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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TROPARION - TONE IV (RESURRECTION)

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!"

TROPARION - TONE IV (ARCHANGEL MICHAEL)

Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you: by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and out to you: "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the Powers on high!"

KONTAKION - TONE IV (RESURRECTION)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

KONTAKION - TONE II (ARCHANGEL MICHAEL)

Michael, commander of God's armies and minister of the divine glory, prince of the bodiless Angels and guide of mankind; ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, as supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

Petition to Our Lord and Savior for His Help and Mercy during the COVID-19 pandemic

For our salvation during the time of this pandemic; for protection and deliverance from the Coronavirus; for the health and recovery of those suffering from this virus; and for the guidance of physicians and those who

minister to the afflicted, let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord have mercy.***

Eternal Lord, God Almighty, in Your ineffable goodness and love for humankind, look upon us who have gathered in Your Holy Name and those who could not be present; be our constant helper and defender at the time of this pandemic and hear our prayer offered with contrition of heart: Compassionate Lord, save, protect and deliver us from the impending threat of the Coronavirus; grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus; and guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who minister to the afflicted, let us all say with all our heart and mind Lord have mercy: ***Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.***

Commemorated Today: Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae; Martyr Eudoxius

- ***Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae*** – The feast today in honor of the Archangel Michael commemorates the great miracle he wrought when he delivered from destruction a church and holy spring named for him. The pagans, moved by malice, sought to destroy the aforesaid church and holy spring by turning the course of two rivers against them. But the Archangel appeared and, by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course. Henceforth, the name of that place changed from Colossae to Chonae, which means “funnels” in Greek.

- ***Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, Macarius and their Companions*** received a martyr’s death for Christ under the emperor Maximian Galerius, the successor of the emperor Diocletian. Eudoxius held the high position of a military commander in the imperial armies. He was a Christian, as were his friend Zeno and his house steward Macarius.

UPCOMING SERVICES

- **Tuesday, September 21 – DIVINE LITURGY** for the **Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary at 10:00 a.m.** – Saints Joachim and Anna were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks. As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.
- **Thursday, September 23 – BIBLE STUDY at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, September 25 – VESPERS at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, September 27 – DIVINE LITURGY** for the **Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross at 10:00 a.m.** – this Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine. *This is a fast day.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONGRATULATIONS** – Congratulation to parents, Djuradj (George) and Milica Surla, and to their Kuma/Sponsor Michele Stupar, on the baptism of Sofia Surla. May God grant you all many years!
- **Sunday School starts today!** All students and teachers should report to their classroom after Communion.
- The Sunday School kick off held last week was a huge success! The day started with a blessing of the students and teachers by Father George. The festivities then moved to the picnic grounds and it was so good to see kids of all ages playing together. They had a great time playing kickball, enjoying the bounce house, riding bikes and scooters and just being together. Thank you to everyone that helped in anyway, especially to our HTC Kolo and Nikola Tesla Men’s Club for preparing the food, those that helped with drinks, and everyone who helped set up and clean up. Thanks to everyone that attended the picnic and supported our kids, teachers, and Sunday School!! It’s sure to be a great year!
- **SSF CONVENTION NEWS** – Holy Trinity Cathedral is hosting the annual Serbian Singing Federation (SSF) Convention on Friday and Saturday, September 24th and 25th at the Cathedral. Over 20 singers from SSF

member choirs will travel to Pittsburgh for this event. The two days of meetings culminate with election of officers for the SSF. Swearing in of those officers will take place on Saturday, September 25th at the conclusion of Vespers, which start at 6pm. Also, on Saturday night, the choir and our guests will convene at the American Serbian Club in South Side for dinner and a social (doors open at 7pm). Free admission. Cash dinner and bar. Please RSVP your dinner reservation to Val Tassari (valtassari@yahoo.com). We hope you will join us for Vespers and the social that follows.

- **SAVE THE DATE** – Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir will celebrate their Slava, St. Roman the Melodist, on Sunday, October 10th. All parishioners are invited to join us for a light lunch in the coffee room following Divine Liturgy.
- **HTC ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** – Calling all bakers! We will be baking nutrolls for the annual holiday bake sale at the St. Sava picnic grounds on **September 25th, October 9th, and October 16th** from **10am-12pm**. Bring your aprons and rolling pins!! Please call the church office at 412-882-3900 if you can help. Thank you!
- **HTC APRONS FOR SALE** – HTC aprons are now available at the Tutor desk for \$20 in choice of red or blue. They are a perfect gift for the family cook or as a gift!
- **GIVE AID TO THE VICTIMS OF THE FIRES IN GREECE** – The Eastern American Diocese is undertaking a special fundraising initiative to help the endangered Greek Nation, which is being ravaged by wildfires. **A basket is in the Narthex (back of the Church) to collect donations for this initiative.** His Holiness, our Serbian Patriarch Porfirije, conveyed his heartfelt brotherly concern to His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece, noting that the prayers of our entire Serbian Orthodox family, which has not and will never forget that, in the recent past during the great tribulations wrought by civil wars, had almost as an only friend, the fraternal Greek people and the sister Greek Orthodox Church: “The abundant help that you, our Greek brothers and sisters, sent to Serbian territories was for us not only food, clothes, shoes and other necessities, but also a sign that we have in our vicinity as our closest friends, those who did not desire to participate in the injustice to which we were exposed.” As did our Patriarch and father, we also send expressions of deepest condolences to the families of the victims of the fires, but also express our deep faith that the Lord will place those whose earthly lives were extinguished in the flames, in the dwellings of the righteous.
- **FOOD PANTRY** – Reminder to please continue to bring items for the food pantry or monetary offerings are appreciated. This is an ongoing project. Thanks again to all those who help in this endeavor!

<i>MEMORIALS / DONATIONS</i>

- \$15 candle for the health of Ray Popovich by Eileen Bozovich
- \$25 in memory of Rade Vignovic by Anka Vidakovich
- \$25 in memory of Kara Kosanovich by Bob and Danella Winovich
- \$50 in memory of May Ann Wiseman by Blaise and Michelle Grese
- \$50 donation for capital improvements by Kata Vidakovich
- \$100 for the health of Ray Popovich by Shirley Popovich and family
- \$100 donation for capital improvements by Anka Vidakovich