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Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria

The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state.

The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshiped only Him.

Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshiping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle - 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel - Luke 5:1-11

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Visits: George and Bea Vula - at home; Laurie Jovon - Blair Personal Care; Violet Smolanovich and Esther Milich - Rochester Manor; Bob Sparcie, Mary" Cookie" Loverich, Mary Ulinski - Beaver Meadows

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New Member - A child of God **Milos** Gunjak is baptized and received to the Holy Orthodox faith! Welcome and congratulations to the family and friends!

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KCC NEWS : You are cordially invited to join us for our 90th Slava Celebration of the SVETA PETKA KOLO on Sunday, October, 27th, 2019 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am With the blessing of the Slavski Kolach and Parastos for all of our departed sisters. Lunch to be served at the American Serbian Club at 12:30 p.m. Honored Kumovi this year are Julie Taylor and Joann Ludovico For reservations please call Diane Baron at 724-378-8979 - Donation is \$20.00

Since this is on a Sunday, we encourage all of you to join us to help us celebrate this milestone event and honor our special sisters Julie and Joann.

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"ELIJAH for ELIAS" AUTUMN FUNDRAISER is continuing through November 15th so there is still time to give a donation, please do so by writing a check payable to ST. ELIJAH CHURCH in the memo line insert' ELIJAH for ELIAS' and we will gladly forward it to the family.

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From the Cupola Committee



The gold leaf cross was installed this past week and is a sight to behold!
The cupola will be blessed on Sunday, November 17th.
Following the blessing, a banquet will be held at the Center.

Menu consists of: hors d'oeuvres
*Panko breaded chicken breast topped with a lemon bure blanc sauce/
Marinated grilled London broil/Shrimp Pasta Primavera/
Roasted finger link potatoes with garlic and fresh herbs/
Fresh sautéed green beans with petite carrots and red pepper, and dessert.*

Donation is \$35.00 for adults, \$15.00 for students

Please contact Stephanie Kovacevic at: stephk122@gmail.com or see her after Divine Liturgy for reservations.

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CHOIR NEWS: Please see Diane Knapp following Divine Liturgy to purchase your 2019 Christmas Ornaments.

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Eastern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church Celebrating 800 years of the Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church and 130 years of the birth of Saint Mardarije of Libertyville Friday and Saturday - November 1st and 2nd 2019 – St Sava Cathedral, Boston, MA all are invited to attend!

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Mother's Club - Pumpkin Patch Today at the Janoski's Pumpkinland - 1 pm 1714 Lincoln Hwy, Clinton, PA 15026 - Children of all ages are welcome!

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Fellowship and Ministry - St. Elijah Fellowship & Ministry Committee will be sending care packages to our college students in late November to encourage them during finals. We want to let them know That our St. Elijah family is thinking of them. If anyone would like to give a monetary donation to help defray the cost please see Diane Knapp or Nena Jovonovich. Thank You!