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**May 9th – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pascha – The Blind Man – Happy Mother’s Day!**  
(Remembering the HM Basil; Stephen, Bs. Of Perm; Joannicius of Serbia, & Nestor the Silent)

**Today’s Epistle**

**Readings:** Acts 16: 16-34

**Today’s Gospel**

**Readings** John 11: 47-57

**Troparion:** Let us the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit; born for our sakes from a Virgin. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection!”

**Sunday Kontakion:** “I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: ‘Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!’”

**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:**

### ————— On Giving Advice to God —————

Martha is in the kitchen preparing a meal for Jesus. Mary is in the living room listening to Jesus as He teaches. Overwhelmed by all the kitchen work, and no doubt a bit envious, Martha comes to Jesus and says, “Lord, don’t You care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.”

Here we have a picture of two people: one giving advice to Jesus; the other sitting at His feet and receiving advice from Him. Here we have a creature — Martha — giving advice to the Creator — the Lord Jesus — telling Him what He should do: “Tell her to help me.”

How often do we do the same? We give advice to God. We tell Him what to do.

Dale Carnegie interviewed Henry Ford just before he died. When he asked Mr. Ford if he ever worried, he said, “No. I believe God is managing the affairs of the universe and that He doesn’t need any advice from me. With God in charge, I believe that everything will work out for the best in the end. So what is there to worry about?”

### Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** we welcome home Fr. Deacon Christopher and Djakonica Andrea Rocknage, and We also wish ALL our mothers, grand-mothers and God-mothers a Joyous Mother’s Day!

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

Arlene Crnkovich Gladys Mrvos Bertha Cervo Mika Rocknage George Rocknage  
Darinka Grba Louise Popelas-NH Mara Gasparovic-NH Milan Vranesevic-NH  
Dawn Hamm Delores Craven-H 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:**

- **THIS WEDNESDAY: making strudel for the Village – 9 AM peeling apples! HELP!**

(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 – Ascension of our Lord – 9:30 AM Liturgy!

(a) **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Graduation Day and Teacher Appreciation Day! Also, 1-year parastos for +Sophie Vranesevich!

(b) **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** is All Souls’ Day – Parastos at 9:30 AM!

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

(d) **OUTREACH Spaghetti Dinner:** Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 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....