

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

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May 23rd – PENTECOST – Descent of the Holy Spirit Day!

(Remembering the Apostle, St. Simon (the Zealot), Isidora the Fool of Egypt, & Hesychius)

Today's Epistle

Readings: Acts 2: 1-11

Today's Gospel

Readings John 7: 37-52; 8: 12

Troparion: “Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who has revealed the fishermen as most wise! by sending upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net! O Lover of man, Glory to Thee!”

Kontakion: “When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit!”

Meditation:

Where is the Kingdom?

Wherever a person is baptized in the name of the Trinity and receives the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Chrismation (Confirmation), there the seed of the Kingdom is sown. Whenever a sinner comes to himself and decides to return to his Father as did the prodigal son, there is the Kingdom of God. Whenever you kneel in prayer to pour your heart out to God, there is the Kingdom. Whenever you see someone caressing the deformed and caring for the sick in the name of Jesus, there is the Kingdom. Wherever the Divine Liturgy is celebrated where Christ is present as the Word of God and the Bread of Life, there is the Kingdom. Let me emphasize one thing at this point: if the Kingdom of God is in you, no one will ever have to get you to come to the liturgy or to a Bible study group. You will come! You cannot even imagine not coming, because you are in the Kingdom and the Kingdom is in you.

The Fathers Speak

The man who wants to be reminded constantly of death and of God's judgement, and who at the same time gives in to material cares and distractions, is like someone trying at the same time to swim and to clap his hands. — St. John Climacus

Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

- (1) **TODAY:** we celebrate the ‘birth-day’ of our Church, begun way back in 33AD – we will serve the Vespers of Pentecost right after Liturgy, then our Holy Trinity Kolo Slava! - Join us afterwards for our Kolo's delicious palachinka breakfast in the Church hall!
- (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
George Kavic-H Dawn Hamm Delores Craven-H 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 Monday and Tuesday** – Pentecost Services – 9:30 AM – followed by Blessing of graves at designated cemeteries...Mt. Vernon and Penn-Lincoln on Monday; Irwin on Tuesday.
 - (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:**
 - (a) **OUTREACH Spaghetti Dinner:** THIS Tuesday, May 25th – 4 to 7 PM – join us; please see Donna Medich or Mike Cervo to help out that day!
 - (b) **Sunday, June 6th** – begin ‘Summer-start-up’ time – 9:30 AM!
© **June 1st through June 4th** – Fr. Stevo away – please contact Fr. Rajko Kosic if necessary!
 - (d) **Sunday, June 6th** – Baptism of Gabriel Rudek – after Church....
 - (e) **Saturday, June 12th** – our parish is hosting the Annual Deanery Education meeting – 10-1 PM!
ALSO THIS DAY: Baptism of Milena Kostich in the afternoon!