

The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa
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JULY 24th– 6th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 5

(Remembering the Holy Great-Martyr Euphemia, and St. Olga, Princess of Russia)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Romans 12: 6-14

Today's Gospel Readings:

DIVINE LITURGY: Matthew 9: 1-8

Resurrection Troparion: "Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit; born for our sakes from the Virgin. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!"

Kontakion: "Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: 'O Lord, save us!'"

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

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

That there is only one sin that is NOT forgiven by God? Think for a moment of what that sin may be: murder? No. Rape? No. Adultery? No. Stealing from the Church? Not even close! No, the ONLY sin that God will NOT forgive is "**Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit**" And what is this sin? It is the sin that one commits when, by our life-style, we manifest to our not believing in the Power of the Holy Spirit to effect change in our lives! What is the result of such a sin? Several soul-destroying behaviors: a hardness of heart that sees no good in anything or anyone; a deep depressive state that holds onto the belief that all life is pointless, there is nothing to live on for, etc., and finally, because of the first two, a strong desire to end one's state of unhappiness and despair by taking one's own life, as if that is the only way to find peace.....

So, IF you know of someone in such a state, or if you yourself are trending this way, by All means, turn to someone who is both spiritual and professional for help!

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

(1) TODAY: Parastos for +Eli (Ilija) Vojnovich – **Vecnaja Pamjat!**

(1-A) Nutrolls scheduled for August 2nd – after Matins!

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

Eva Orr Mike Cervo Michael Vranesevich Diane Stanesic · H
George Pilipovich 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 Baskot +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!