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Sunday, September 22nd –13th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 4

(Remembering the Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna)

Today's Epistle Reading:
EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 16: 13-24

Today's Gospel Reading
MATINS: Mk. 16: 1-8/ **LITURGY:** Mt. 21: 33-42

Resurrection Troparion (Tn. 4):
"When the women disciples of the Lord, learned from the Angel the joyous message of Thy 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 of the Resurrection (Tn.4):
"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!"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Fall *"Taste Of Serbia"* event is scheduled for **October 4th and 5th** – make your plans to be here! **NOTE the following:**

1. We're excited to announce that the **Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery** from Butler, Pa., will be here for our Taste of Serbia to offer various Liturgical items: Icons, prayer ropes, beads, etc.!
2. We are accepting $5 donations for the Lottery Basket!
3. Our Serbian potato salad is a "best seller" - this year, our plan is to make 150lbs.! We need **15 VOLUNTEERS** to each boil 10# of whole red potatoes with the skins on – bring them to Church on October 2nd!
4. We need home-made baked goods for our sale – please see either Donna V. Or Sari McNamara!
5. Our New shirts are in! If you plan on working this year, please see Jim Brady in the hall after Liturgy to yours!

Today's Special Announcements and Events In Our Parish:

(1) **TODAY:** we welcome back our Church-school families – with our Prayer Service, blessing of backpacks, and Fr. Stevo's "Press Conference" for all!

(2) **JOIN US:** **FELLOWSHIP HOUR RETURNS:** every other Sunday, starting on **Sunday the 29th** – Keep it simple!! (Sign Up Now!)

(2-A) **Feast Of Exaltation of the Cross:** Great Vespers Thursday night at 6 PM; Festal Liturgy – Friday morning at 9:30AM!
(Confessions at 8:45AM)

(3) Please pray for the health & well-being of our loved ones:
Fr. Christopher Rocknage Michael Stepanovich (Fr. Stevo's Kum)
Doris Kesich Donald Vojnovich Milena Vojnovich Dawn Hamm
Xenia Vranesevich Melva Lugares Helen Trkula-NH
Helen Mochan Jenifer & Nadia Belo AP Chris Bender
AP Joseph Abud Marie Weisen Demetrius Yandrich

(4) Also pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:
+Donald Trbojevic+Walter Dragelevich +Petar Vukelic
+Milan Drobac +Dorothy Medic +Betsy Cannon
+Stevan "Rick" Zivic +Stella Medich +Melva Buzzelli
+Gary Trbovich+Eva Orr +Mark and +Danijela Belo
+Arc. Polycarp Ramaeus +AP Angelo Artemas +AP Paul Lazor
+AP Herman AP Adam Yonitch +Eli Vojnovich +Eugene Gould
+Amelia Opacic +Marsha Cugalj +Olga Yandrich
+Vlade Baskot +Joseph Stercula +Delores Belich

(5) Men's Club OLDIES' DANCE: Saturday, October 12th – 7 PM!
(We are accepting donations for both Door Prizes and Chinese Auction Prizes!)

APPLES FROM PARADISE

The path of righteousness that leads one to sainthood is varied. God accepts those who serve Him best, regardless of their background. One such example is a humble monk known throughout eternity as simply "EUPHROSYNOS THE COOK."

It seems that his parents were pious, but poor, and when they passed away, Euphrosynos sought refuge in a Mt. Athos monastery. He was of pure and simple spirit, enriched through devout prayers. Because of his lack of any formal education, he was put to work in the monastery kitchen. While others may have felt that such labor was menial and demeaning, Euphrosynos was grateful for this opportunity to be of faithful service to the monastic community.

One night the abbot of the monastery had a dream that placed him in Paradise. In this beautiful garden setting stood one lone monk: Euphrosynos the Cook! In the dream, he explained to the abbot about the Kingdom of Heaven, and he placed a branch with three apples on it in the abbot's hand. When he awoke from his dream, he found the apple-laden branch still in his hand! The astonished abbot rushed to the kitchen and asked Euphrosynos where he had been during the night. Mysteriously, he replied: "I was where you were, Father." The abbot shared his dream with the other monastics, who now had a new-found respect and admiration for the Cook. Their attention, however, caused Euphrosynos to feel uncomfortable and he retired into the desert, where he spent the rest of his life alone.

Through the example of St. Euphrosynos, may we learn that we are to live humbly, serving our brothers and sisters with joy and gladness until the day when we will achieve the reward of the "fruit" of our earthly labors.

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