



# ST. NICHOLAS

Serbian Orthodox Church

971 St. Clair Road, Johnstown, PA 15905 ■ 814-255-1853; Parish Priest : *Rev. Dragan Zaric*



*Next week-September 17, 2017*

*Moleben for the beginning of the school year !!*

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*Weekly Bulletin - Sunday September 10, 2017*

**Sunday, August 28/Sept. 10 2017. 14th Sunday after Pentecost;  
Ven. Moses of Ethiopia; Ven. Sava of Pskov; Synaxis of the Serbian Sts.**

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- **Today after Divine Liturgy - 40 day Memorial service (*Parastos*) for hand-maid of God +Lillian Fleck. May her memory be eternal!**

- **Liturgical Readings:** Gospel St. Matt. (22, 2-14) & 11, (5, 14-19);  
Epistle: 2 Cor. (1, 21-2, 4) & (Heb. 13, 7-16);

- **Donations Received Sunday September 3, 2017**

Offering \$1060.00 Candles \$23.00 Parotos \$20.00 Charity \$14.00

Donations to the Building Fund

In memory of Pete Martinovich for \$50 from Irene Martinovich and

\$25 from Ed & Kathy Urban

In memory of Lillian Fleck for \$20 from Tom & Carol McAllister

In memory of Sylvester Saula for \$20 from Tom & Carol McAllister

In memory of Pete Povich for \$20 from Tom & Carol McAllister

Donation to the Sunday School in memory of Lillian Fleck for \$10 from Dorothy Podolak

Donation to the Circle of Serbian Sisters (Kolo Srpski Sestara) in memory of Lillian Fleck for \$50 from Ranka Marinkovich

Donation to the Choir in memory of Lillian Fleck for \$50 from Ranka Marinkovich

Sunday School will begin September 17<sup>th</sup>. A luncheon will follow Divine Liturgy for

- Father Dragan, Popadija Izorinka, Gavriilo, Jovan and Sergije. A main dish will be provided and we ask that everyone share his or her favorite covered dish for the luncheon

- **Large Candle** donations In Memory of Victoria Bartis, Dudukovich & Knezevich

Families, Stella & Steve Baich, Nikola, Milka & Nick Jr Todorich

## **Bishop IRINEJ Calls Faithful to Pray and Support Victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma**

*What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works?*

*Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them,*

*'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?*

*So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead (James 2:14-17).*

Responding to the devastating effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Bishop Irinej calls upon all clergy, monastics and faithful of the Diocese of Eastern America, and all people of good will to fervently pray the Lord strengthen those adversely affected by these natural disasters and to deliver them safely from harm and danger. May He who is the Life and Resurrection grant rest eternal to those who lost their lives and comfort their families and friends.

Already Hurricane Harvey has decimated parts of Texas and continues to ravage neighboring states, causing unprecedented destruction and trauma, coupled with loss of life and livelihood. Hurricane Irma has torn through the Caribbean, leaving many island nations without electricity, water or food. Now in its wake, unprecedented burglary is rampant. Hurricane Irma is headed for Florida, which is preparing itself for this potentially catastrophic storm.

We are all called not only to pray, but also to share in the burden of our brothers and sisters by expressing solidarity and concern, while offering care. As Bishop of Eastern America, I would like to publically express our collective appreciation to the Orthodox Serbs of Martinique who have formed a group called *Mission* in order to keep in contact with our faithful on the islands of St Martin, St Barthélemy and Guadeloupe. *Mission* has prepared a boatload of food and clothing to assist those most affected on St Martin and the Island of Guadeloupe.

As Orthodox Christians we are all called to pray that God strengthens those in the path of devastation. Our prayers, however, should be accompanied by tangible aid to those now in dire distress and need. We ask our clergy, monastics and faithful to contribute their donations directly to IOCC, *International Orthodox Christian Charities*, an agency under the aegis of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, and have offered the assistance of their emergency task force to anyone in need. All clergy are instructed to call IOCC toll free: 877.803.4622, to help those who are afflicted.

## ***Holy Relics in Our Church***

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The Reverend Father and Mrs. Dragan Zaric  
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Dear Father Dragan and Popadija Izvorinka,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

With great joy I look forward to seeing you again. I will **arrive at your home in the late afternoon (4:00-5:00) on Saturday, September 16, 2017**. I will stay at your home Saturday night and Sunday night. If you wish to take some of the holy relics to peoples' homes, the hospital or nursing home, this will give us time to do so. I will be **leaving your home on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM as I must be in Rahway, New Jersey, by 1:00 PM**.

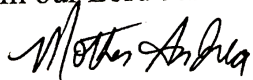
Some of the holy relics that I am bringing are:

- A piece of the Holy Belt (Protection/Pokrova) of the Mother of God (set in large icon)
- Saint Panteleimon (set in large icon)
- Saint Macrina (set in large icon)
- Saint Maximos the Confessor (set in large icon)
- Saint Mary Magdalene (set in large icon)
- Saint John the Baptist (set in small icon)
- Saint Sergius of Radonezh (set in small icon)
- Saint Andrew the First Called (set in small icon)

In addition, since we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in September, I will bring a holy relic of the Precious and Life-giving Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is set in a standing wooden cross. I will also bring an approximate 25 additional holy relics in a relic box, which I cannot give you the names of at this time because I must organize the case. In this case will be saints who are celebrated during the months of September and October, such as Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth, Saint Anna, Saint Thomas, Saint Sophia and Saint Gregory of Armenia, to name a few.

Thank you so very much for your hospitality.

In our Lord Jesus Christ,



Mother Andrea