

The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport-Duquesne, Pa.

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February 14th-36th Sunday - Sunday Of Forgiveness – Cheese-fare Sunday

(Remembering – the Martyr Tryphon, St. Bridget of Ireland, and Perpetua of Carthage)

Today's Epistle

Readings: Romans 13: 11-14/Hebrews 7: 7-17

Today's Gospel

Readings Mt. 6: 14-21/Lk. 2: 22-40

Resurrectional Troparion (Tn. 3): "Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death; He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!"

Festal Troparion (Tn.1): "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice and be glad, O Righteous Elder; you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who grants us the Resurrection!"

(Both the Resurrectional and Festal Kontakia will also be sung!)

Today's Meditation: Today, as we stand on the threshold of the Holy and Great Lenten Season, our Holy Orthodox Faith **COMMANDS us to ask forgiveness** of each other for all those words, deeds, and thoughts we have set forth.....**and this we must do!** Why? Because when we humble ourselves to one another, we are empowered by the Grace of our Lord, through His Holy Spirit, to not only find that inner peace and joy so vital to life, but also to experience the majesty and wonder of God's Kingdom revealed to us on earth! This morning, we are deeply moved to experience one such aspect of this revelation: the Holy Ordination of one of our 'sons', **Christopher Stephen Rocknage**, to the Diaconate! You will note that during this moving Holy Mystery, it is YOU, the faithful of the Church, who will echo our Bishop's proclamation of "**AXIOS!**" (**Worthy!**) as he presents the new Deacon in our midst – we will all say, "**AXIOS!**" in response as our affirmation that the Holy Spirit has indeed revealed to us this man who is found worthy to serve in our Lord's Vineyard. I urge you to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings He imparts on all of us today, especially to our beloved Bishop MITROPHAN, and to all our visiting clergy, as well as our newly-ordained Fr. Deacon Christopher and his dear wife, Andreja – and offer prayers on their behalf as they begin their service to our Lord – one that, God-willing, will enable them to be counted 'worthy' when our Lord comes again! NOTE: Once, a non-Orthodox person who had witnessed an ordination at St. Vladimir's Seminary asked the late +Fr.Alexander Schmemmann if anything 'magical' happened during the laying-on-of hands of the Bishop over the candidate. Fr. Alexander answered in this way....All that happens is the Holy Spirit reveals that which is already in the man's heart, heals that which is infirm, and completes that which is lacking in him....that's all! And, by the Grace of God, that is what we are all privileged to be a part of today! "***This is the Day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***"

Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** we welcome His Grace, our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. MITROPHAN, to lead us in prayer and worship, and, through the 'laying-on-of-hands', ordain Christopher Rocknage to the Holy Diaconate – "***God Grant Them Many Years!***"

(1-A) **Special welcome also:** to V. Revs. Ilija Balach, Joseph Cervo, and Fr. Deacons Dragoslav Kosic and Nathan Preston, here assisting in this wonderful event!

(1-B) Reception will follow downstairs for the new Deacon and his "Djakonica" Andreja!

(2) **Please keep the following loved ones in our prayers:**

Patriarch IRINEJ	Arlene Crnkovich	Gladys Mrvos	Bertha Cervo	Bertha Lalich
JoAnn Korach	Mika Rocknage	George Rocknage	Darinka Grba	
Louise Popelas-NH	Mara Gasparovic-NH	Milan Vranesevic-NH	Dawn Hamm	
Mildred Miljus	Nick & Dorothy Trbovic	Pr. Michael Lewis		

(3) **As well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:**

+Ljubica Trbovic +Richard Sinsel +Nicholas Vuick +Amy Pacura +Ruby Petrisko
+George Torbic +Patr. Pavle +Arch-Bishop JOB +Smilja Vuckovich + Sophie Vranesevic

(4) **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

Great Canon of St. Andrew – Monday and Thursday night – 6:30 PM!

Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:30 PM – Pot-luck meal afterwards!

Friday: Fish-Fry – 11 AM to 6 PM!

(5) **OUR 'FELLOWSHIP HOUR' After Church:** Keep on volunteering!!

(6) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** NUT-ROLL BAKING Begins NEXT Wednesday, the 24th!

(7) **PLEASE:** do your part in coming to Church regularly AND getting your 2010 Stewardship Pledge Card in as soon as possible!

(8) **SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL:** NEXT Sunday, is the Sunday of Orthodoxy – Triumphal Procession of Icons after Church – JOIN US! The Pan-Orthodox Doxology is at 4 PM in Canonsburg – All Saints Greek Orthodox Church!

(9) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Fish Frys EVERY Friday during the Lenten Season; Pre-Sanctified Liturgy every Wednesday At 6:30 PM, EXCEPT March 10th – that week, Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be that Friday the 12th!