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

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## JULY 31st-7th Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 6

(Remembering the Holy Martyrs Emilian and Hyacinth)

**Today's Epistle Reading:** 

**Today's Gospel Readings:** 

**EPISTLE:** Romans 15: 1-7 **DIVINE LITURGY:** Matthew 9: 27-35

**Resurrection Troparion:** "The angelic powers were at Thy Tomb, the guards became as dead men; Mary stood by Thy Grave, seeking Thy most-pure Body; Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it, Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, Glory to Thee!"

**Kontakion:** "When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand; He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!"

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

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

That there is no PERFECT parish in the world? Not in ANY of the Orthodox Christian Jurisdictions (Serbian, OCA, Antiochian, Greek, ROCOR, Bulgarian, etc.), nor, of course, in any other Christian community? Why is that important to remember for all of us? Because, far too often, we like to 'compare' or 'measure' how our parish is doing in comparison with other parishes both in our 'world' but also 'over the Internet' The ONLY perfect parish-Church is seen in God's Kingdom, where His Grace has established an eternal Community of Believers (Saints, Church Fathers, Departed Loved ones, etc.). that has nothing lacking and is the fullness of who and what God Himself is! Now, having said this, it is important for us to realize this reality, but also to use it as an incentive, a true motivation to become the best possible Orthodox Community that we can be – where our emphasis is NOT on daily financial matters, but on SPIRITUAL behaviors that not only strengthen our Community, but also attract outsiders to want to be a part of Christ!

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

- (1) TUESDAY: Nutrolls scheduled after Matins for St. Elijah!
- (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
- (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 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- **(6) Our Church Health Team** is making plans for the FALL stay tuned for details!!

Fellowship and even better exchanging of Faith Topics!

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