

The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa
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JULY 17th– 5th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 4

(Remembering St. Andrew, Arch-Bishop of Crete, and the Hiero-Martyr Sava)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Romans 10: 1-10

Today's Gospel Readings:

DIVINE LITURGY: Matthew 8: 28-9:1

Resurrection Troparion: “When the women disciples of the Lord, learned from the Angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: ‘Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!’”

Kontakion: “My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell; and, as Master, He has risen on the third day!”

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

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

That in all of the Christian world, it is only the **Holy Orthodox Faith** that makes the (correct) claim that all of Her Teachings that were given to the Apostles by the Son of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are still the same today, as they were in the year 33AD when Christ ended His ministry on earth! How can that be true, you may ask, given the many different interpretations and practices that are evident in the world's Churches today? Very simply, the FAITH that we have is unchanged, the TEACHINGS are unchanged, but the way they are practiced has undergone changes over the centuries, (and not to the good) and that is something that many contemporary Church Theologians wrestle with every day. Many critics of the Orthodox Church/Faith say that “what you believe is so out of touch with the real world...”, to which we faithful must courageously answer, “But how can a teaching given to us by the Son of God be out of touch with the real world – when He created the ‘real world’ – “Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever!” (Hebrews 13: 8)

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

(1) TODAY: Parastos for +Miles and +Helen Evanovich – **Vecnaja Pamjat!**

(2) 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”

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

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

(4) 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!)

(5) MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR: Our next “Taste Of Serbia” event– will be 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!

(6) 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!

(7) Our Church Health Team is making plans for the FALL – stay tuned for details!!

(8) Fr. Stevo and Protinica JoAnn will be away on vacation **from August 7th through August 21st** – Fr. Stefan Djorich (from Monroeville) will be covering for Fr. Stevo the two weeks he is gone; and Fr. John Zdinak (the 7th and the 21st) and Deacon Ned Trbovich (the 14th) will do our Services those Sundays!