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SUNDAY BULLETIN: SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: Sunday of All Serbian Saints — Tone 5

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (\$170) / **GOSPEL:** St. Matthew 22:2-14 (\$89)

Saints of the Day: Placing of the Venerable Sash of the Most Holy Mother of God in Constantinople

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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:

Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind you have given your people a powerful legacy: the robe and sash of your most honored body which remained incorrupt throughout your seedless childbearing; for through your time and nature are renewed! Therefore we implore you: “Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy!”

O God-bearing fathers and hierarchs, we ask you as our Serbian enlighteners as true shepherds and patriarchs, as genuine guardians of apostolic tradition, as solid pillars, as teachers of Orthodoxy: Beseech Christ the Master of All, to grant peace to the whole world and abundant mercy to our souls.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, Save us!

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, Darinka Kisin, Larissa Basch, Vera Pestorich, Henry Delfin, Michael Stepanich, Carlos Vaga, Janet Zimbelmann, Kathryn Woolsey, Sherman Curtis, Blair Sagardia, Annabelle Castro, Judith Hibberd, John Trigg, John Petrosian, John Baziuk, Ida Duran, Maura Chaplain, Paul Stinett, Danica Skorić.

Remember to pray for our parishioners serving in the U.S. Armed Forces: Sage Featherstone (Air Force), Joseph Bundros (Navy)

Remember in prayer our catechumens: Darren, Sarah Anne and Matthew Hoffmann

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SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday and Friday Fast

TODAY: Cookies for Kosovo monthly fundraiser in the breezeway after Liturgy. This month’s feature: Serbian pastries variety pack for a \$10.00 donation.

- Monthly Parish Council meeting in the social hall at noon.

Please continue to follow the social distancing guidelines. Space yourself (and Family) at least 6 feet from another parishioners. Upon entering the church disinfect your hands in the narthex. The Tutors will strategically seat all parishioners, and some will be seated in the social hall. There will be no choir or Altar Boys until further notice.

- **In addition to those guidelines we are asking all parishioners to wear a mask upon entering into the Church or Hall, keeping it on while in the narthex and until you are seated. Once seated you may remove your mask during the worship service.**
- **Please remember when visiting with parishioners after the service to wear a mask and keep six feet distance apart. Thank you!**

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.

Wednesday, September 16

- 6th Hour Prayers at Noon

Saturday, September 19

- Catechism Class at 3:30 PM / Vespers & confessions at 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 20 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost: Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

- Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM / Vespers at 7:00 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Scholarship Support: Support our St. Peter Scholarship Fund is through Amazon Smile. Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. Select “Serbian Orthodox Church of St Peter” as your charity. It is very simple and easy! All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund!

eScrip: Sign-up and start earning money for our Scholarship fund with eScrip! Go to escrip.com/wheretoeam. Choose your favorite store(s), and complete registration to start earning for St. Peter Serbian Orthodox Church.

Catechism Classes: Our fall session catechism classes will be on Saturdays at 3:30 PM. All parishioners are welcome to join our catechumens and participate. We will be meeting in the church to allow us to keep the physical distance guidelines.

2020 Opportunity Drawing! Remember to send in your Opportunity Drawing tickets to the church along with your donation of \$25 per ticket before October 25. If you would like to purchase more tickets or need extra to sell to your family and friends please see Father George or contact Stacy Batrich-Smith at stacybatrichsmith@att.net

Orthodox Study Bible: The Ancient Faith Hardcover edition of the Orthodox Study Bible is now available for purchase at the discounted rate of \$30. If interested in buying a copy, please see Fr. George

Youth Scholarship Drive-thru Luncheon: October 4th 11:30 -1:00 PM. Featuring pulled pork, smoked sausage, and much more. All meals are either pickup to go, (pickup table will be next to entrance doors of social hall) or curbside delivery (from 12:00 – 1:00 PM by mail box in front of church). Price for dinner is \$15, advanced ticket sales price is \$12 per meal. Advance ticket sales table will be located in breeze way between church and social hall on 9/20 and 9/27 after church. All donations are welcome and highly appreciated! 100% of every dinner purchased will go directly to the scholarship fund!