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Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** last chance to sign up for the “Walk For Cure” – next Sunday!

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

Arlene Crnkovich Gladys Mrvos Bertha Cervo Mika Rocknage Darinka Grba
Louise Popelas-NH Mara Gasparovic-NH Milan Vranesevic-NH Dawn Hamm
Delores Craven Ann Siebert Mimi Pavlovich-NH

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

+Ljubica Trbovich +Richard Sinsel +Milena Dokmanovich +Amy Pacura
+Bertha Lalich +George Torbic +Patr. Pavle +Arch-Bishop JOB +Smilja Vuckovich
+Sophie Strager +Sophie Vranesevic

(4) **IMPORTANT MESSAGES:**

- **SIGN UP** for Fellowship Hour – do your part – it makes for a nice “after Liturgy” time!

(a) **REMEMBER:** as a way of ‘speeding up the Divine Liturgy’, especially when we have many communicants – we will all say the Prayer before Holy Communion when Father says it **BEFORE** he receives – he will lead us! (So, this means when he invites us up, “In the fear of God...” we will just come forward having already said the prayer before this!)

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

(c) **Reminder #1: this is God’s House – ACT accordingly** – no talking, chewing gum, sleeping or talking on the cell phones! Show Him that you understand His House is a place of Holiness and Honor!!!

(5) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** This Thursday – Feast Of St. George – 9:30 AM Liturgy;
Fr. Stevo’s Slava – Open House at his home from 7 to ? in the evening!

(a) **NEXT Sunday – May 9th** – Mother’s Day – and **Fr. Deacon Christopher** will serve the Liturgy with Fr. Stevo! Saturday, May 22nd is All Souls’ Day – **Parastos at 9:30 AM!**

(b) **PENTECOST is May 23rd** – also our Holy Trinity Kolo Slava – we will celebrate that with a delicious palachinka breakfast after Church – join us!

(c) **OUTREACH Spaghetti Dinner:** Tuesday, May 25th – 4 to 7 PM – details forthcoming!

(6) **REMINDER:** When you drink and eat downstairs, make sure you clean up after yourself, i.e., throwing the garbage into the trash cans – please do NOT leave things on the tables....

May 2nd – 5th Sunday After Pascha – The Samaritan Woman

(St. John of the Ancient Caves, St. George the Confessor, and St. Tryphon of Constantinople)

Today’s Epistle

Readings: Acts 11: 19-26, 29-30

Today’s Gospel

Readings John John 4: 5-42

Troparion: “Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!” (Hristos vaskrese izmertvih, smerti ju smert po prav, isuschim vo grobje, zivot darujja!)

Troparion: When the women disciples of the Lord, learned from the Angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown, Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Sunday Kontakion: “The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly! She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!”

Hymn to the Mother of God: “The Angel cried to the Lady full of Grace: ‘Rejoice, rejoice O Pure Virgin!’ Again, I say ‘rejoice’, your Son is risen from his three days in the Tomb; with Himself, He has raised all the dead, rejoice, rejoice, O ye People! Shine, shine, shine O new Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exalt, now exalt, and be glad O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son!”

Easter Meditation: **Recipe For Overcoming**

A woman wrote to Ann Landers and offered the following excellent recipe for overcoming despondency:

Sit down with a piece of paper and a pencil. Make four headings at the top of the page. Label the first column “Personal Strengths.” In it list all the things you have going for you: education, looks, money, skills, connections, etc. Head the next column, “This Helped Me Before.” List all the things that helped lift your spirits when you were troubled: music, sewing, volunteer work, church, painting, physical exercise, change of scenery. Head the third column, “People I Can Count On.” List your most reliable friends, a favorite relative, a neighbor, a doctor, a clergyman. Label the fourth column “New Opportunities.” List the ways you can get back into the mainstream.

For Pondering

He (God) did not create the humans — He did not become one of them and die among them by torture — in order to produce candidates for Limbo, “failed” humans. He wanted to make Saints; gods; things like Himself.

— C. S. Lewis