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May 16th – 7th Sunday After Pascha – The Sunday After Ascension Day

(Remembering the Fathers of the 1st Ec. Council; St. Theodosius of Russia, & St. Peter the Wonderworker)

Today's Epistle

Readings: Acts 20: 16-18, 28-36

Today's Gospel

Readings John 17: 1-13

Troparion: The angelic powers were at Thy Tomb, the guards became as dead men! Mary stood by Thy Grave, seeking Thy most-pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life! O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, Glory to Thee!

Troparion: "Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou has established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou has guided us to the true Faith! O Greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!"

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Smelling Like Bourbon

A middle-aged woman had experienced a drinking problem for years. No one paid much attention to her; in fact, people were careful to avoid her. Then one day a friend named Angie invited her to join a small prayer group that met once a week.

"Will you come?" Angie asked her.

The woman hesitated. "But I can't come to a God-meeting smelling like . . . like . . . bourbon. What would the other ladies think?"

Angie smiled and replied, "Oh, we all smell of something. One of us has a problem with gossip. Another criticizes her husband. And another has a problem with unforgiveness. God knows how we all 'smell,' but He still loves us. Won't you come?"

The stunned woman understood. She began to laugh even while crying a little. "Yes, oh, yes, I'll come. Thank you. Thank you."

She was accepted as she was, but once accepted, she did not remain the way she was. In Christ, and in that group of people who accepted her, she found the power to overcome, to become a new person in Christ Jesus.

Prayer

We, who mystically represent the Cherubim, sing the thrice-holy hymn (the Trisagion) to the life-giving Trinity. Let us put away all earthly care, so that we may receive the King of All, invisibly escorted by the Angelic Hosts. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. — Cherubic Hymn

Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** we honor our three graduating HS Seniors today, **Ashleigh Dern, Samantha Crawford, and Alex Trbovich**, as well as our beloved Teachers and Aides of our Church-school – *"God Grant You Many Years!"*

- **Also Today:** 1-year parastos for +Sophie Vranesevich! (Join us in prayer)

(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!**
(This is NOT just for Kolo members – this is for ALL our people!)

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

(b) **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 coming Saturday, **May 22nd** is All Souls' Day –
Parastos at 9:30 AM – followed by Blessing of graves at McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery.

(a) **PENTECOST is NEXT SUNDAY** – and also our Holy Trinity Kolo Slava – we will celebrate The slava AFTER our Kneeling Prayers then have a delicious palachinka breakfast - join us!

(b) **Monday and Tuesday – May 24th and 25th** – Church at 9:30 AM, followed by visits to Local cemeteries as needed!

(c) **OUTREACH Spaghetti Dinner:** Tuesday, May 25th – 4 to 7 PM – details forthcoming!
- **HELP needed** – for Monday or Tuesday - contact either Donna Medich or Mike Cervo for details!

(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....