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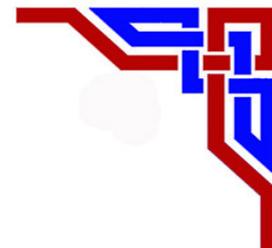
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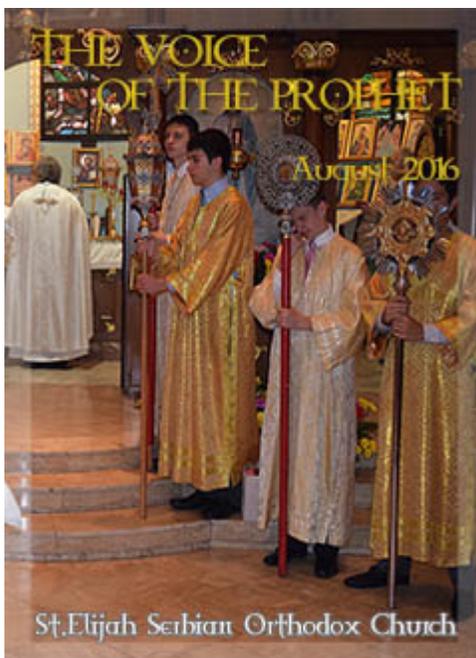
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Fr.Branislav, Welcome to your new Parish!



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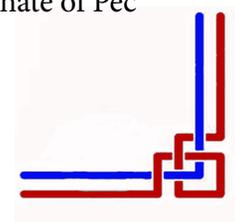


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FROM FATHER'S DESK



My dear parishioners,

Only three months has passed since the last issue of our bulletin and yet so much has happened in such little time.

Summer is here, the season of vacationing, which has lessened the amount of people attending Sunday Liturgy. However, the activities at our church are never lacking.

Our church Slava, dedicated to our Holy Prophet St. Elijah, is coming up. We will mark this holiday at the end of the month. On Saturday we will have evening Vespers and then on Sunday we will have Divine Liturgy with a procession around the church, the cutting of the Slavas Kolac, followed by a celebration in our Serbian Center.

All in the Glory of God and the Prophet St. Elijah.

Unfortunately our Bishop will not be able to celebrate Slava with us, as he has done in the past, because the Slava of the Monastery Marcha overlaps with ours.

This summer will be marked with much change in our Diocese and even in our parish.

The Holy Hierarchal Assembly, lead by the Holy Spirit, was held this past May at which our Bishop Dr. Mitrofan was selected, due to the needs of the service, to take over and lead the Canadian Diocese.

Our Bishop, who wisely and peacefully lead our diocese for 25 years, taking it through all the changes and reconciling relationships between our warring brothers and sisters, is leaving so that he may share his

knowledge and wisdom there where he is most needed.

May the Lord be his pillar of support so that the tasks that stand before him he may execute in the best of ways for the Holy Orthodox Serbian Church and People.

At the same Assembly, His Grace, Bishop of Australia and New Zealand, IRINEJ, was selected to continue his leadership and pass along his experiences to our Diocese. He will be enthroned in October in Pittsburgh.

Welcome Your Grace!

At our parish there are changes happening as well, which will hopefully be to the spiritual advantage of our people.

Namely, I, your parish priest, due to the needs of service, will be leaving to the parish of St. Simon Myrrhusher in Miami. In my place, Father Branislav Golić will be coming, who has been the parish priest of Midland.

In Miami, the parish priest passed away almost one year ago and their parish is also in the midst of construction for the new church.

My experience from different parishes, and that of those building new churches, will, I hope, be useful to the parish in this time.

I am now leaving this area where I've spent 4 years and gained new experiences which I will take with me and have use of, I'm sure.

In this period, having come in touch with parishes that have been around and worked on for generations is something new to me, and this experience has surely enriched me as a priest.

Also, in this time, my family and I have met many people who have become close and dear to us. The wealth of people who have shown warmth and love of friendship is something that we will take with us and carry it close to our hearts.

The kindness and honesty shown by my brothers in Christ, the priests of this area, is something that will forever stay with me.

I leave in the hopes that you will remember me fondly and I look forward to the new challenges that lay ahead at the new parish where my abilities and gifts from God may

be of better use.

I leave knowing that this parish is well entrusted in the care of a wonderful and very capable young priest as is Fr. Branislav.

As the parishioners, I'm sure you'll make him feel welcomed and right at home among you all so that you will all be happy.

Attend your church and Divine Liturgies because we're all aware that throughout the years this parish got smaller, so your attendance and participation is needed more than ever.

Your ancestors built this place so that they, and now you, may have a place to go and pray to God, gather together and maintain your faith, which you have been able to do. Therefore, continue to fulfill their expectations with your presence in church for wor-

ship.

Pray for your loved ones and also for your enemies, if you have them, so that one day you may make friends out of them. That is the only way that we, with the prayers to our Lord strengthened by His support, may spread love all around us.

Because Jesus is Love.

Pray for my family and me as well, and we will remember you all in our prayers.

It has been an honor and great pleasure to be with you almost 2 years, serving the Lord and praying for all of you.

God bless you all, and forgive me if there is anything.

*Yours,
Father Milan with family*

INFORMATION

- Moving- please provide your new address to us as soon as possible so that we may update our records.
- Our church email address is stelijah@comcast.net
Parish office phone number 724-375-4074
- Church Center Office number is 724-375-9894
- Cemetery number is 724-375-9921
- Our new Website is www.stelijahaliquippa.com

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The summer season is in full swing and once again we look forward to celebrating another St. Elijah Church Slava at the end of July! I want to thank this years Honored Kum Pete Milich for his years of service and dedication to our Church.

Please congratulate our Kum Pete and thank him for all that he does when you come to Church! Mnogaja Ljeta and Srecna Slava!

Through the centuries our people have kept our faith and stayed true to the teachings of the Holy Serbian Orthodox Church. Two years ago we celebrated our 100th St. Elijah Church Slava, we paid homage to our pioneers and marveled over the change in our St. Elijah parish during those first 100 years.

Change is always in our lives. Some of us look forward to change and are energized by it while others fear change and can be de-energized by it. As our St. Elijah family continues into our next 100 years of Slava celebrations, we will initiate change when necessary and react to change that is brought upon us.

We will succeed by keeping faith in our Patron St. Elijah, and praying to our Lord for strength and comfort. We will all do our part by keeping positive thoughts and managing our feelings to build bridges to possibilities and opportunities. We will not harbor negative thoughts that block our creativity and problem-solving abilities nor keep away from our church to avoid change. We won't waste our energy wishing things would go back to what they used to be.

God ... grant me
serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.

The four lines of the Serenity Prayer can help us when we reflect on change. What should I accept, reject, or do something about? Please join us for the annual St. Elijah Slava Church Services and Banquet. Your presence and participation is a change for the better!

Srecna Slava!

Milan Mrkal

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President St. Elijah Church School Executive Board

By Fr. Milan

FROM HOLY WEEK TO NOW

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week was spent with stronger prayers, in strict fast, more reflection on the soul, and with constant services at our church.

HOLY WEDNESDAY

On Holy Wednesday the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts was served, with communion.

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday began with the Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the morning and later in the evening we had the service

LAZARUS'S SATURDAY

Lazarus's Saturday this year was marked by Divine Liturgy in the morning and then in the afternoon we had Vespers service along with a litany around the church with bells and willow branches.

PALM SUNDAY

The following day, Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, the church was filled with the faithful and many communicants.



of the 12 Gospel Readings which relate the events of Jesus' Holy Passion, and His last instructions to the Disciples. The Gospel readings witness for us the betrayal and arrest of Jesus, His trial and conviction, and finally His torture, crucifixion and death.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a day of mourning, fasting and prayer. On this day, Our Lord went to the Cross and died to take away our sins. The power of death and the reality of evil rule the world on this dreadful day. Yet, Jesus Christ's death marks the beginning of

His and our victory over death's power. We began the day with the reading of the Royal Hours in the morning, and then at 7 o'clock, that evening, the Vespers service started with the bringing out of the Epitaphion. Our choir then continued the service with The Laments of the Virgin and after that were the Matins with Jesus's stasis of the Lamentations.

HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Saturday, the Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great began with the Vespers service which was enriched with not only the beautiful voices of our choir but also the readings of Paremoias by Adam Loverich and Dan August.

It was planned to begin the Matins of



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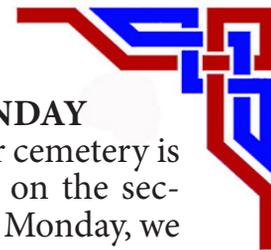
From the very moment the day begins, a person feels different: excited, cheerful. All around one can feel the beauty and joy of the day. In our beautiful church, Divine Liturgy was wonderfully embellished by the voices of our youth. Juliana Mistovich and Luka Kosanovich read the Antiphons and Teodora Krstic and Eli Kosanovich read the Epistle.

The choir loft was filled with singers who, lead by Andy, beautifully praised our God and His Resurrection.

the Resurrection at 11:30 that night with a litany around the church, however, the bad weather that was in the forecast predicting heavy rain, restricted many from attending service. And as predicted, a little before the service began, there was rain and storms which disrupted our plan of having the litany outdoors resulting in our going on with it downstairs in the hall below the church. At the end of the service, the priest blessed the Easter eggs that the parishioners brought.

The rain outside wasn't able to cast a shadow on the beauty of the Matins of the Resurrection and the celebration of that great moment.





RESURRECTION MONDAY

Because the chapel at our cemetery is dedicated to the Resurrection, on the second day of Easter, Resurrection Monday, we had Divine Liturgy there.

DJURDJEVDAN

On Friday, on the day of St. George, Divine Liturgy was well attended by those who on that day celebrated their Slava. All in a festive spirit, celebrated this day with echoes of St. Georges Troparion.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Next day, on Saturday May 7th, the Annual Dan Ralich Memorial Golf Tournament, began in the early morning in front of the Golf club Black Hawk.

Rich, Cathy and Joe and everyone else who took aside some time that day to help out, all had their hands full with work.

After the game, everyone gathered at our Church Center, as usual, to enjoy in a delicious dinner.

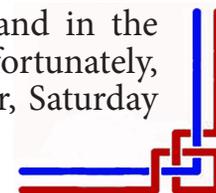


FOOD FESTIVAL

The next weekend we had out Spring Food Festival which brought many guests not only from our parish but people from all around who wanted quality Serbian food. For two days there were masses of people coming through our Center getting food and socializing. And our hard working parishioners took the time to help out in all different ways. At the end, after a tiring weekend, when all the math was done, we were able to say that all the hard work that everyone put in paid off because it ended up being a success. Thanks to all who made time to help out their church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Wanted to get better acquainted with the Sunday School, the priest and protinica organized a picnic so that the kids, their parents and teachers would spend one nice Saturday outside on the patio and in the yard of the parish house. Unfortunately, in a whole week of nice weather, Saturday



was the only day there was rain. But where there's a will, there's a way and so everything was moved in doors of the parish house, and the cevaps were able to be made on the grill which was moved into the garage.

Some people who were invited were unable to make it due to prior scheduled engagements but those of us who did get together had a great time.

A SHORT STORY OF ELDER PAISIOS, FASTING AND DISCERNMENT

Two visitors, who appeared to be hard pious people, continued to look with disapproval on the Elder who was [boiling milk] being careful not to let it overflow or burn. Eventually one of them couldn't stand it anymore and said to the Elder:

“Elder Paisios, we are in the first days of Lent, we have a strict fast, and you are boiling milk to drink?”

The Elder was silent. He did not respond. He took off the pot because the milk was boiling. Next, he went to the cell, brought six small, old, porcelain cups, arranged them in a row and carefully filled them. He waited a while for them to cool, while all were looking on in amazement, silently.

The two pious people saw all this with disgust, because they were thinking that because there were six people visiting and six cups, the monk therefore would dare to offer them milk during these days of strict fasting.

Elder Paisios took the filled cups one by one and placed them on a wooden tray, carried them seven meters away and left them on the ground, at the edge of a bush.

He placed them all there in a row, and then came and sat beside us and began to make a slow, strange whistling with his mouth, gazing towards the bushes.

A few minutes hadn't passed before a viper appeared cautiously and later five baby snakes—her children.

I held my breath.



A Celebration in Honor of



His Grace Bishop Dr. MITROPHAN
on His 25 Years of Service
in the Eastern American Diocese
and His Election as Bishop of Canada

Saturday, August 13, 2016
St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church
Aliquippa, PA

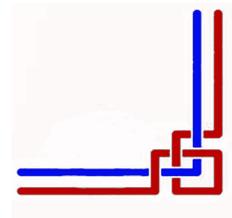
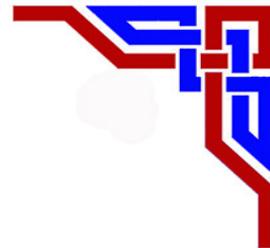
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
Reception & Testimonial Banquet
to follow at the St. Elijah Serbian Center

This year marks His Grace Bishop Dr. MITROPHAN's 25th Anniversary as Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Eastern America. It also marks a new milestone as he leaves the Eastern American Diocese for his new duties as Bishop of Canada. The clergy and faithful of the Eastern American Diocese are invited to thank His Grace for his years of faithful service as our Archpastor, and to wish him Godspeed as he assumes his new duties in Canada at this service and banquet in his honor.

Banquet Tickets are \$60 per person and MUST be ordered no later than August 1.

Order by Credit Card or Bank Draft at:

<https://secure.etransfer.com/SvLuka/HonorHisGrace.cfm>
Or by mailing a check payable to "Serbian Orthodox Diocese" to:
D. Baskot, 1704 Vermont Ave., West Mifflin, PA 15122
Visit the Diocese web site www.easterndioocese.org for more information



It is with great pleasure that the Diocesan Council of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America, on behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Diocese, invites you and all the members and friends of the Diocese to participate in a testimonial service and banquet in honor of our Archpastor, His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan, on Saturday, August 13 in Aliquippa, PA.

This testimonial is being given by the Diocese in honor of His Grace's 25 years of faithful service as Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Eastern America. At the same time, it is also a farewell event as His Grace prepares to leave to assume his duties as the newly-elected Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Canada.

Since becoming our bishop in 1991, Bishop Mitrophan has served with great energy and effectiveness both as a spiritual father to his flock and as an able administrator. He has also published several books and numerous articles, and is dean and professor at the St. Sava School of Theology in Libertyville, Illinois.

For all these reasons we wish to honor and thank His Grace for his self-sacrificial ministry of love and guidance over these many years, and to wish him well and Godspeed as he answers the call to bring his many talents and to continue his ministry in the Canadian Diocese.

The testimonial will begin with the greeting and vesting of the bishops and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 10:00 AM at St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church, 2200 Irwin Street, Aliquippa, PA. A reception will immediately follow at the adjacent St. Elijah Serbian Center, with the testimonial banquet beginning at 1:00 PM.

Banquet tickets are \$60 per person and must be ordered in advance. No tickets will be sold that day, and seating is limited. Tickets may be ordered in the following ways:

ONLINE (Preferred) by CREDIT CARD or BANK DRAFT:

Access the following site on your browser: <https://secure.etransfer.com/SvLuka/HonorHisGrace.cfm>

Fill in the information requested, including a credit card or bank account number.

That web site also allows for giving a gift in honor of His Grace for those who wish.

BY MAIL:

Send your check made out to "Serbian Orthodox Diocese" for \$60 for each ticket requested, together with your name and address and the names of those for whom tickets are being ordered to:

Bishop Testimonial Banquet, c/o D. Baskot, 1704 Vermont Ave., West Mifflin, PA 15122

Tickets MUST be ordered no later than August 1.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport at \$99 per night. Mention Bishop Dinner August 2016 or Serbian Orthodox Diocese for this special rate. Call the hotel at 412-788-8800 or Marriott Reservations at 800-228-9290 or online by July 22 for this special rate.

For more information contact Millie Radovick (412-999-1877; mmrad1@verizon.net), DeeDee Baskot (412-287-6249; GiftsGalore499@aol.com), or from July 5 to August 7 at Shadeland Camp: 814-587-2627. Or see the Diocese web site: www.easterndiocese.org for full details.

For the Diocesan Council,

Very Rev. D.C. Malich
Episcopal Deputy

Milan Mrkal
Council Vice-President

**HIS GRACE
+IRINEJ**

On 25 May 2016 the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church elected by acclamation Bishop Irinej of Australia and New Zealand to the Throne of Bishops of Eastern America following the election of His Grace Bishop Mitrophan of Eastern America to the Throne of Bishops of Canada.

Bishop Irinej was born Mirko Dobrijevic in 1955 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, to his father Djuro and mother Milica (nee Svilar). His elementary and secondary education was completed in Cleveland, Ohio. After studying at the Cleveland Institute of Art from 1973-1975, he attended St Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania from 1975-1979, where he graduated with a Licentiate in Theology with the academic distinction maxima cum laude. In 1980 he enrolled in St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, New York and graduated in 1982 with a Master of Divinity degree with Honourable Mention for his master's thesis Bishop Nicholai Velimirovich: A 1921 Mission to America. Following which, he entertained studies at the Athens Centre in 2000 and 2003 receiving levels I and II certificates in contemporary Greek language.

The future Bishop spent most of his early career in the field of education, lecturing at Loyola University in Chicago, and at the Theological Faculty of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Belgrade. For many years he was the co-editor of *The Path of Orthodoxy*, the official publication of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada.

His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher of Midwestern America ordained him deacon on 15 January 1994 at the Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois. He was tonsured a monk on 18 January 1995 at the St Sava Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois, receiving the monastic name Irinej after St Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons. Thereafter, he was ordained hieromonk on 27 January 1995 at the St Sava Cathedral in Parma, Ohio, USA. He was elevated to the dignity of Archimandrite on 18 June 2006 by His Grace Bishop Justin of Timok (presently of Zhicha), a member of the Holy Synod of Bishops, at the request of Patriarch Pavle.

The Very Reverend Archimandrite Irinej up until his election as Bishop of Australia and New Zealand was the Consultant to the Holy Synod of Bishops



of the Serbian Orthodox Church on International and Interchurch Affairs and Coordinator of the newly created Kosovo and Metohija Office of the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church at the Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate in Belgrade. Among his numerous recognitions, especially for his exemplary work in improving ties between the Serbian state and the Serbs of the Diaspora, and for his work in advancing relations between Church and State, in 2005, he was awarded the Order of Vuk Karadzich III Degree by President Svetozar Marovic of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, and is a 2007 recipient of the International Heraldic Order of the Fleur de Lys; 2008 Major Feldman Award of the Serbian Bar Association for merit; 2009 Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 2009 Grand

Cross of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 2011 Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 2011 Senator of the Grand Badge in the Order of Saint Queen Tamar; 2012 The Medal of Merit of the Royal House of Georgia by HRH Prince Davit Bagrationi Mukhran Batonishvili; 2013 Knight Commander of The Imperial Order of St Anne of the Imperial House of Russia; and 2013 The Imperial Medal "Jubilee of the All National Effort", honouring the 400th Anniversary of the Imperial House of Romanov, 1613-2013 by HIH Grand Duchess Maria Vladimirovna.

Among his many appointments, Bishop Irinej represents the Serbian Orthodox Church to the World Council of Churches (WCC) Central Committee; is a member of the Jasenovac Committee and the Permanent Missions Board of the Holy Synod of Bishops; the Advisory Council of the Njegos Endowment for Serbian Studies at Columbia University; and the Editorial Board of the Tesla Memorial Society; and the Communications Committee of the Board of Directors of St Vladimir's Seminary; a member of the Serbian-American Center in Belgrade; and an honorary Board Member for ZOE for Life! He is the Episcopal Patron for the Milosh Obilich Society of Serbian Chivalry and the Centre for the Study of Orthodox Monarchism, both in Belgrade, Serbia; Protector and Spiritual Advisor of Australia and New Zealand for the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord

Jesus Christ and Chairman of the National Heads of Churches of Australia.

Previously, Bishop Irinej was the Editor-in-Charge of the Information Service of the Serbian Orthodox Church; Executive Director of the Office of External Affairs of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada, located in Washington, DC; co-chaired the Orthodox Advisory Committee of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in Metropolitan Washington; was a member of National Council of the Churches of Christ Environmental Justice Task Force (NCCC Eco-Justice); and served on the Board of Directors of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC); the Executive Council of The United States Conference of Religions for Peace (USCRP), the Conference of European Churches (CEC-KEK), the Serbian Unity Congress, the Mayor's Advisory Council on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs in Chicago, and the Chicago Human Rights Commission.

On the basis of the decision of the Holy As-

sembly of Bishops of 26 May 2006, the Reverend Hieromonk Irinej (Dobrijevic), Consultant to the Holy Synod of Bishops, was elected as Bishop of the Diocese of Australia and New Zealand. He was consecrated on 15 July 2006 in the Holy Archangel Michael Cathedral in Belgrade at the hands of His Eminence Dr Amfilohije, Archbishop of Cetinje, Metropolitan of Montenegro and the Littoral, together with 16 other bishops. The Consecration of Bishop Irinej witnessed to date the single largest gathering of Belgrade's Diplomatic Corps. He was enthroned on 21 October 2006 in the St Sava Pro-Cathedral in Elanora Heights, New South Wales as Bishop of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Australia and New Zealand, with its see in Sydney by His Grace Chrysostom, Bishop of Bihac-Petrovac (presently of Zvornik-Tuzla) a member of the Holy Synod of Bishops. The following day, 22 October 2006, His Grace was presented as the Bishop-Administrator for the Diocese for Australia and New Zealand New Gracanica Metropolitanate at the St Sava Monastery in Wallaroo, New South Wales.

KCC NEWS



The Sveta Petka Kolo Srpskih Sestara is busy once again making noodles (X-Fine, Fine, Wide) and nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and apricot rolls not only for you to purchase but we are getting ready for the October Food Festival as well.

If you would like to place a noodle order please contact Carson Robbins 724-947-4130. To place an order for various rolls give Julie a call at 724-375-2784.

On Thursday, October 27, 2016 we will celebrate our Eighty-fourth Anniversary. Holy Confession will be heard at 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy starts at 9:30 a.m. Following liturgy we will have a Parastos for all of our dearly departed sisters followed by the cutting of the Slavski Kolach. Banquet will follow at the American Serbian Club. You do not have to be a sister to come to the banquet all parishioners are invited to attend!

If you are not a member of the KCC we would love to have you join us! Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.

The 2016 Tea and Treasure Baskets

By: Juliann Taylor



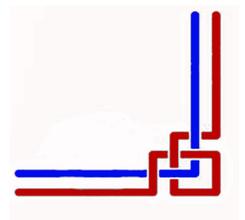
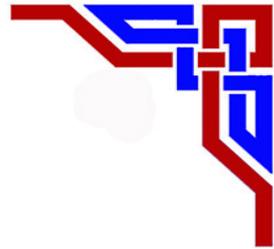
The 2016 Tea and Treasure Baskets event on June 26, 2016 sponsored by the St. Elijah Mothers Club was a huge success. 132 tickets were sold! We had 19 baskets donated by vendors and parishioners and the Treasure Basket Committee members.

The ladies were treated to a variety of teas, lemonade, coffee and scones followed by delicious tea sandwiches and quiche. All ladies received a plate of homemade cookies for dessert. Numerous door prizes were given away along with the Treasure Chest door prize of which its value this year was almost \$300. It was a lovely afternoon and all proceeds will be donated to the Center Relief Fund.



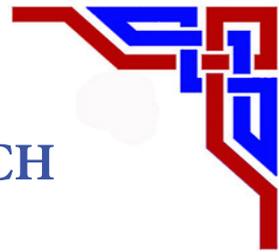
The committee members this year were:

Lisa Wilson, Kathy Loverich, Juliann Taylor, Joanne Ridjaneck, Stephanie Kovacevic, JoAnn Ludovico, Linda Mistovich, Lynn Popovich, Seya Mabee, Eileen Mrkal, Georgianna Kross, Nada Kovacevic and Georgette Osman.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Annual DUES are collected starting December 1st each calendar year and are to be paid by June 1st . Voting members (male or female) \$150 Orthodox women all benefits “except” voting/holding office”... \$75 Students 18 and older and attending college...\$2 Military...\$2 Please note once you turn 18 you need to fill out an application for membership to the church; you no longer come under your parent’s membership.
- Requirements for membership are: Must be 18 years of age-Must be baptized Orthodox-Must live or originally have lived within our parish boundaries.
- Cemetery Fee: Opening and closing fee for burial and use of Chapel at the St. Elijah Cemetery is currently \$1,100 for members in good standing.
- Non-Member Fee: The non-member fee is \$1,500 for a funeral service and/or burial in addition to the Cemetery Fee. This applies to any person who is not a member in good standing of St. Elijah.
- Baptism fee is: \$20 plus candles
- Parastos fee is: \$20 plus candles
- Wedding fee is: \$100 plus \$10 announcement fee plus crash plus candles
- Eternal Light yearly fee is: \$50



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CORNERSTONE MENS CLUB

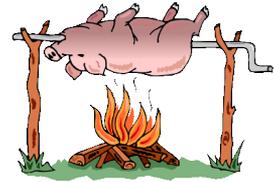
END OF SUMMER

PICNIC SCHEDULE

*Please join us for good Food, Fun, and
Serbian Music and Dancing*



*Specializing in our "Hot Barbecued
Lamb / Pig"*



Please join us at the ***St.Elijah Picnic Grounds*** (behind the cemetery)
In Hopewell Twp.

AS A CONTINUATION OF THE CELEBRATION FOR HIS GRACE BISHOP DR. MITROPHAN
ON HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE BEING HELD IN OUR CENTER

**Our Picnic will start at 2 o'clock on
Saturday, August 13, 2016**

Radost Orchestra will entertain you!

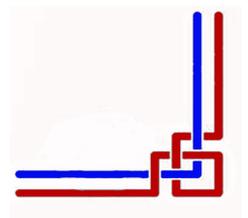
**Last Picnic of the summer will be on
Saturday, September 3, 2016 starting at 2 o'clock**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**PLEASE HELP US ADVERTISE BY INFORMING
ALL YOUR FRIENDS!**

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***Thank you for your continued support !!!***



# ST. ELIJAH CHURCH DAY CAMP

By Fr. Milan

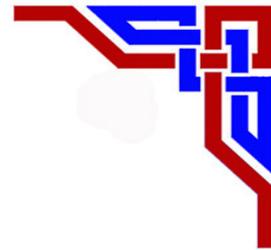
The tradition of our summer camp which was started when our parish had a great deal of kids, continued on this year as well. With regard that in our parish there are fewer and fewer children, and those who were kids before are now too grown up for camp, we had a smaller number of campers this year. But even with that, the program and plans with the theme of: Sainthood in modern days, began on Tuesday June 14 through Thursday with a small but persistent group of campers making it a success.

Every day began with morning prayers in church and then the campers listened to a lesson with the theme of this year, after that the campers went to have some fun and at the end came back for evening prayers.

- On Tuesday the kids went to the movie theatre.
- On Wednesday they visited a Greek Monastery in Saxonburg where they felt the beauty of spirituality and peace in the monastic life. They gathered certain lessons about values that are not of this world.
- Thursday after the lesson, everyone went to mini golf.

In any case, even though this year Camp was attended by a small group of children, it was still successful and educational.





# SAVE THE DATE!

ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CHOIR  
 WILL CELEBRATE OUR  
 86TH ANNUAL CONCERT ANNIVERSARY  
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2016



*Music*  
 is the voice of the soul

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

CONCERT BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.

Buffet Dinner will be served immediately FOLLOWING the concert  
 for those who make Dinner Reservations (Approx. 6:30 p.m.)

Reservations will be taken until Sunday, September 11, 2016  
 for reserved seating for concert/dinner/dance!

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE EVENING WILL BE PROVIDED BY DRUSTVO!**

(If you would like to reserve a table of 8 we will be glad to accommodate you.)

Donation for concert/dinner/dance, \$25

OUR HONORED GUESTS THIS YEAR WILL BE

**Stevan Stojanovic Mokranjac Choir, Chicago Il.**

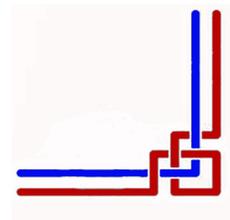
Along with ourselves, Holy Trinity Choir, Pittsburgh

Tzar Lazar Choir, Tri-State Area

Donation for Concert/Dance: \$10

Dance only admission \$5

Please help us celebrate our  
 86th Annual Concert!



## Words of Wisdom: You Don't Say!

Don't say "Father"  
unless you behave like a son or daughter.

Don't say "Our"  
if you live isolated in your selfishness.

Don't say "Who Art in Heaven"  
if you are thinking only of worldly things.

Don't say "Hallowed by Thy Name"  
if you invoke God with your lips,  
but your heart is far from Him.

Don't say "Thy Kingdom come"  
if you confuse the material and spiritual kingdom.

Don't say "Thy Will be done"  
if you don't accept what is painful.

Don't say "Give us this day our daily bread"  
if you have no care for the people who are hungry.

Don't say "Forgive us our trespasses"  
if you have anger towards your brother.

Don't say "Lead us not into temptation"  
if you do not avoid the occasions of sin.

Don't say "Deliver us from evil"  
if you do not do something to combat evil.

Don't say "Amen"  
if you don't take sincerely the words of the Our Father.

[ Author unknown ]



St. George (Djurdjevdan) celebrants

# ST. ELIJAH CHOIR



By: Kathy Loverich

As we talked about in the last bulletin, our St. Elijah Choir is celebrating our 86th Concert Anniversary and we have been busy preparing music for our upcoming concert in September. We are learning two new challenging selections which we are sure all will enjoy! Our honored guest will be the SOCA Stevan Stojanovic Mokranjac Choir from Chicago, IL. We will also have on the program our friends the Tsar Lazar Male Choir from the tri-state area and Holy Trinity Choir from Pittsburgh. As we have done in the past, doors will open at 5:00 p.m. concert will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Reservations are required so please see Kathy Loverich or Diane Knapp to reserve your seats donation is \$25.



Moving on...In May we received startling news that our Joe and Elaine Zavada were moving to their new home in Bluffton, South Carolina. On Wednesday June 22nd we hosted a sendoff party for them at the American Serbian Club. It was a fun night with their "choir family". Their voices in the tenor and alto section will be missed for sure. With this move they graciously donated their piano to the choir. It found a good home in our church hall and will help us each and every practice. We will think of them every time we put the piano into good use. Thank you dear friends what a wonderful gesture and thank you for all the help that you provided to the choir over the years we wish you well on your new chapter in your lives and we will miss you.



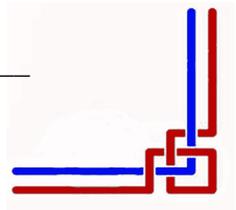
The choir will once again sale Custom-Made, One-of-a-Kind 2016 Hristos Se Rodi \*cloisonné ornaments\*

This year's design will include the Serbian Crest, the Orthodox Cross, a branch from the Yule Log tree, Serbian Flag, kolach, opanke, a roasting pig, walnuts, and the psenica. These are each individually hand crafted 24 k gold plated. Each ornament comes in a silk covered ornament gift box so each one is slightly different from the other. This-one-of-a-kind ornament is a perfect gift to present to family, kumovi and friends for the holiday season.

Please mail the completed form and checks to: St. Elijah Choir 2200 Irwin Street Aliquippa, PA 15001

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Kum Pete Milich was born on April 23, 1938 in Aliquippa, PA to Peter and Mary Milich. He graduated from Aliquippa High School in 1956. He went to work at J & L Steel after graduation. Kum Pete was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1960.

He married Antoinette Montini in 1961. In 1964, he started night school at Geneva College and received a degree in Civil Engineering in 1974. He retired from LTV Steel as Manager of Engineering Tubular Division in 2007 with 45 years of service.

For recreation Kum Pete likes to hunt, fish and play golf of which he participated in our Annual Dan Ralich Golf Tournament numerous times.

Pete was an altar boy in the old Logstown Serbian Orthodox Church for 15 years. He was also the first janitor of our current St. Elijah Church. He is currently serving as our Head Tutor after being appointed over 16 years ago.

Kum Pete is very honored and grateful to be selected as Kum for our Church Slava this year.

May God grant Kum Pete many more years!

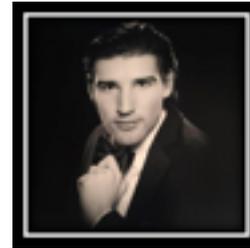
Ziveli na mnogaja ljeta!

## OUR 2016 GRADUATES



**JULIA KNAPP**

Julia Knapp is the daughter of Gregg and Diane Volitich Knapp. She is a 2016 graduate of Montour High School. She was an Honor Roll Student all four years of High School. Her school activities included: Curefinders (volunteer club to raise money for cancer research), Student Council, Educators Rising, Marching Band, Musical, and Concert Band. She is a 13 year member of the Jadran Beaver Valley Junior Tamburitans. She attended St. Elijah Church Day Camp and attended Sunday School until graduation. She is currently a member of the St. Elijah Church Choir. Julia plans to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and major in Chemical Engineering.



**ELIJAH SKLACK**

Elijah Sklack is the son of David and Dorothy Padazenin-Sklack. He graduated from Hopewell High School in June. He attended Sunday School, Church Day Camp, and is an Altar Server and an ordained Reader. For his Senior Project he helped organize both the spring and fall Food Festivals here at St. Elijah. Elijah was accepted and will attend Theil College in the fall.



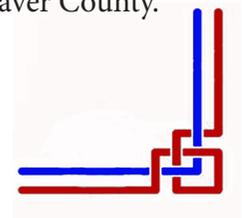
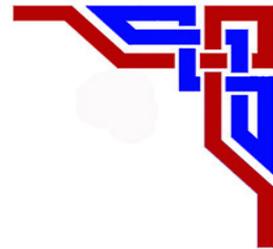
**MIRKO LONCAR**

Mirko Loncar is a graduate of Hopewell High School class of 2016. He is the son of Pete and Beth Loncar. Mirko has been an altar server along with his brothers Demetri and Eli for many years. His activities in school included Scholar Athlete football, Scholar Athlete basketball, Scholar Athlete track, Scholar Athlete baseball and Latin club. He will attend Florida State University and major in business.



**RYAN ZELJAK**

Ryan Daniel Zeljak also is a graduate of Hopewell High School. In school he was in the Hopewell Marching Band for 4 years. Made the morning announcements on the Varsity Swim Team, and Varsity Golf Team. Ryan has been an Altar Boy since first grade. He is the son of Daniel and Betsy Zeljak. Ryan will study aviation at the Community College of Beaver County.



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The ST. ELIJAH CHURCH CHOIR WILL SPONSOR A

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th  
From NOON until 3:00 p.m.

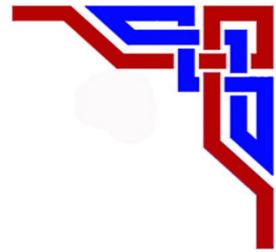


*Dine in/ or take-out*

Donation: \$10.00

All proceeds to benefit the  
**Church Center Relief Fund**

**Your support will be greatly appreciated!**



## **Sveta Petka Kolo Srpskih Sestara Eighty-fourth Anniversary and Krsna Slava**

**Thursday, October 27, 2016    Holy Confession - 9:00 am    Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am**

Following Liturgy a Parastos will be held for all of our dearly departed sisters,  
followed by the Cutting of the Slavski Kolach

Banquet to follow at the *AMERICAN SERBIAN CLUB*

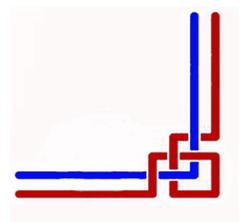
**LET US- Honor our Saint Sveta Petka    LET US-pray for the souls of our departed sisters**

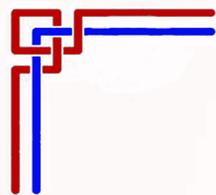
**LET US-show respect for our Kuma**

**LET US-confirm our love and support to our dedicated sisters of Sveta Petka**

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

**For reservations contact Diane Baron 724-378-8979  
or see her following Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcomed to attend!**





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# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Serbian Food Festival

Saturday – Oct. 1st 11 AM to 7 PM Sunday-Oct 2nd 12 noon to 4 PM

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church Center

2200 Main Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001 (724)-375-9894

## Featured Menu Items:

(While quantities last)

Lamb  
Lamb Sandwich  
Gibanica  
Cevaps & Pljeskavica

Burek  
Sarma  
Chicken  
Rice Pilaf  
Green Beans  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cabbage & Noodles  
Serbian Potato Salad  
Serbian Cole Slaw  
Serbian Salad

BONELESS BBQ Lamb  
¼ # lamb on a bun  
Cheese Casserole  
Grilled Seasoned Serbian Sausage  
and Hamburgers Hot Off the Grills  
Dough filled with seasoned meat or vegetables  
Serbian “pigs in a blanket”  
½ Roasted to perfection at our BBQ pit  
Our own delicious specialty  
Serbian style  
With a few secret ingredients  
Cabbage/onions seasoning and butter  
Potatoes, onions, vinegar & olive oil  
Slaw, vinegar, olive oil  
Cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers,  
onions, vinegar, olive oil



## SOUPS

Gra i Kupus Beans & Sauerkraut Soup sm. Lg.  
Chicken Noodle Soup With homemade noodles sm. Lg.  
Coffee free refills

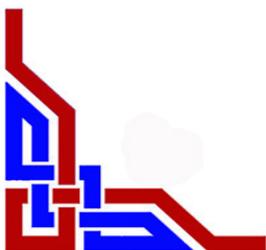
## Sample of Pastries Sold at Our Bake sale: VARIOUS PRICES

Pogaca Round Bread  
Palacinke Serbian crepes filled with cheese  
Pitas Fruit filled squares  
Nut rolls/Poppy Seed Nut/ and Poppy seed filled rolls  
Strudel Apple/cheese  
Tortas Our specialty cakes- Light and Fluffy in several varieties  
Variety of Cookies All made the old fashioned way  
Rezanci Homemade noodles

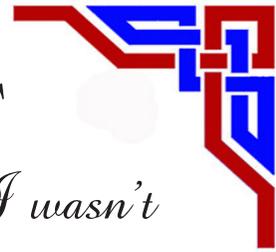


~Basket Raffle Too~ Donated Themed Gift Baskets of \$50 or more are greatly appreciated!

Please bring them to the Center Friday, September 30th



# STORIES FOR THE HEART



## *Beautiful Day, Isn't It?*

Barbara Johnson

The day started out rotten. I overslept and was late for work. Everything that happened at the office contributed to my nervous frenzy. By the time I reached the bus stop for my homeward trip, my stomach was one big knot.

As usual, the bus was late—and jammed. I had to stand in the aisle. As the lurching vehicle pulled me in all directions, my gloom deepened.

Then I heard a deep voice from up front boom, “Beautiful day, isn’t it?” Because of the crowd, I could not see the man, but I could hear him as he continued to comment on the spring scenery, calling attention to each approaching landmark. This church. That park. This cemetery. That firehouse. Soon all the passengers were gazing out the windows. The man’s enthusiasm was so contagious I found myself smiling for the first time that day. We reached my stop. Maneuvering toward the door, I got a look at our “guide”: a plump figure with a black beard, wearing dark glasses, and carrying a thin white cane.

## *When you thought I wasn't looking*

Anonymous

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake just for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.

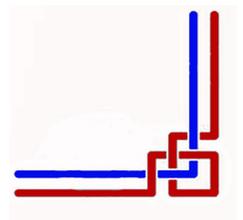
When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

When you have more,  
then you need,  
build a longer table,  
not a higher fence.





## THE DISAPPEARING SLAVA

By Father Rade Merick

We Serbs in America have shown a very unfortunate tendency to not always perpetuate the best and most important aspects of our heritage. For too many of our people, and not just the youth, being Serbian means little more than partying with the proper ethnic foods, music, and especially drinks. The truly valuable and important things, the things which have defined and maintained the Serbian people through the centuries, seems to be slipping away for lack of interest. One of the truly-alarming and tragic losses we are facing is the gradual demise of that most Serbian and Orthodox of all traditions, the Krsna Slava, or family patron saint observance.

The slava is a uniquely Serbian tradition. Where many other peoples have individual, personal patron saints usually celebrated as name days, the Serb marks his ties to Orthodoxy and the saints as a family. The family slava celebration is handed down from father to son from the most distant past. The slava, when celebrated, binds the present generation with all the generations which have gone before, it binds the family to the consciousness of being Serbian. Most importantly, since it is often regarded as the anniversary of the baptism of the family into Christianity, the slava can be seen as the annual reaffirmation of the family to its baptismal vows, and the renewal of its ties to the Orthodox faith and Church. No human being is honored during the slava. Rather, the Serbian family honors and pledges itself each year at its slava to God Himself and His Kingdom. The family invokes its patron saint as an example to be followed by all of what it means to be a true Christian.

In some of our parishes, very few families still celebrate their slava. Why is it that such an important event in the life of the family is being abandoned by Serbs in America today? There may be any number of reasons, but the most disturbing is the possibility, even likelihood, that we are forgetting what it means to be a Serb and an Orthodox Christian. In some of our parish-

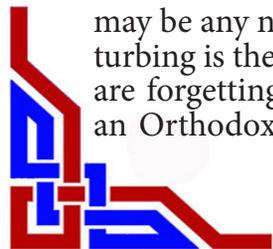
es, very few families celebrate their slava in any way. There is little doubt that the loss of the slava is closely tied in with the whole secularization of our lives. For the true Orthodox Christian, the home is a church, a sacred place. Every home would have at least one icon, a vigil lamp, and censer of offering incense. Today these things are found less and less frequently in our homes. If our home is not a church

may other time of the year, why should it be on the slava? At least this seems to be the unstated feeling.

There is a saying that there is no such thing as a Serb without the slava. If this is the case, some of our most vocal nationalists are not Serbs at all. We are gradually abandoning one of our greatest treasures. With this issue of the Path we begin a series on the Serbian slava.

We hope that all of our readers will pay special attention this series. It is meant to awaken us once again to the deep meaning, beauty and importance of this observance so central to the life of the Serb.

And now, a special appeal to those who do not celebrate their slava. Please read this articles. Try to understand the importance of this celebration to our lives as Serbian Orthodox Christians. Make it an urgent priority to revive the tradition in your family and home. You need not have a huge, elaborate and expensive party. What you do need is an icon, candle, wheat, wine, and bread, the blessing of the priest if possible, and an awareness that is a treasure which has been passed on you by many generations gone before. No one can ever take your slava away from you. But you can easily throw it away yourself. If you need guidance on how to reinstate this tradition in your home, contact your priest. But do not fail to once again return to the ancient and honorable Christian practice of your forebearers. "Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught..." (2. Thess. 2:15)



### ST. VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY SHIPS BOOKS TO NAIROBI SEMINARY

On July 6, 2016, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary sent \$15,000 worth of theological books on a 7,000-mile journey to the Orthodox Patriarchal Ecclesiastical School of Makarios III in Nairobi, Kenya. The African seminary is the recipient of a tithe of St. Vladimir's most recent #GivingTuesday Campaign, which took place on December 1, 2015. The Campaign raised a grand total of \$148,764, and St. Vladimir's pledged 10% of that sum to supply the African seminary's library with much needed books.

"We are thrilled to share the blessing God has given us with our sister seminary in Nairobi," said the Very Reverend Dr. Chad Hatfield, CEO at St. Vladimir's. "Our #GivingTuesday donors gave generously to support our campaign, and we want to thank them and others for helping us to spread this blessing abroad.

"For example," he continued, "we soon realized that including books from other Orthodox publishers—besides our own SVS Press—would greatly benefit the African seminarians, so our bookstore staff contacted St. Tikhon's Monastery Press, Ancient Faith Publishing, Sebastian Press, Holy Cross Seminary Press, and the Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC), who generously provided their books to us at wholesale cost.

"Also," Fr. Chad went on, "we are enormously indebted to our fellow Orthodox Christian, Jacob Matthew, president of National Air Cargo (Middle East and Pacific Rim region), the company that took the responsibility of moving these books from the United States to Africa without any cost, as a kind gesture in support of this great initiative for the right cause.

"Every year on #GivingTuesday we are grateful for our donors' charitable hearts," he concluded, "and we are finding every year that their gifts keep multiplying as we share them with our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters around the world."

### CATHEDRALS OF THE POOR IN GUATEMALA

The experience of worshipping with the indigenous people in their small churches made of baked mud and clay or wooden planks defies description. These are the cathedrals of the poor, every bit as magnificent as the hallowed shrines of Orthodoxy in the great centers of the world. What a great mystery our faith contains. In the least likely places the bliss of paradise comes upon the humble of heart. Through numerous pastoral visits to remote villages such a world of infinite possibilities and promise unfolds before us as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, but not before hearing many confessions, which in itself is a unique and intimate pastoral encounter. For example, as shy and reserved as the women usually are, adhering to the custom of not eating with nor serving food to visiting men, the floodgates of emotion pour out as they tearfully whisper their sins into our attentive ears. Orthodox Church communities like this exist all over Guatemala. New communities are being added to the fold on a regular basis as they learn of an apostolic church that offers them the holy sacraments.

Because of liturgical and pastoral encounters like this, in places where other missionaries have not gone or will not go, Orthodoxy continues to grow, not only near the Pacific coast and the Highlands of Western Guatemala, but also in Southern Mexico. They come to us by word of mouth, not one or two persons at a time, but whole communities, guided by their elders into the loving care of Archbishop Athenagoras and the Guatemalan clergy. They follow the example of the late Fr. Andres Giron(+2014), their church founder and former leader in the agrarian land reform movement. He greatly benefited the indigenous population of Guatemala with his advocacy of their spiritual and material needs, both as a priest and senator in the congress. As beautiful as these men of God are who tirelessly preach the gospel of peace, even more beautiful are the humble folk who receive it with love and purity of soul. These are the real treasures of the Orthodox Church in Guatemala. The sound of their voices continue to fill the heavens.

Now, inspired by the witness of their newfound faith, many communities are asking to renovate or build houses of worship that reflect the beauty and theology of the Orthodox Church. Where once open altars were the norm, simple icon screens are becoming the new focus of worship. Domes or cupolas are crowning church structures, and icons instead of statues are adorning the interior spaces of many sanctuaries. All of these changes are shaping a new mindset and orientation towards worship and the church. The intense power of their Christ-centered individual and corporate faith remains the same, but now it finds full expression in their communion with all the saints in a heavenly world without end.



**SPECIAL DONATIONS STARTING APRIL 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2016**

**APRIL 8, 2016**

PETE BELICH 25  
IMO MOTHER MARY E BELICH

MARY LOVERICH 10  
IMO HUSBAND JOHN LOVERICH

MILKA PESUT 25  
IMO BROTHERS MILAN AND DALE ZERNICH

SUSAN PRISUTA 50  
IMO HUSBAND SAM PRISUTA

JOAN NAIRN 30  
IMO FATHER SAM RADOVICH

DAN RADA KOVICH 100  
IMO WIFE DONNA/PARENTS NICK AND ANNA  
AND BROTHER GEORGE RADA KOVICH

**APRIL 10, 2016**

ROBERT/DIANE BARON 50  
IMO OUR FATHERS GEORGE AND MILE

BARB BUFFALINI 50  
IMO PARENTS GEORGE AND FRANCES KOZLINA

MELISSA HENNESSY 50  
IMO MOM SARA MUSOLIN

STEPHANIE KOVACEVIC 20  
IMO THE KOVACEVIC/KNEZEVIC FAMILIES

GEORGIANNA KROSS 20  
IMO FRANCES KOZLINA ON HER BIRTHDAY

MELANIE KRNETA 20  
IMO YANJTOVICH/KRNETA AND CROXTON  
FAMILIES

STELLA MRAOVICH 20  
IMO GRANDSON ERIC SEMOVOSKI

MILANA MILOSH 200  
IMO SAM MILANOVI OCH SR

NADIA PRISUTA 25  
IMO MILO B PRISUTA

JOANN SEMOVOSKI 50  
IMO SON ERIC SEMOVOSKI 11/2/78-4/9/2006

**APRIL 17, 2016**

MITZI CLAY 10  
IMO MOTHER ANNA BULAT

ANN LOUISE CLAY 10  
IMO GRANDMOTHER ANNA BULAT

MILDRED KORPASH 10  
IMO MOTHER ANNA BULAT

CHERYL LUFKIN 100  
IMO SAVA BRDAR

DANA LAZICH 10  
IMO PATTY SERGEANT

KAREN MCNARY/ ANDREA MILLIKEN 25  
IMO DOROTHY AND ANDREW YANCHICK

CARSON ROBBINS 100  
IMO BABA SAVA BRDAR

DOLLY SKORICH 50  
IMO HUSBAND GEORGE SKORICH ON HIS BIRTH-  
DAY 4/14

M/M GEORGE WINOVICH 50  
IMO MARCY REBICH

DIANE YANCHIK 100  
IMO MOTHER ANGELINE BULAT ON HER BIRTH-  
DAY 4/9 AND HUSBAND PETE YANCHIK 2/6

**APRIL 24, 2016**

MELVA CYANOVICH 10  
IMO SHIRLEY CHUROVIA GEORGAKIS  
KATHARINA KOIN 100  
IMO SON MIOMIR (MIKE) KOIN/ MOTHER PAVA  
LATI CI AND AUNT ANITA PISAROV

HELEN LINKOVICH 20  
IMO SISTER SARA MUSOLIN

M/M MILO PRISUTA 100  
IMO MILO B PRISUTA

DAN RADA KOVICH 50  
IMO MOTHER ANNA/ FATHER NICK/ BROTHER  
GEORGE AND WIFE DONNA

**APRIL 30, 2016**

DOROTHY BARON 25  
IMO HUSBAND GEORGE FOR EASTER

ROBERT/DIANE BARON 30  
IMO LOVED ONES FOR EASTER

BARB BUFFALINI 25  
IMO PARENTS FOR EASTER GEORGE AND FRAN-  
CES KOZLINA

WILLIAM DAGEN 100  
IMO MARLENE REBICH DAGEN FOR EASTER

MELANIE DUSENBERRY 100

IMO MOTHER ROSE MARIE GUERRIERE AND  
GRANDMOTHER ANGLINE MUSULIN FOR EAS-  
TER

CAROL MARAVICH- 50  
IMO PARENTS NICK/ANN MARAVICH

GEORGIANNA KROSS 100  
IMO PARENTS GEORGE/FRANCES KOZLINA FOR  
EASTER

DIANA PERETIC 50  
IMO PARENTS GEORGE/FRANCES KOZLINA FOR  
EASTER

MARY LOVERICH 20  
IMO LOVED ONES FOR EASTER

PETE MILICH 50  
IMO DECEASED LOVED ONES AT EASTER

STELLA MRAOVICH 20  
IMO GRANDSON ERIC SEMOVOSKI AND HUS-  
BAND NICK AT EASTER

STELLA MRAOVICH 30  
IMO PARENTS VUJO/ANNA POLOJAC BROTHER  
SAM AND SISTER MIM AT EASTER

NADINE MARAVICH FAMILY 25  
OUR EL'S 2 YEARS MAY 1ST

LORRAINE KURPIEL 10  
IMO DAN MAROVICH (CA)

DAN RADAKOVICH 100  
IMO MOTHER ANNA/ FATHER NICK/ BROTHER  
GEORGE AND WIFE DONNA FOR EASTER

LUANN THOMPSON 100  
IMO MOTHER DONNA RADAKOVICH/ GRAND-  
PARENTS PETE/LUBI BELICH AND NICK AND  
ANNA RADAKOVICH FOR EASTER

JOANN SEMOVOSKI 50  
IMO SON ERIC FOR EASTER

GEORGE SUDER 50  
IMO WIFE JOSEPHIE FOR EASTER

JOHN/VIOLET TOMEI 20  
IMO LOVED ONES FOR EASTER

OLGA YORGIN 50  
IMO HUSBAND NICK YORGIN

SYLVIA AND RON MICHIC 125  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOVING FAMILY FOR  
EASTER CEMETERY UPKEEP

ROSE RESANOVICH 40  
IMO FRANCES MISKULIN

JOHN SERGEANT 20  
глас пророка

IMO PATTY SERGEANT

MAY 15, 2016

PETE BELICH 25  
IMO MOTHER MARY BELICH FOR MOTHER'S  
DAY

HELEN LINKOVICH 20  
IMO MOTHER MILICA LINKOVICH FOR MOTH-  
ER'S DAY

DOLLY MISTOVICH 10  
IMO MOTHERS ANNA AND MARY FOR MOTH-  
ER'S DAY

BRIAN VULA 20  
IMO BABA'S BEATRICE MERVOSH AND MARY  
VULA

AL/DIANA ABROMOVICH 50  
IMO MOTHER KATA GRKOVICH  
FOR MOTHER'S DAY

CYNTHIA BERRINGER 50  
IMO MY MOTHER SALLY RADOVICH  
FOR MOTHER'S DAY

MIM BIZIC 100  
IMO PETE/DRAGICA AND GUS BIZIC

MIM BIZIC 100  
IMO LAURA MAMULA KARLO AND DOROTHY  
KLAICH BIZIC FOR MOTHER'S DAY

DON/JUNE CAIN 20  
IMO ANN GRIFFITH FOR MOTHER'S DAY

MELANIE KOMAZEC 25  
IMO KATA, STEVO AND STEVE CREVAR JR FOR  
EASTER

GEORGIANNA KROSS 20  
IMO MOM FRANCES KOZLINA

NELL KOZLINA 50  
IMO MOTHER ANA KOZLINA AND SISTER  
YVONNE MANOLOVICH FOR MOTHER'S DAY

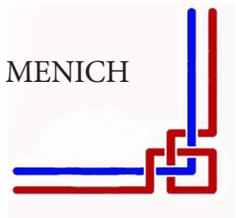
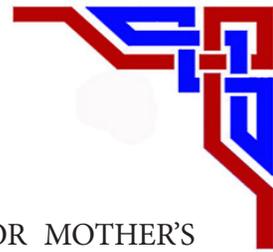
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REBICH AND ANN MILANOVICH FOR MOTHER'S  
DAY

BETTY MISTOVICH 20  
IMO ANA KOZLINA AND MARA MISTOVICH FOR  
MOTHER'S DAY

M/M MILAN MRKAL 60  
IMO JOYCE GILL AND RADMILA MRKAL

DAN/ANN MENICH 30  
IMO PARENTS STEVAN AND RUZICE MENICH

DAN/ANN MENICH 50  
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IMO MOTHER RUZICA AND MOTHER- IN- LAW MILKA FOR MOTHER'S DAY

MILEVA MERVIS 10  
IMO SISTER SARA MUSOLIN

MILEVA MERVIS 10  
IMO MOTHER MILICA LINKOVICH ON MOTHER'S DAY

SYLVIA AND RON MICHIC 40  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF IRENE KOWALCHICK/  
ANNA MICHIC/MATUSKA ETHEL KARAFFA AND  
PAULA MABEE

JOAN NAIRN 30  
IMO LOVED ONES FOR EASTER

ALBERT/CAROL RADULOVICH 100  
IMO MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS FOR  
MOTHER'S DAY

CRAIG RADULOVICH 25  
IMO GRANDMOTHERS MILDRED MANO-  
JLOVICH AND ISABELLE RADULOVICH

DANA RADULOVICH 25  
IMO GRANDMOTHERS MILDRED MANO-  
JLOVICH AND ISABELLE RADULOVICH

CARRIE RADULOVICH MURPHY 25  
IMO GRANDMOTHERS MILDRED MANO-  
JLOVICH AND ISABELLE RADULOVICH

DANICA STARYSZAK 20  
IMO BERTHA VIGNOVICH

DANICA STARYSZAK 30  
IMO MOTHER SALLY RADOVICH ON MOTHER'S  
DAY

ANN TURKOVICH 35  
IMO SAVA MUSULIN FOR MOTHER'S DAY

MILLIE YANUZZI 10  
IMO LOVING HUSBAND RAY YANUZZI/DAD  
PETE/MOM BEATRICE MRVOSH AND BROTHER  
SAM MRVOSH FOR EASTER

MILLIE YANUZZI 15  
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY "BUB" BEATRICE MER-  
VOSH

STELLA ZINAICH 20  
IMO MOTHER HELEN BASSAR AND MOTHER-IN-  
LAW ANNA ZINAICH FOR MOTHER'S DAY

**MAY 16, 2016**

ANN FAGAN 200  
IMO LOVED ONES  
IMO PARENTS SAM AND MARY RADOVICH AND  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MOTHERS MARY RA-  
DOVICH AND SALLY RADOVICH FOR MOTHER'S

DAY

DIANE IANNINI 25  
IMO MOM ON MOTHER'S DAY

RADAR OPASIC 115  
DONATION TO CHURCH FROM GOLF EVENT

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 70  
IMO PARENTS RADE AND LUBA SMOLANOVICH  
AND SISTERS AND BROTHERS  
ALSO IMO MOTHER LUBA SMOLANOVICH FOR  
MOTHER'S DAY

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 20  
IMO SISTER MILDRED SMOLANOVICH

**MAY 17, 2016**

SAM BULAT 20  
IMO MOTHER ANGELINE BULAT 1979

SAM BULAT 20  
IMO MOTHER ANGELINE BULAT FOR MOTHER'S  
DAY

DOROTHY MARAVICH 50  
IMO MOTHER MILDRED MARAVICH FOR MOTH-  
ER'S DAY

NELL SEMICK 50  
IMO GEORGE 'SKINNY' SEMICK FOR OUR SLAVA

SUSAN PRISUTA 100  
IMO SAM PRISUTA FOR EASTER

DIANE YANCHIK 50  
IMO PARENTS THEODORE AND ANGELINE BU-  
LAT FOR EASTER

**MAY 22, 2016**

PETAR KODIC 20  
IMO UNCLE MILAN

NELL MUKANOS 20  
IMO SISTER ZEE MEDICH

DAN RADAKOVICH 50  
IMO MOTHER ANNA, FATHER NICK, BROTHER  
GEORGE AND WIFE DONNA

MILLIE YANUZZI 10  
IMO FATHER PETE MERVOSH

**MAY 29, 2016**

DONNA AIELLO 25  
IMO HUSBAND RICHARD AIELLO FOR HIS BIRTH-  
DAY CEMETERY UPKEEP

RON/SYLVIA MICHIC 35  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MOTHER IRENE KOW-

ALCHICK CEMETERY UPKEEP

BARBARA SAHAR 25  
IMO MOTHER IRENE KOWALCHICK CEMETERY  
UPKEEP

MAY 29, 2016

VIOLET BENEDICT 25  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

MIM BIZIC 35  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

DAN/DIANA BARON 25  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

MITZI CLAY 20  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

ANN LOUISE CLAY 10  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

MILLCENT HAYDEN 50  
IMO MY HUSBAND SAM HAYDEN AND OUR PAR-  
ENTS SAM AND BERTHA MAMULA AND SAVA  
HAYDEN

MELISSA HENNESSY 25  
IMO MOTHER SARA MUSOLIN

MILDRED KORPASH 10  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

BETTY MISTOVICH 20  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

STEPHANIE KOVACEVIC 100  
IMO MOTHER BISA KOVACEVIC

M/M MILAN MRKAL 20  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

PAULETTE ARBUTINA 25  
CEMETERY UPKEEP IN MEMORY OF BISA KOVA-  
CEVIC  
GEORGE TADICH 10  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

JOHN/VIOLET TOMEI 15  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

GEORGE/MARLENE VOLITICH 10  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

OLGA YORGIN 25  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

**MAY 30, 2016**

AL/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 20  
IMO STELLA LACKOVICH

MICKEY BELAS 10  
IMO STELLA LACKOVICH

DOROTHY BRDAR 25  
IMO STELLA LACKOVICH

MITZI CLAY 20  
IMO STELLA LACKOVICH

PAT LACKOVICH 20  
IMO STELLA LACKOVICH

ROSE RESANOVICH 50  
IMO HUSBAND ALEX FOR EASTER

NELL SEMICK AND FAMILY 50  
IMO STELLA LACKOVICH

JENNIE ZAKOVICH 25  
IMO MOTHER MARTHA K VINCICH  
WHO PASSED AWAY 50 YEARS AGO

**JUNE 5, 2016**

SAM BULAT 20  
IMO THEODOR BULAT FOR FATHER'S DAY

SAM BULAT 20  
IMO BROTHER MIKE BULAT

MELVA CYANOVICH 10  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

MELVA CYANOVICH 20  
IMO AMELIA STEPANOVICH/MILDRED CY-  
ANOVICH AND MARA GASPAROVICH

DIANE IANNINI 75  
IMO DAD ON FATHER'S DAY/MOM ON HER  
BIRTHDAY 6/20  
AND MOM 13 YEARS 6/30

DIANE IANNINI 25  
IMO LOVED ONES ON VIDOV DAN

M/M RICHARD MAMULA 50  
IMO FATHER RICHARD MAMULA

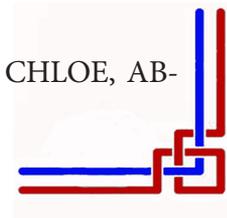
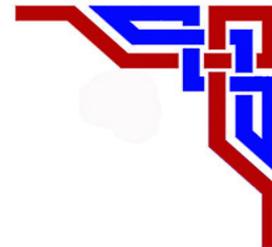
HELEN PESUT 25  
IMO SOPHIE P LOVERICH

SUSAN PRISUTA 50  
IMO SAM PRISUTA

PETE PESUT JR 25  
IMO AUNT SOPHIE P LOVERICH

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 25  
IMO FATHER RADE SMOLANOVICH FOR FA-  
THER'S DAY

ROBERT ZELJAK AND GRANDKIDS CHLOE, AB-  
BEY AND ANJELICA 30



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IMO JEANIE ZELJAK

JUNE 12, 2016

HELEN LINKOVICH 20  
IMO FATHER STEVAN LINKOVICH FATHER'S DAY

M/M MITCH MENCANIN 20  
IMO MOTHER DOROTHY MENCANIN

MILEVA MERVIS 20  
IMO HUSBAND ROBERT MERVIS

MILEVA MERVIS 20  
IMO FATHER STEVAN LINKOVICH FOR FATHER'S DAY

JOAN NAIRN 10  
IMO DOROTHY MENCANIN

RON/SYLVIA MICHIC 25  
IMO MARIAN DUFALA CEMETERY UPKEEP

RON/SYLVIA MICHIC 40  
FOR FATHER'S DAY IMO SIMEON KOWAL-  
CHICK/V. REV. FATHER KARAFKA/ JOHN TUDAY,  
AND FRANK MICHIC CEMETERY UPKEEP

JUNE 19, 2016

PATRICIA CEKORIC 50  
IMO BISA KOVACEVIC

MILO/LJUBIE PRISUTA 50  
IMO SAM PRISUTA

BARBARA SAHAR 25  
IMO MARIAN DUFALLA

STELLA ZIANICH 20  
IMO BRONKO ZINAICH

LYNN ZINAICH 20  
IMO FATHER BRONKO ZINAICH

MIM BIZIC 100  
IMO JOVO KLAICH/PETE BIZIC SR/GUS BIZIC/  
AND IN HONOR OF NICK BIZIC

DON CAIN 20  
IMO FRED GRIFFITH

KATHARINA KOIN 100  
IMO SON MIOMIR 'MIKE' KOIN AND MOTHER  
PAVA LATICA

SLAVKA NIKOLIC 200  
IMO HUSBAND ZIKO NIKOLIC

JOAN NAIRN 10  
IMO FATHER SAM RADOVICH

ALBERT/CAROL RADOVICH 100

IMO FATHERS STAMLEY 'BOOMIE' MANO-  
JLOVICH AND ELI RADULOVICH

CRAIG RADULOVICH 25  
IMO STANLEY 'BOOMIE' MANOJLOVICH AND ELI  
RADULOVICH

CARRIE MURPHY 25  
IMO STANLEY 'BOOMIE' MANOJLOVICH AND ELI  
RADULOVICH

DANA RADULOVICH 25  
IMO STANLEY 'BOOMIE' MANOJLOVICH AND ELI  
RADULOVICH

BARBARA SAHAR 25  
IMO V. REV. FR. PETER KARAFFA AND FATHERS  
JOHN TUDAY AND SIMEON KOWLCHICK

ANN TURKOVICH 10  
IMO FATHER STEVE ON FATHER'S DAY

MILLIE YANUZZI 15  
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD PETE MERVOSH

JUNE 26, 2016

PETE BELICH 25  
IMO PETE BELICH SR

DOROTHY MARAVICH 50  
IMO FATHER SAM MARAVICH

MRS SAM PERICH 40  
IMO SAM PERICH

SEYA MABEE 50  
CHAPEL CUPOLA PROJECT

“Wherever God is — there is peace.  
And the opposite is self-evident: where  
there is envy, enmity, impatience, self-  
love — there is the devil.  
Wherever the devil is — there, every-  
thing is ruinous, proud and hostile.”

+ *St. Anatoly of Optina*

## GODPARENTHOOD (KUMSTVO)

*By V.Rev.Stavrophor Jovan Todorovich*

Godparenthood (Kumstvo) is a sacred Christian institution of the Orthodox Church from time immemorial. Its origin stems from Judaism for there had to be “witnesses” at the ceremony of circumcision. Since circumcision as a ritual of the biblical church was a prototype of the Christian sacrament of baptism, and since the first Christians came from Judaism, it is quite natural that they had witnesses, GODPARENTS (Kumovi), at their baptisms.

Circumcision was the sign of a covenant or a contract of salvation between God and Abraham (I Mos. 17) in the Old Testament; therefore, it was the prototype of the Christian baptism in the New Testament. A Christian baptism is also a union between the baptized person and the Lord God through the Saviour Jesus Christ, who said: “...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.” (John 3:5) “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...” (Mark 16:16) The Church song at a baptism says: “He who is baptized in Christ puts on Christ.” For these reasons, the Roman law looked on baptism as a treaty or union and prescribed the need for witnesses, or Godparents. The witnesses or Godparents were particularly needed at the time when the Christians were forced to renounce Christ and baptism in order not to be rebaptized.

Looking from a practical point of view, the Church established the institution of Godparenthood at the time when it started to baptize children. Since the children themselves could not confess their belief in the Saviour, the Godparents renounced the devil for them, united them with Christ, confessed the faith for them, and witnessed that their acceptance of Christianity was true and sincere. As for adults who were baptized, besides being witnesses, the Godparents served as their religious teachers.

A Serbian epic poet immortalized himself by talking about the antiquity of Godparenthood by describing the baptism of Christ. When the

Mother of God asked John the Baptist to the baptism of Christ, according to epic poetry, She addressed him thus:

“Be my Godfather, oh, John the Baptist;  
You should baptize Christ, the true God.”

The act of baptism was so moving that, according to the folk poet:

“Even John the Baptist was so frightened that he almost dropped his book,” since:

“The water of the Jordan raged As if to drown somebody.”

However, the Mother of God encouraged him: “Do not be frightened, Godfather John, the water is not enraged, it wants to be sanctified through Christ.”

Article 200 of the Nomocanon in the Big Service Book tells us why the Godparent in the

Church Slavonic language is called the “receiver: “He is called the receiver since he receives the child from the priest at its baptism and the child becomes his child to teach about everything that is good.”

Therefore:

- a Godparent bears witness that a christening was done;
- he guarantees before God and Church that the baptized person will remain faithful to the accepted religion and given promises;
- he eliminates every deceit, fraud and hypocrisy of the baptized;
- he is the spiritual parent since baptism is a spiritual birth;

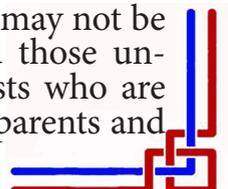
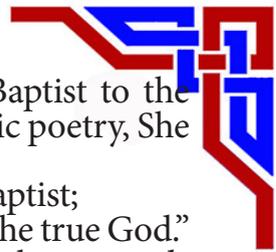
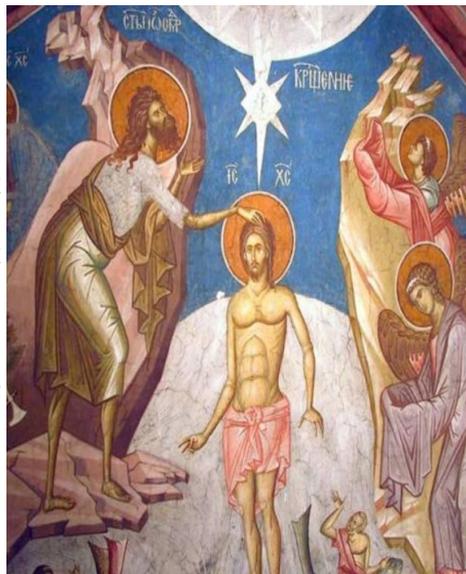
and, he renounces the devil, unites with Christ and follows the Creed, and in that way, assumes the responsibility to raise, educate and teach his spiritual children the faith and its given promises.

For these reasons, Godparents must be devout Orthodox people who are moral and live a pure Christian life, who are mature in body and spirits, and who have the physical possibilities to fulfill their parental obligations towards their spiritual children.

Atheists, heterodox people and heretics, public sinners and those of bad repute may not be

Godparents. Further, children and those under the legal age, monks and priests who are performing a christening, a child’s parents and

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blood relatives up to the third degree (generation) may not be Godparents.

The Orthodox Serbs always had the highest regard toward their Godparents. Enlightened by St. Sava's Faith, they knew that christening was the most important moment in the spiritual life of Christians that they showed particular honor and respect towards the Godparents who accepted their baptized child. The behavior between Godparents and families of the baptized children reflected a holy relationship and holy kindness. Families affiliated through Godparenthood enter into a relationship which does not exist even among the closest of relatives. They are wary not to insult one another, not to inflict any damage nor utter a bad word toward each other. It is a sin to refuse Godparenthood, particularly for a christening, and it is a greater sin to deceive, slander or rob a Godparent. Thus, in order to avoid the temptation of sinning toward a Godparent, people looked for a Godparent from other areas since neighbors could inflict damage to each other and cause disagreements and quarrels. It is a rare custom among the Serbs to change a Godparent, so, some Godparenthoods are two hundred or more years old. If change is necessary, one always asks for a blessing from the original Godparent. Through one Godparenthood, the relatives of the chief Godparent become Godparents also and address each other in that way. Godparenthood mainly plays a particular role in the religious, educational and social life of a people. Through Godparenthood, a harmony was kept among people and it was a guardian that nothing bad would happen between such families. It is obligatory that Godparents help each other. In many cases, Godparenthood served to reconcile two quarreling families. This was particularly seen in the areas where blood feuds were in effect since Godparenthood was the only vehicle to stop them. Offering Godparent-

hood to a person who lost someone through a crime softens his heart.



Aside from a christening Godparent, there also is a Godparent at a wedding, a consecration of a church and at a church slava. As a spiritual christening is a birth and union with Christ, a wedding is a birth of a new family through the mystical union of the spouses, according to the Gospel: "...and they two shall be one flesh." (Eph. 5:31) The wedding ceremony creates a union between the spouses and God who, by His mercy, blesses the holy matrimony. That is why the Godparent,

"holding the wreaths," testifies that the spouses are baptized, that they are physically and mentally fit for matrimony, that they are not blood nor spiritual relatives, and that they enter into matrimony of their free will, filled with sincerity and love for each other. A Godparent testifies that the marriage really took place.

The Church regulation about who can not be a Godparent at a baptism is also valid for the Godparent of a marriage because of the Serbian custom that the matrimonial Godparent is also the Godparent for the baptism of the children of that marriage.

Since the same rituals are performed at the consecration of a church as in the consecration of every person at a baptism and chrismation, the Serbian people long ago said that "the church is being baptized."



Therefore, having Godparents for the consecration of a church is a Serbian practice.

The Church Slava (Patron Saint Day) is a commemorative celebration of the saint or holy day to whom the church is dedicated. The church is consecrated and in reality baptized. Thus, in order to witness the event and to preserve and promote Godparenthood, Godparents are designated also for Church Slavas.

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## Q & A

### Receiving Communion

#### Question

*I have a question about receiving communion. I am Roman Catholic and I know we normally do not allow non-Catholics to receive communion during our services. However, I see in our catechism that there is an exception for Orthodox Christians. They are also allowed to receive communion at Catholic services. Is the same true for Orthodox churches. Can I receive communion if I attend an Orthodox service?*

#### Answer

It has been many years since I read the Roman Catholic regulations on admitting non-Catholics to the Eucharist, but if I remember correctly, the Roman Catholic regulations state that an Orthodox Christian may receive the Eucharist in a Roman Catholic Church: for good reason or cause only with the mutual agreement of the local Roman Catholic and Orthodox ordinaries, i.e., diocesan bishops. While one might argue that any number of situations constitute a “good reason or cause,” the critical point is that without the mutual agreement of both the Orthodox and Roman Catholic bishops, offering Communion to an Orthodox Christian would not be allowed. I know of no situations where local Roman Catholic and Orthodox ordinaries have made such an agreement.

Further, Orthodox Christianity does not permit its faithful to receive Holy Communion in non-Orthodox communities, whether they be Roman Catholic, Protestant, or whatever. Hence, while Roman Catholicism may extend Eucharistic hospitality to Orthodox Christians, it does not mean that Orthodox Christians are permitted to accept such hospitality.

For Orthodox Christians, the Eucharist is a visible sign of unity; to receive the Eucharist in a community to which one does not belong is improper. If one does not accept all that the Church believes and teaches and wor-

ships, one cannot make a visible sign of unity with it. The Eucharist is the result of unity, not the means by which unity is achieved. While many non-Orthodox see this as a sign that the Orthodox Church excludes non-Orthodox from the Eucharist, in reality the opposite is true. Because a non-Orthodox individual has chosen not to embrace all that Orthodox Christianity holds, the non-Orthodox individual makes it impossible for an Orthodox priest to offer him or her communion. It is not so much a matter of Orthodoxy excluding non-Orthodox as it is the non-Orthodox making it impossible for the Orthodox to offer the Eucharist.

Sometimes people argue, “But Father, I believe everything the Orthodox Church teaches.” If this is indeed the case, then the question is not one of Eucharistic hospitality but, rather, “Then if you believe everything the Orthodox Church teaches, why haven’t you become an Orthodox Christian?”

*(From OCA web site)*



# FROM RECORD BOOK 2016



## FUNERALS

LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE AGE TO COME

- On May 12, 2016. **Stella Lackovich** passed away, and on May 17, 2016. the Funeral service was held for her soul.



- On May 18, 2016. **Biserka "Bisa" Kovacevic** passed away, and on May 21, 2016. the Funeral service was held for her soul.



- On May 20, 2016. **Zorana Jankovic** passed away, and on May 27, 2016. the Funeral service was held for her soul.



- On June 23, 2016. **Augusta Zeljak** passed away, and on June 27, 2016. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

## VJECNAJA PAMJAT! MEMORY ETRNAL!

God 'tested Abraham' (cf. Gen. 22:1-14), that is, God afflicted him for his own benefit, not in order to learn what kind of man Abraham was – for He knew him, since He knows all things before they come into existence – but in order to provide him with opportunities for showing perfect faith.

*St. Mark the Ascetic*



## BAPTISM

**The Servant of God...**

**Tristyn Trkulja**

born 2016. March 14,  
baptized 2016, February 13,  
Son of Cera Trkulja from Aliquippa, PA



**Pierce - Božidar Milanovich**

born 2016. February 16,  
baptized 2016, May 22,  
Son of Dusan and cortney Milanovich from  
Chipewa, PA

**...is baptized, in the name of the  
Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit. Amin.**



## MARRIAGE

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

**SETH** Egnot, born 1989 June 26, son of  
Timothy and Beth Egnot from Aliquippa, PA  
and

**NATALIE** Suder, born 1989, November 21,  
daughter of Robert and Darcey Suder from  
Aliquippa, PA

**O Lord our God, crown  
them with Glory and with  
Honor!**

## THE MONASTERY OF THE PATRIARCHATE OF PEC

The Monastery of the Patriarchate of Pec is located at the very entrance of the Rugova gorge near Pec. The complex of the Pec churches is the spiritual seat and mausoleum of Serbian archbishops and patriarchs. The temple of the Holy Apostles was built by Archbishop Arsenije I in the third decade of the 13th century. He was also responsible for the painting of the church around 1260. Archbishop Nikodim built the temple of St. Dimitrije next to the northern side of the church of Holy Apostles between 1321 and 1324, while Archbishop Danilo II built the churches dedicated to Virgin Odigitrija and St. Nikola on its southern side. He also built the monumental parvis in the shape of a magnificent open porch in front of the western facades of the churches of St. Dimitrije, Holy Apostles and Holy Virgin Odigitrija. At the time of Patriarch Makarije, the elegant openings with dual arcades were walled up. An entire history of the styles of medieval wall painting can be seen on the walls of the Pec churches. The church of the Holy Apostles was also decorated around 1300, then around 1350 and 1375 and twice in the 17th century. The church of St. Dimitrije was painted for the first time at the time of Patriarch Joakinije, around 1345, and the new layer of frescoes was painted by Georgije Mitrofanovic around 1619-1620. The church of Holy Virgin Odigitrija was painted before 1337, while its parvis was painted in the 14th and 16th centuries. The church of St. Nikola was painted by painter Radul in 1673/1674.

As a result of severe Turkish repression Patriarch Arsenios III left Pec with several thousand Christian families and emigrated to southern Hungary at the end of 17th century. Despite pressure from the local Moslem population the monastery has been preserved until today. After the Second World War

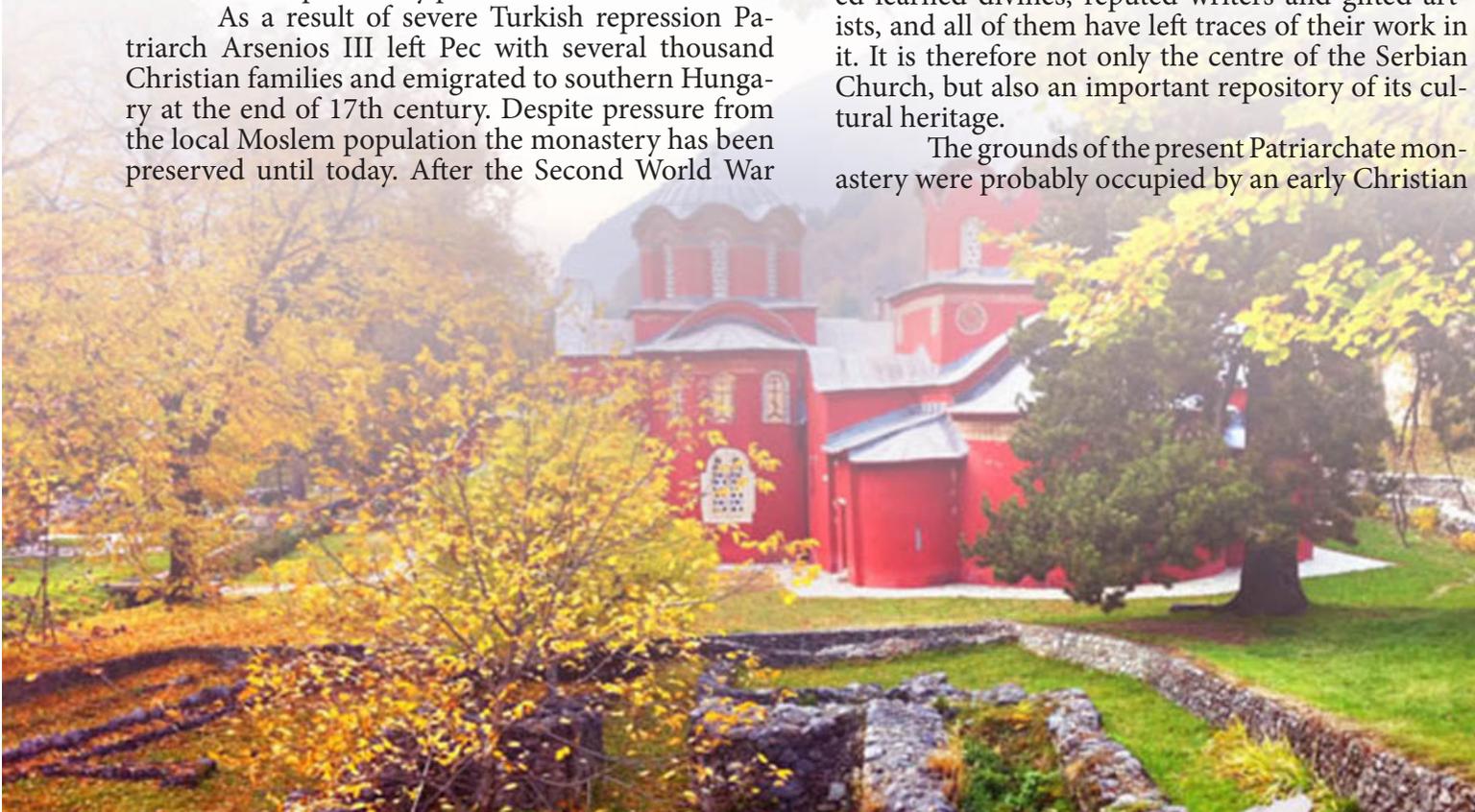
the Patriarchate of Pec was converted into a convent. Although this monastery jurisdictionally does not belong to the Diocese of Raska and Prizren it is nevertheless closely tied to the monasteries of the Diocese. As a stavropegic monastery it is directly under the jurisdiction of the Serbian Orthodox Patriarch from Belgrade.

Today, the monastery is still one of the most important Serbian Orthodox centers in the Region with the sisterhood of 24 nuns. After the fire which was set by Albanian extremists in 1981 new residential quarters were erected. After the war 1998-1999 the monastery became an important center for the remaining Serbs in the area. At the moment in Pec town only these nuns remain. They live in everyday struggle to preserve this holy site and provide necessary humanitarian assistance to the neighboring Serb enclaves of Gorazdevac and Osojane. The monastery also owns the metochion of Budisavci, near Klina where two nuns remain under the constant KFOR protection.

### History of the Patriarchate of Pec Monastery

The Patriarchate of Pec, a group of churches in the immediate neighbourhood of Pec and at the entrance to the Rugovo gorge, is one of the most important monuments of the Serbian past. It was the centre of the Serbian church for centuries. From its origin in the 13th century the Patriarchate attracted learned divines, reputed writers and gifted artists, and all of them have left traces of their work in it. It is therefore not only the centre of the Serbian Church, but also an important repository of its cultural heritage.

The grounds of the present Patriarchate monastery were probably occupied by an early Christian



site (cemetery) even from Roman times. Several stellae were excavated with inscriptions in Roman language. It is not excluded that this was a site of an ancient pagan temple which was later turned into a Christian church. Nevertheless no traces of previous church buildings, prior to Slav arrival exist.

The precise date of the foundation of the mother church in the Patriarchate of Pec is not known. It would seem that the site on which the Patriarchate of Pec stands now became the property of the Zica monastery, the previous seat of the Serbian archbishopric, already at the time of St. Sava of Serbia.

Archbishop Arsenije I erected on this estate a church dedicated to the Apostles because he wanted the centre of the Serbian Church to be removed to a less exposed place and nearer the centre of the state. Soon afterwards, about 1250, he had it painted. Some time later the church began to be also called St. Saviour, a name given to it in commemoration of the consecration of Zica.

The Church of St. Demetrius, north of this earliest church, was built by Archbishop Nikodim around 1320.

A decade later, Nikodim's successor, the well-known writer Archbishop Danilo II, built a church dedicated to the Virgin Hodegitria south of the Church of the Apostles, and also added, south of the Church of the Virgin, the small Church of St. Nicholas. Danilo II then raised a monumental narthex in front of the three main churches, and a tower in front of the narthex. In the time of Archbishop Joanikije, c. 1345, the Church of St. Demetrius, which had not been painted by then, got fresco decoration. Minor reconstruction works were also carried out in the Church of the Apostles during the 14th century, so that some parts of the building were subsequently painted. The archbishops and patriarchs of Pec were buried in the churches of the Patriarchate from the 13th to the 15th centuries, and sometimes even later, until the 17th century.

After the Turkish conquest of the Serbian state the activity in the Patriarchate of Pec died away for some time, partly because the Ohrid Archbishopric took over the administration of what had been the Serbian Church territory earlier. The restoration of the church organisation of the Serbs in 1557 gave a new lease of life to the monastery, and the Patriarchate became the centre of the Serbian Church again. Danilo's narthex was repaired and for the most part

painted already in 1565. At the same time the iconostases in the Pec churches were reconstructed and the treasury was replenished. The second important reconstruction was initiated by Patriarch Pajsije: the churches were covered with lead, the Church of St. Demetrius was rebuilt, and almost half of its frescoes were restored by Georgije Mitrofanovic, an eminent painter, in 1620/21. He also painted the old monastic refectory in the same year. A little later Patriarch Pajsije undertook a partial reconstruction of the Church of the Apostles; as a result, the west part of the building, in which the old frescoes had been greatly damaged, was adorned with new wall paintings in 1633/34. The roof of the refectory was also reconstructed in the same year. Mid-17th century is also the period when the Patriarchate of Pec established links with the Russian Empire. The Pec abbots travelled to Russia and brought back gifts in the form of money, printed books and liturgical requisites.

Another major restoration of the Patriarchate of Pec took place in the time of Patriarch Maksim. Within a short period, monastic buildings were enclosed (1672-1683), the little Church of St. Nicholas was painted (1673/74) and an iconostasis was made for it (1677).

The Austrian-Turkish war at the end of the 17th century brought hard times to the Patriarchate of Pec.

The Pec treasury was concealed in a dome of monastery Gračanica, but the Turks, acting upon an informer's report, found it in 1688 and plundered it. The treasure of Pec is said to have been so great that



it took nine horses to carry it away. When Patriarch Arsenije III fled to Austria in 1689, the Pasha of Pec Mahmud Begovic plundered all he could find in the Patriarchate. Later, Patriarch Mojsije bought back with great difficulty the lands that had been seized, and he enclosed the monastic buildings in 1720. At that time, in 1722, the Church of the Apostles got a new iconostasis.

The Austrian-Turkish war waged in 1737-1739 also brought great hardships to the Patriarchate of Pec. In the second migration of 1739 Patriarch Arsenije IV Sakabenta took the valuables acquired in the meantime to Sremski Karlovci.

In the course of the second half of the 18th and in the 19th century, economic conditions got increasingly worse, and there was no important artistic activity in the Patriarchate of Pec, but persistent efforts were made to keep the monastery going. A new iconostasis was painted by Simeon Lazovic, a priest from Bijelo Polje, for the Church of St. Demetrius in 1803, and his son Aleksije painted some icons for the Patriarchate three years later. In 1831 the Patriarchate of Pec was plundered once again, this time by Arslan-Pasha of Bosnia.

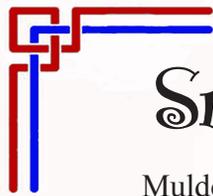
In mid-19th century enterprising abbots erected new buildings in the monastery: a water-mill in the south-east part of the yard was restored in 1847, and a guest-house was build next to it in 1850. A richly

carved Virgin's Throne was made for the Church of the Virgin around 1863, and the frescoes in the churches of the Patriarchate, particularly those in the Church of the Apostles, were restored by Avram, the son of Dico Zograph from the Debar district, in 1875. The Pec guilds raised, jointly with the administrative body of the monastery, the wall on the eastern part of the yard. At the end of the 19th century, in 1895, a representative guest-house was built in the north-western part of the yard, and a new wall was constructed on the south side of the yard in 1912.

After the end of the First World War the Serbian Church was united, and the first patriarch of the restored Patriarchate Dimitrije was invested in the Patriarchate of Pec. From that time onward all the Serbian patriarchs have been invested in the Patriarchate of Pec. Extensive conservation works, directed by architect Durde Boskovic, were carried out there in the course of 1931 and 1932 and partly restored the original appearance of the Patriarchate of Pec. After the Second World War, too, important conservation works and archaeological explorations have been carried out in the Patriarchate. The new guest-house, lying west of the narthex, was built.

In 1981 the old dormitory was set on fire by Albanian extremist. The perpetrators have never been arrested while the new dormitory was soon after rebuilt. At the moment the monastery is a convent with 26 nuns. During the Kosovo war 1998-1999 the monastery has been many times in direct danger. After the war it has been placed under special protection by the Italian army within KFOR. Constant provocations, throwing stones and verbal abuses by passing Kosovo Albanians have since then become again the reality of this holy site which has survived through centuries of Muslim rule and oppression.





# Smile a While!

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside

with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Dear! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic?"

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A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

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A drunk man who smelled like beer sat down on a subway seat next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?"

"My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, and a contempt for your fellow man."

Well, I'll be ..., the drunk muttered, returning to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

"I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

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A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks.

"No, not at all!" the woman replied.

They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since

I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

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Atheist: "Do you honestly believe that Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish?"

Preacher: "I don't know, sir, but when I get to heaven, I'll ask him."

Atheist: "But suppose he isn't in heaven?"

Preacher: "Then you ask him."

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The new minister stood at the church door greeting the members as they left the Sunday morning service. Most of the people were very generous telling the new minister how much they liked his message, except for one man who said, "The was a very dull and boring sermon, pastor."

A few minutes later, the same man again appeared in line and said, "I don't think you did much preparation for your message."

Once again, the man appeared, this time muttering, "You really blew it. You didn't have a thing to say, pastor."

Finally, the minister could stand it no longer. He went to one of the deacons and inquired about the man.

"Oh, don't let that guy bother you," said the deacon. "He's a little slow. All he does is go around repeating whatever he hears other people saying."

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At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and congressman and gave them their room assignments.

"Pastor, here are the keys to one of our nicest efficiency units. And for you, Mr. Congressman, the keys to our finest penthouse suite."

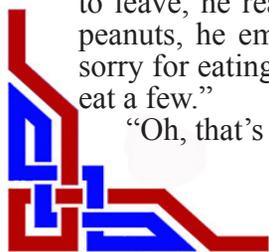
"This is unfair!" cried the minister.

"Listen," St. Peter said, "ministers are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first congressman we've ever seen."

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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



# HOLIDAYS FROM OUR SLAVA THROUGH CHRISTMAS

**Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

St.Elijah

**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Dormition Fast begins

**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Holy Transfiguration of Lord, God  
and Saviour Jesus Christ

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Beheading of St.John the Baptist

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Birth of the Most Holy Theotokos

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Exaltation of the Honorable Cross

**Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sveta Petka

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

St.Luka and St.Petar of Cetinje

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Memorial Saturday (Divine Liturgy at  
the Cemetery Chapel) at 9:00AM.

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

St.Demetrius Greatmartyr

**Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Synaxis of Holy Archangel Michael

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Nativity Fast begins

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

St.Nicholas the Miracle-Worker

**All Holiday Divine Liturgies start at 9:30AM,  
except on Sundays when they begin at 10:00AM.  
Memorial Saturdays at the Chapel start at 9:00AM.**

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