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December 6th – 26th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

(Remembering – St. Amfililocius, St. Gregory, and St. Edred, King of England)

Today's Epistle

Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-19

Today's Gospel

Reading: Luke 12: 16-21

Troparion: "When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most-pure Body, Thou didst rise 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 Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, 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!'" "

Today's Meditation:

Two Keys

Someone once said that man's heart is like a garden, a secret garden which God has kept uniquely for Himself. That garden is locked like a safe deposit box. It has two keys as does every safe deposit box. God has one key. Man has the other key. Hence not even God can get in without man's consent. God's key — the key of His love and power — is already in the lock. Man's key — which is our free will — is not yet in the lock. God is waiting for us to insert our key to open the box — the greatest treasure box in the universe — the box, or rather the Person, in whom all "treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid," Christ "the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Has the "kingdom of God come with power" for you? Do you open the door of your soul daily through prayer to receive Christ's love and power? Are you living under your circumstances or above the circumstances of your life? There is power just a prayer away from you! Although just a weak earthen vessel, the body was created to house a great treasure. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels . . ." wrote St. Paul. This treasure is God's kingdom come with power within each of us. "The kingdom of God is within you," said Jesus.

Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** our fellowship hour is hosted by the Vidnovic, Snelling and Vranesevich families!
ALSO: Special thanks to our St. Sava Sisterhood for purchasing the material and Anita Ostovich for making the new linens to cover the analois in Church – God Bless You!

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

Arlene Crnkovich	Charles Hutsko	Dawn Hamm	Bertha Cervo	Bertha Lalich
Desa Bunovich	Martha Zivkovich	Louise Popelas-NH	Paula Hutsko	
Ljubica Trbovic-NH	Delores Craven	Mara Gasparovic-NH	Milan Vranesevic-NH	
Dorothy Medic-H	Pr. Michael Lewis	Boya Kecman	Cpt. Michael Repasky	

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

+ Ruby Petrisko +Nicholas Vuick +Amy Pacura +Melva Stankovich +George Torbic
+ Smilja Vukovich +Richard Young Sr. +Natasha Kavic + Sophie Vranesevic

(4) **THIS WEEK:** No Education Class this week...Nut-rolls on Tuesday...

- **PARISH RENEWAL DAY: Saturday December 12th – JOIN US** – we have a great DVD we are showing, called "The Island" – be there!! We'll begin at 9 AM with A Continental Breakfast – then start our Prayer and Meditation Day after!

(5) **KEEP IT UP!** The new "Fellowship Hour" is working splendidly – thanks to YOU– (if everyone takes a Sunday – the whole year will be covered in no time!)
PLEASE SIGN-UP IN BACK OF THE CHURCH!

(6) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** our Stewardship Sunday is **NEXT SUNDAY**– bring in your 2010 Pledge Cards then!

- **Parish Advent Celebration: Sunday, Dec. 20th – 4 PM!**
- **Stuffed Cabbage Sale** – Take-Out ONLY – Dec. 20th!

(7) **YOUTH GROUP:** our December 13th meeting date will be held at Dana Buck's home – at 6 PM at the We will discuss several ethical issues at that time!

(8) **Please bring in goods for our "Treats For Troops" Drive** in December – collecting for our soldiers for Christmas – the list is included today! **DEADLINE:** December 14th!

(10) **ATTENTION CHILDREN:** we will be making Christmas 'luminaries' for our Church to celebrate our Christmas – please see Joyce for details!

(11) **ATTENTION:** we again want to help the homeless this Holiday Season – so we are collecting blankets, hats and gloves – please do what you can – to be given out on the 25th!