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## June 6<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 1

(Remembering the Saints of Mt. Athos and St. Simeon the Stylite the Younger)

### Today's Epistle

Readings: Romans 2: 10-16

### Today's Gospel

Readings Mt. 4: 18-23

**Troparion:** “When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding their most-pure Body. Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world! The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: ‘Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Thou Who lovest Mankind!’ “

**Kontakion:** “As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in Glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: ‘Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!’ “

### Meditation:

## What Do You Do More Than Others?

In Matthew 5:47, Jesus turned to His disciples and asked them, “What do you do more than others?” The distinguished mark of the Christian is this word “MORE.” Are other people righteous? We are called to be more righteous. Are other people generous? We are called to be more generous. Are other people understanding? We are called to be more understanding. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.” “What do you do more than others?”

Jesus asks us to go beyond the call of duty in forgiveness. One day Peter asked Jesus, “How often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him, till seven times?” Jesus replied, “No, that calculated behavior belongs only to the realm of civilized decency. You belong to the realm of God where forgiveness has no limits. Not seven times, Peter, but seventy times seven.”

## Church Fathers Speak

Eusebius: What is the beginning of the way of life of the inner person?

The Solitary: Self-emptying of love of money. After self-emptying of the love of money it is absolutely necessary that one empty oneself of the passion of love of praise.

## Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** we will welcome a “New Warrior in Christ” – **Gabriel Nicholas Rudek**, son of Ken and Andrea (nee Torbic) Rudek – “God Grant him Many Years!”

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

Arlene Crnkovich-H Gladys Mrvos Mika Rocknage George Rocknage Pat Miljus  
Darinka Grba Louise Popelas-NH Mara Gasparovic-NH Milan Vranesevic-NH  
Miles Milkovich Smilja Blagovich-NH Bertha Cervo-NH 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: The Lenten Fast for Sts. Peter and Paul continues – until July 12<sup>th</sup>!**  
(Do your best...and if you ‘slip’, come for Holy Confession and Holy Communion!)

(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) **THIS Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – our parish is hosting the Annual Deanery Education meeting – 10-1 PM!** (TEACHERS and AIDES: you are STRONGLY encouraged to be here to host our guests!)  
ALSO THIS DAY: Baptism of Milena Kostich in the afternoon!

(b) **Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>-Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>:** Fr. Stevo Away for short vacation – Fr. Rajko Kosic Will be covering for him – 412-882-3900!