

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

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### December 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

(Remembering – the Holy Forefathers, and the Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus)

#### Today's Epistle

Reading: Colossians 3: 4-11

#### Today's Gospel

Reading: Luke 14: 16-24

**Troparion:** “When the women disciples of the Lord, learned from the Angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: ‘Death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy!’ “

**Kontakion:** “My Savior and Redeemer as God, rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains! He has shattered the gates of hell; and, as Master, He has risen on the third day!

#### Today's Meditation:

### God's Promises: A Savior

All through the Old Testament God keeps promising to send a Savior. He was to come of the family of David. The genealogy of St. Matthew lists the fulfillment of these promises. The sixteen verses (Matthew 1:1-16) show that Jesus was the son of David and the son of Abraham. This was the kingly line from which Christ was to be born. The significance of this is that God keeps his word — His promises are fulfilled.

The promise was that He would be born of a virgin mother. He was!

The promise was that He would be born in Bethlehem of Judea. He was!

The promise was that He would ride into Jerusalem upon a colt. He did!

The promise was that soon after birth He would have to flee into Egypt for safety. He did!

The promise was that when this Messiah came, “the desert would blossom with flowers, the blind would see, the deaf would hear, the lame would walk, and rivers of water would flow in the desert.” The promise was fulfilled in Christ!

God revealed to Symeon that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. Symeon clung to the promise and God honored his heart's desire that day when he saw Mary bringing the Christ Child to the temple for the dedication forty days after His birth.

The promise of the angel Gabriel to Mary was that she would bear a great Person: “He will be called the Son of the Most High. He will rule as a king forever. The Holy Spirit will be His Father. He will be called the Son of God. And His name shall be Jesus.” God's promise was fulfilled.

### For Pondering

Only God creates. Man rearranges.

### Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** is our Parish's Advent Celebration – at 4 PM! Please join our wonderful children as they display their talents in honoring our Lord's Birth; also, if you can bring a Lenten covered-dish that would be very much appreciated! (Great food, better fellowship!)

(1-A) Today's 'Fellowship Hour' is hosted by the Eremic/Magill Families!

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

Arlene Crnkovich	Dawn Hamm	Bertha Cervo	Bertha Lalich
JoAnn Korach	Mika Rocknage	Mildred Miljus	Louise Popelas-NH
Ljubica Trbovic-NH	Delores Craven	Mara Gasparovic-NH	Milan Vranesevic-H
Vlade Baskot	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 +Arch-Bishop JOB +Natasha Kavic + Sophie Vranesevic

(4) **THIS WEEK:** Choir Rehearsal – Tuesday at 7 PM – Be there to practice for Christmas!

- NEXT Saturday morning – Feast of St. Ignatius – 9:30 AM Services!

(5) **OUR 'FELLOWSHIP HOUR' After Church:** No one has signed up for the New Year dates – let's go – it is a great way to solidify the 'bond' we share with each other!!  
**PLEASE SIGN-UP IN BACK OF THE CHURCH!**

(6) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** see the Christmas Schedule of Services in the Bulletin...

(7) **YOUTH GROUP:** will meet after Christmas at Dana Buck's home - You will be contacted about a date! We will discuss several ethical issues at that time!

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

(9) **PLEASE:** do your part in coming to Church regularly AND getting your 2010 Stewardship Pledge Card in BEFORE the end of January, if possible!

(10) **SPECIAL THANKS:** To all who helped out at the Salvation Army on the 25<sup>th</sup>!