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**Commemoration of the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John**

**(Second Tone)** The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; for you have proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contended for the truth, you rejoiced to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God has appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

**Kontakion (First Tone)** The glorious beheading of the Forerunner was a certain divine dispensation, that the coming of the Savior might also be preached to those in Hades. Let Herodias lament, then, that she demanded a wicked murder; for she loved not the Law of God, nor eternal life, but one false and fleeting.

The Beheading of St John the Baptist, **is a strict fast day** because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

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**VISITS** September 8<sup>th</sup> Friendship Ridge: Sarah Jerich, Helen Belich and Cynthia Bratich  
 September 10<sup>th</sup> West Hills: Nick Bruich, Joseph Mrkonja

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**FUNERAL** Give rest O Lord to thy departed servant **RUDY KOSANOVICH** and make his memory to be eternal. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family, kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

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**ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CHOIR- 86TH ANNUAL CONCERT ANNIVERSARY**  
**THIS SATURDAY Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Our honored Guest Choir will be **Stevan Stojanovac Mokranjac Choir of Chicago IL**. Also singing on the program is the **Tsar Lazar Male Choir** and the **Holy Trinity Choir** of Pittsburgh. Please join us!

♪♪ *Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; Delicious dinner buffet at 5:00 p.m.* Concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Dance starts at approximately 8:00 p.m. *Dinner, Concert, Dance - Donation \$25.00 Concert/Dance Donation - \$10.00 Dance Only Donation - \$5.00* Dinner reservations are a must!



**Please call by WEDNESDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup> for reserved seating for concert/dinner/dance**

To 724-375-9894 or see Kathy Loverich following Divine Liturgy.



Music for the evening for your listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by: **DRUSTVO**

**The Stevan Stojanovac Mokranjac Choir will also sing responses at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**

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**Fr. Branislav Golic and Milan Mrkal will attend the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Mitrophan in Canada next Sunday; Fr. Theodore Shompsky will serve the Divine Liturgy.**

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**FOOD FESTIVAL- REMINDER** our Food Festival is October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and inform others of the change in date. **WORK SESSIONS:** Thanks to those who made noodles this past Thursday. This Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> we will be making SARMA start time 3p.m. Any questions call the church center office 724-375-9894.



Enthronement of His Grace Bishop Irinej - Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>

**9:30 AM - Greeting of Hierarchs and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy** followed by a short reception at: Holy Trinity Cathedral 450 Maxwell Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15236 Phone: 412-882-3900

**Honored Guests: Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander and Crown Princess Katherine of Serbia**

1:30-5:30 PM - **Grand Banquet and Program Music Hall Foyer and Balconies Carnegie Museum of Art**  
 4400 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213 Phone: 412-622-3131

**Special Guest Performers: "Taliya" Folk Ensemble of Serbia and Mr. Dimitri Lazich, operatic baritone**

**Banquet Reservations:** \$100 per person. Mail check payable to "Serbian Orthodox Diocese", together with your name and address and the names of those for whom reservations are being ordered to: Bishop Irinej Enthronement Banquet, c/o Darlene Defebo 1241 Prospect Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15227

*For reservation information contact:* D. Defebo at (412) 885-3739 or [djdefebo@gmail.com](mailto:djdefebo@gmail.com) Reservations MUST be ordered no later than **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Place cards will be distributed at the door. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

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**The St. Elijah Cornerstone Men's Club is having a membership drive. We would like to encourage men of all ages to seriously consider joining us to help carry on our stewardship for our St. Elijah Church. Applications are available next to the Sunday bulletins in the vestibule.**

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 Today during the Divine Liturgy we will have the Invocation of the Holy Spirit for the start of Sunday School.