

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

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## AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 1

(Remembering St. Emilian the Confessor and Zosimas of Tuman)

### Today's Epistle Reading:

**EPISTLE:** 1 Cor. 4: 9-16

### Today's Gospel Readings:

**DIVINE LITURGY:** Matthew 17: 14-23

**Resurrection Troparion:** "When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most-pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world! The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: 'Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!'"

**Kontakion:** "As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human natures praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: 'Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!'"

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

### **Spiritual ] ——— What Sunday Can Do For Us ———**

It was on the Lord's Day that St. John saw the splendid vision of God that resulted in the Book of Revelation. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book . . .'" (Rev. 1:10-11).

It was on Sunday when the disciples, gathered together behind closed doors, encountered Christ risen from the dead. The original message of Sunday was, "We have seen the Lord!" The first meaning of Sunday was not only that something had happened to Jesus (He was raised from the dead) but more especially that something had happened to the disciples — they had seen the Lord. "Suddenly, without warning, Jesus stood before them and said, 'Peace'" (Matt. 28:9).

This remains the main purpose of the Christian Sunday. It is the day when the faithful encounter the risen Christ. This is expressed so well in the Orthodox Orthros or Matins service when the faithful come forward to kiss the Resurrected Christ on the cover of the Gospel Book after He appears and speaks to them through His word. Later He comes to dwell in them through the Eucharist.

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

**(1) SPECIAL WELCOME TO:** Our Brother in Christ, V. Rev. Janko Zdinak, who will lead us into the Holy Liturgy, as only He can!!

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

Eva Orr Mike Cervo Michael Vranesevich Diane Stanesic  
George Pilipovich Melva Buzzelli-NH Danijela Belo Anthony Faulds  
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 Fellowship and even better exchanging of Faith Topics!

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

**(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!