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## SUNDAY BULLETIN: DECEMBER 2, 2018

### 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 6:10-17 (\$233) / **GOSPEL:** (Matins) St. Luke 13:10-17 (\$113) / St. Luke 13:10-17 (\$71)

**Saints of the Day:** Holy Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia

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**A** WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS... *We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. There are service books in the pews. While only prepared Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion, our non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.*

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**ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION:** *Orthodox Christians must be prepared for Holy Communion through Confession, fasting, prayer and by being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (frequency established by the Pastor), have abstained from food and drink from midnight, observe the fast days and seasons and have attended Divine Liturgy regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Holy Communion.*

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#### The following Troparia and Kontakia are sung after the Little Entrance:

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy God-head! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

We celebrate the memory of Your prophet Obadiah, O Lord; through him we beseech You: "Save our souls."

O first-enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe. Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:** Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.** O steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator: do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith; Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

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*We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are ill:* Protodeacon Triva Paul, Sylvia Nassar, Darinka Kisin, Larissa Basch, Vera Pestorich, Henry Delfin, Maria Popovac, Michael Stepanich, Peter Livanis, John Petrosian, Steve Wright.

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## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### Nativity Fast

**TODAY:** Coffee Hour in the social hall after Liturgy. Everyone welcome!

- Circle of Sisters meeting at 12:30 PM

*If you have received Holy Communion this morning you are encouraged to remain in church after the Liturgy for the Prayers of Thanksgiving. Page 98 in the Liturgy book.*

**Monday, December 3** - Vespers at 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, December 4** - **Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple:** Liturgy at 9:00 AM

**Wednesday, December 5** - 6<sup>th</sup> Hour Prayers at Noon

**Saturday, December 8** - Catechism Class: 3:00 – 4:30 PM / Vespers at 5:00 PM

**Sunday, December 9** - **28<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost:** Matins at 8:30 AM / Divine Liturgy & CS at 9:30 AM

- Annual Assembly at 12:30 PM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. Program:** To enroll go to Save Mart's website [www.savemart.com/shares/](http://www.savemart.com/shares/) and select St. Peter Serbian Orthodox Church as your charity. You will have an option of a phone number, credit/debit card or both. If you pay cash or by check for your groceries, you can type in your phone number or give it to the cashier. If you buy your groceries using credit cards you can add your card number as well as a phone number. Your purchase is automatically credited to St. Peter's. Once you sign up with e-Scrip through Save Mart then you are automatically registered with all of the e-Scrip participating merchants and online stores. All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund!

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Select "Serbian Orthodox Church of St Peter" as your charity. It is very simple and easy!

**The Nativity Fast:** Last Wednesday was the start of the Nativity Fast. This season prepares us for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As the shop displays and catalogs already warn us, Christmas is approaching fast. For the world around us, this means a frenzy of shopping, decorating, and partying. If we would enter into the blessings God has set before us, we need to begin a different sort of labor: being mindful of God for the gift of his Son and showing gratitude in every aspect of life. We observe the Nativity Fast by refraining from meat and rich foods, by prayer and confession, and giving to the needy. May we be blessed with peace!

**Stewardship 2019:** Last month was the start of our stewardship campaign for 2019. We hope that you have read through all of the information and prayerfully considered what your financial commitment to our St. Peter Church will be for the coming year. You may place your financial commitment pledge card in the box as you exit the church. Thank you and God bless you!

**Annual Assembly 2018:** All Pledged Stewards are encouraged to attend the Annual Assembly of Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church on Sunday, December 9, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. If a pledged steward would like to serve on the 2018 Parish Council or any of the other elected offices (Tutor, auditor) please see Ron Tarailo or Father George. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting—please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 9!

**Catechism Classes:** Catechism classes will be held on Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Parishioners are also welcome to join our catechumens in attending these classes. Please see Father George for more information.

**Coffee Hour Schedule:** It is time to start planning our Sunday Coffee Hour schedule for 2019. We thank all parishioners who participated during the past year in this wonderful fellowship ministry! Coffee Hour

is an opportunity for us to welcome and greet the many visitors who attend Liturgy and for parishioners to be able to visit with one another. We are planning the schedule for the coming year and if you have a date that you would prefer please contact Francine Contreras at 559) 709-9883 or by email at fdc02@att.net. Otherwise you will be scheduled during the same month as last year. If you have never sponsored and prepared a coffee hour or are new to the parish please consider becoming a coffee hour sponsor in 2019!

**COFFEE HOUR:**

**Today** Charlene Pestorich, Dona Pestorich (*Lenten*)

**December 9** Diane Chrisman, Patti Cantu (*Lenten*)

**December 16** Rodika Nika, Jamie Vodak (*Lenten*)