eat N Park!** Join us for a wonderful session of great Fellowship and even better exchanging of Faith Topics!
- (9) Our Church Health Team** is planning for the FALL – stay tuned for details!!