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DECEMBER 18th - 27th Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 2

(Remembering the Saints, Sabbas the Sanctified and Nectorios of Bitola)

Today's Epistle Reading: EPISTLE: Ephesians 6: 10-17

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Lk. 24: 12-35/LITURGY: Luke 13: 10-17

Resurrection Troparion:

"When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slayed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead! And when from the depths, You raised the dead; all the powers of heaven cried out: 'O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory to You!"

Kontakion: "Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You; and the world, O My Savior, praises You forever!"

Our Mens' and Womens' Groups will be meeting at 10 AM on Saturday the 24th (Men) – with our Topic, "Am I Growing Closer to Christ?"

Our Church-Health Activities & Welcoming Committee: will be sponsoring a Palachinke Brunch on January the 15th – stay tuned for more details! (Our very own Bob Veinovich will speak to us, as a Security Consultant, on a variety of security concerns for individuals and Churches!

THIS CHRISTMAS LENTEN SEASON: Confessions are encouraged of our faithful – to be spiritually strengthened for life in today's world!

<u>Saturday evenings: from 5-5:45PM</u> – before Vespers, or <u>by appointment</u> during the week – please call Fr. Stevo for times!

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

- (1) Our Church-school will be filling up the Wheat containers for St. Nicholas Day tomorrow – stop downstairs to pick yours up and enjoy some light refreshments!
- (1-A) TOMORROW: Feast Of St. Nicholas 9:30AM Liturgy Confessions at 8:45AM!
- (2) We will take our FINAL Collection for our Christmas Needy Drive, so please help us as best you can!
- (3) Please pray for the health and well-being of the following loved one:

 Milena Vojnovich Eva Orr Child Mason Novak Melanie Trkula
 George Pilipovich Katie Repasky Danijela Belo Melva Buzzelli-NH
 Brian & Dorian Vojnovich Eugene Gould-NH Dorothy Medic-NH Betsy
 Cannon-NH Nancy Belich Stephanie Hooper-H Margaret IvkovichNH Gary Trbovich Marsha Cugalj All our Parish "Shut-ins"
- (4) Also pray for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:
 +John "Yutzi" Belich +George Shumkaroff +Becky Suzich
- +Beverly Stipanovich +Child Benjamin +Protinica Donna Merick +Eli Vojnovich +Vlade Baskot +Joseph Stercula +William Packosky
- (5) IMPORTANT CH-Team NEWS: we have ordered new Divine Liturgy books, and are again asking our faithful to donate \$20 to have an "In Memory Of" label printed in the inside cover (like we did for the Bibles years ago)...donations made out to our St. Sava Church – thanks in advance!
 - ALSO: We are making plans to bring the exhibit, "Anatomy Of Oblivion", A pictorial history of the tragedy of the Jasenovae Camp and related genocide to our parish but, we will need help transporting, setting up, and taking it down, then transporting it to the next venue Date Jan.16th 27th!
- (6) SPECIAL THANKS TO: the dedicated stewards that came to help decorate our Church for this Holy Season – so thankful for the extra help!