

## Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

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### July 11<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 6

(Remembering the Saints, Cyrus and John, the Unmercenary Physicians and Wonder-workers)

#### Today's Epistle

Readings: Romans 15: 1-7

#### Today's Gospel

Readings Mt. 9: 27-35

**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!'"*

**Kontakion:** *"When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand. He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all."*

**Meditation:** A month or so ago, there was a tragic story on the news about a young Asian fellow who (as a passer-by) intervened in a fight in front of a hotel in NYC and was stabbed several times, collapsing to the ground....and the security camera caught the whole incident on tape, including the next HOUR in which several people walked by him, looked at him on the ground, and **NEVER did a thing, not even calling for help!** (One person actually took the victim's cell phone as he lay dying on the ground! In terms of our Orthodox Christian Faith, where is our responsibility in such a matter? Do we not have a spiritual, moral, and ethical obligation to 'get involved'? Of course we do!! **Ah, but therein lies the dilemma,** to quote a friend of mine: "If it ain't happening in my neighborhood Father Stevo, I ain't concerned!" Sadly, there are far too many of us who have the same feelings (albeit verbalized more correctly) when it comes to our involvement in things going around us: 'If it really doesn't affect my town, or neighborhood, or, in reality, my family, then why should I care'? Funny, how things have changed, you know? In the "old days", EVERYONE looked out for one another in neighborhoods; children could leave their homes at 8AM to go play, and not come back until dinner-time, and parents knew they were safe! **Not today!** I know some of us who do not even know our own neighbors' names, never-mind interacting with them, even after years of living close to one another! How is this possible? It isn't too far-fetched to think that this attitude is slowly manifesting itself in our parishes as well: when is the last time local parishes got together to do something, or provide some ministry? Hmm? Perhaps ALL of us should ask our Lord to help us find ways to step "out of Our comfort zones" and do His work amongst whomever He puts into our midst!

(1) **TODAY:** we congratulate our newest 'warrior in Christ' – **Emma Gene Colbert-Anastas**, baptized this past week – Kuma was Nancy Belich, and her sister, Ashleigh was witness! Give her and her family your 'kudos' today! "God Grant her many years!"

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

Dawn Mrvos Gladys Mrvos Mika Rocknage George Rocknage  
Darinka Grba Louise Popelas-NH Mara Gasparovic-NH Milan Vranesevic-NH  
Smilja Blagovich-NH Bertha Cervo-NH Mimi Pavlovich-NH

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

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

#### (4) IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

- **THIS WEEK: July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Tomorrow is the Feast-Day of Sts. Peter/Paul - **9:30 AM!**  
- **WEDNESDAY:** Making Apple Strudel – 9 AM peeling apples!

- (a) **REMEMBER:** 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:** come to Church regularly AND get your 2010 Stewardship Pledge Card in – AS WELL AS try bringing a family-member or friend back to Church – We Need Them All!
- (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) **JULY 18th: 2<sup>nd</sup> rehearsal** for Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh to sing at the Pirates Game, at **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 903 Ann Street, Homestead at 2:30 PM!** (Come practice with us!)
- (b) **July 24<sup>th</sup>** – Yovetich/Villa wedding – Fr. Stevo away in Shadeland July 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>!
- (c) **Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Parastos for +Arlene Crnkovich!**
- (d) **DIOCESAN DAY: Bus Trip To Shadeland For Church Consecration – August 8<sup>th</sup>!** (Sign Up NOW at Tutors' Desk – Leaves at 7 AM; Back Home at 4 PM!)
- (e) **August 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** – Fr. Stevo away for Youth Conference in Milwaukee!
- (f) **International Village** – August 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – DO YOUR PART!
- (g) **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – **Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Christopher Rocknage!** (Reception to follow with visiting clergy and dignataries!)