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Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy

Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy, was by descent a Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. The holy Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy must be distinguished from Saint Jude, also called Thaddeus or Levi (June 19), who was one of the Twelve Apostles.

When he came to Jerusalem for a feastday, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner. After being baptized by him in the Jordan, he remained in Palestine. He saw the Savior, and became His follower. He was chosen by the Lord to be one of the Seventy Disciples, whom He sent by twos to preach in the cities and places where He intended to visit (Luke. 10: 1).

After the Ascension of the Savior to Heaven, Saint Thaddeus preached the good news in Syria and Mesopotamia. He came preaching the Gospel to Edessa and he converted King Abgar, the people and the pagan priests to Christ. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses). He established priests there and built up the Edessa Church.

Prince Abgar wanted to reward Saint Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian Faith. He went to the city of Beirut to preach, and he founded a church there. It was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44. (The place of his death is indicated as Beirut in the Slavonic MENAION, but according to other sources he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, Saint Thaddeus, after various tortures, was beheaded by the sword on December 21 in the Artaz region in the year 50).

The Scripture Readings **Epistle** 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 **Gospel** Matthew 21:33-42

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VISITS: Diane Abramovich - at home Stanley Sassic, Martha Visnick - - Heritage Valley
Sara Jerich, Helen Belich - Cynthia Bratich - Friendship Ridge

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FUNERAL: Give rest O Lord to thy falling asleep of thy servant **CHESTER HAYDEN and MILDRED PESUT** and make their memories to be eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their family, kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

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JADRAN BEAVER VALLEY JR TAMBURITZANS are accepting new members! Practices are held on Wednesday evenings. Anyone aged 5-18 may join. For more information visit them on Facebook @Jadan Beaver Valley Tammies or call Barb at 724-777-4700

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Daniel August who were united in the Holy State of Matrimony on yesterday! May God Grant them many years! Ziveli!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Church School begins on Sunday, September 17th please see the flyer by the bulletin

Mother's Club Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 24th

Serbian Language Classes are available please see flyer

TOMORROW we are all invited to join our neighbors in Midland for their annual Labor Day Picnic

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To Attend

ST ELIJAH CHURCH CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. for those who make Dinner Reservations
Donation for dinner, concert, dance, \$25 Dinner Tickets may be purchased until **MONDAY, September 18th!**

The theme this year is **WESTERN!**



So put on your checkered shirts, flowing skirts and cowboy boots and hats and join us!
Menu: Chicken, Short Ribs, Scalloped Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Veggies, corn bread, and dessert

Reservations must be made in advance! CONCERT begins at: 6:30 p.m.



**Honored Guest Choir: Tsar Lazar Male Choir of the greater Pittsburgh area
who will also sing responses on Sunday at Divine Liturgy and**

**Dr. Laza Kostich Choir- Midland
Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir-Pittsburgh**