

# ***Saint Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church***

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## ***The Sunday of All Saints***

***(06.19.2022)***

### ***Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30***

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. (***KJV***)

Today the Holy Orthodox Church remembers and celebrates the saints down through the ages. This is a joyous day focusing on the saints having lived and died in the Lord.

The saints' lives vary in a range of differences yet share a commonality pleasing to the Lord. The range of differences include male and female saints, living in different centuries and with different ethnic backgrounds.

Age differences exist among the saints from the very young to the very old.

Some have lived saintly lives for all of their lives and others turn to Christ at the last moments of life.

Believers today enrich their lives by learning from the countless saints. Praying to the saints as intercessors is always beneficial. Remembering that the saints were common people living fully in the Lord inspires efforts to follow them.

Each moment is an opportunity in life to pray to the saints as intercessors. The time of life is well invested in learning about the various saints. Certain saints are known to be beneficial for individuals with certain conditions and issues.

Saints such as St. George the Greatmartyr, St. Lazarus of Kosovo and the Holy Deacon Avaacum offer examples of courage. Martyrs St. Budimir Sokokovic and St. Momcilo Grugrevich are related to clergy families in this Diocese.

The Serbian saints St. Sebastian, St. Nicholai, St. Mardarije and St. Varnava have lived on this continent and memories of them are well-preserved. Each person has the opportunity to learn from these saints and their love of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ notices the value each person places on living in Christ and in confessing Christ in daily life. Confessing Christ is an act of love. Confessing Christ is demonstrated in personal relationships.

Love, peace, and forgiveness are ways to confess Christ in personal relationships. Keeping the mind, heart and soul focused on Christ demonstrates Christ is first and foremost in life.

Being responsible in handling the crosses of daily life is way to prove love of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ established the perfect and lasting example of how to face the Cross in personal life.

Jesus did not draw back from going to the Cross. He endured the Cross with forgiveness and with care of those near and dear to Him. Individuals and families of all generations do well to follow Christ's example.

The words used in daily life, the time spent in daily life and the thoughts dominating the mind reveal whether Christ is loved completely. The soul's is best nourished in Christ.

The saints show and tells us how to find and follow Christ. The choices we make determine whether we join the ranks of the saints or are condemned. Mediocrity in faith is perilous.

At Baptism our full beings are dedicated to Christ. The remaining time of life after Baptism is to be fully lived in Christ. Life reaches fullness in Christ through the choice and nourishment experienced each day.

Church worship, prayer, fasting and almsgiving facilitate and enrich the believer in Christ. Partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ unite the believer with Christ.

Sacrifice, love and forgiveness in personal relationships are confessions in the way of Christ. Repentance is always possible when we realize we have lived far from Christ.

Everyday offers the opportunity to learn from the saints and to follow them to the Kingdom of God. Thank God and God's Holy Church for having the saints as examples and intercessors.

Thank God for the example, witness and sacrifice of the saints. The remaining time of our lives remains known only to God. The saints show the path to follow to God's Kingdom and eternal life.

Choices made at each moment determine the extent we live in Christ. Saints are proof that living fully in Christ is possible and beneficial. We do well to follow in the paths the saints have chosen.

God's Holy Church teaches us about the saints and the paths they have taken. Thank God for the learning opportunities in God's Holy Church. Be grateful for the love of God and examples manifested in the lives of the saints.

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*The Sunday of All Saints. Venerable Bessarion the Wonderworker, Venerable Hilarion the New. June 6/19, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania.  
Father Rodney Torbic*

## **WONDROUS IS GOD IN HIS SAINTS A Homily on the Sunday of All Saints**

*Wondrous is God in His Saints.*  
(Ps. 67:36)

Every time I ascend this sacred cathedra, there is much I would like to take from the Divine treasury for your edification and transmit it all to you at one time, but it's not possible. Today I want to draw your pious attention not to some particular subject of ecclesiastical or spiritual life, not to some specific dogmatic or moral teaching, or finally, to a specific person who could serve as an object of edification or veneration, but to the whole host of all the saints who have pleased God from time immemorial.

Today, the first Sunday after Pentecost of the holy Church, is dedicated to their memory.

Although the Church dedicates every day of the year to one, two, or three saints, offering the bloodless sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord God for them; magnifying, glorying, and blessing their eternal memory, labors, illnesses, sufferings and life in the Lord, fervently resorting to their intercession, entreating their intercession and help for all of us sinners who are still performing our earthly endeavors, it has determined to annually dedicate the first Sunday after Pentecost to the memory of all saints who have pleased God throughout the ages.

The holy Church firmly believes that there are many such saints who led their ascetic lives in solitude, in impenetrable centuries-old forests, deserts, mountains, far from the world and its vanity, where they reposed in silence, whose lives—labors, *podvigs*, days of repose, and names—remained unknown. Unable to dedicate a special day of the year to each, as the day of their repose is unknown, the holy Church chose this day for their common commemoration.

That's why in the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, celebrated only ten times a year, in one of the prayers after the Cherubic Hymn, the priest, standing before the altar of the Lord, prays that He might remember all those who labored in mountains, dens, and the abysses of the earth and remained unknown to the world.

Thus, today is the [day of all saints](#) who have pleased God throughout the ages. What a magnificent and wonderful day for all Christians! What a moving commemoration! The eyes of the earthly militant Church of Christ are turned to Heaven today, to the Church Triumphant, to the hosts of the saints who have pleased God from time immemorial, and only He knows their names!

These eyes are full of joyous and prayerful hope in those who are so solemnly glorified by millions of grace-filled Christian hearts throughout the whole world today.

Truly, *wondrous is God in His saints*. A whole host of saints: forefathers, patriarchs, prophets and apostles, holy hierarchs and martyrs, the venerable and the righteous, unmercenaries and fools for Christ, recluses and stylites of all ages who have lived righteously on earth, are now gratefully remembered by the Church, which sends up its veneration and praise to them.

Truly, *wondrous is God in His saints*. Do you think, perhaps, brothers, that the holy Church chose this day for the glorification of all the saints accidentally, for no reason? No. It has a deep and very substantial reason for this.

We just celebrated the great day of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the day of the [Holy Trinity](#), and immediately after this great feast, the holy Church dedicates this day to all saints. Why?

Because all the saints of God were saved by their lives of asceticism according to their firm faith, but in no case could they receive salvation without the grace-filled help of the Holy Spirit, however strong and great their faith and however great their labors and *podvigs*. *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast* (Eph. 2:8-9), says Holy Scripture.

This is why man is incapable of fulfilling his earthly work in a manner worthy of his calling as a Christian without the grace-filled help of the Holy Spirit. Every day at Matins during the reading of the Six Psalms, the priest prays to God that His providence would guide Christians aright in life, for we must not only be saved, but also pray: “For we know not how to pray as we ought, lest Thou Thyself shouldst guide us by Thy Holy Spirit.” That means our salvation is closely connected with the work of God the Holy Spirit within us, and all the numerous saints whom the Church celebrates today were saved by the grace of God the Holy Spirit; therefore, when if not now should we commemorate all saints, when we all have the freshest memory of the great day of the Holy Trinity that has just passed, and by Whose grace all the saints we revere are saved? Truly great is the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Brethren, let us learn today, on this day dedicated to all saints, to cherish and entreat grace-filled help from God the Holy Spirit, without Whom we can't utter a good word, let alone perform some kind of pious *podvig* and gain salvation. There are none among Christians who could be saved solely by their own efforts without the grace-filled help of the Holy Spirit. A Christian may have a firm character, a strong will, and the intention to live piously and be saved, but all his efforts are in vain without the grace-filled help of the Holy Spirit.

Just remember the words of the Savior, which are still known to us now when the second millennium is already ending: *Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*

Therefore, let us ever turn to the grace-filled help of God the Holy Spirit: “O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth... come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, save our souls, O Good One.”

On this great day, dedicated to all saints, let us pray, pious brethren, to the wonderful council of God's chosen ones, that they might be our intercessors before God for us

sinner. Although we have one Mediator for mankind—*the man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for all* (1 Tim. 2:5-6), God is pleased with His saints' intercessions for us sinners. Without any doubt, let us ever fall down with fervent prayer for their help, and they will hear us and come to help us in difficult moments, heal us of our illnesses, comfort us in our sorrows and grief, and strengthen us in faintheartedness and despondency—for the prayer of the righteous availeth much. Remembering all the saints today, may this feast not pass without our own edification. What can this feast teach us? Many useful and salvific things. Let us only recall what many saints were like for many years of their lives.

The history of the Church tells us that among the saints were many who were great sinners, only later becoming God-pleasers. Let's take King David, for example. He was a murderer and adulterer, and later a great righteous one who left the wondrous book of the Psalter, in which he mourned his fall for all the world to hear, giving an example of how sinners of all ages should repent. And how many Christians find complete healing and consolation for their broken hearts in the Psalter!

And there are the harlots [Mary of Egypt](#), Pelagia of Palestine, and Eudoxia of Phoenicia, who later became the greatest ascetics, earthly angels. Are not these amazing examples of an extraordinary rebirth? For the greatest, well-known harlots to become chosen ones of God, to rise from the abyss of vice for the ascetic, angelic life is truly a matter worthy of amazement and reverence.

And the preeminent disciple of the Savior, Peter, a traitor and oath breaker who was then restored his apostolic dignity by tears and a threefold confession of love, gives us an example of firm faith. And there's the cruel persecutor of the faith of Christ and His followers, Saul of Tarsus, later an ardent zealot of evangelical preaching: the Apostle Paul, who founded more Churches in various Asian and European countries than all the other Apostles. And there's our Russian prince, the idolater and polygamist [Vladimir](#), later the baptized Christian Vasily, who enlightened the whole Russian land with the light of the Gospel teaching. And finally, we have the thief from the height of the cross, the greatest criminal and villain and then a worthy heir of Paradise. Do you see, beloved brethren, what kind of youth and early years these holy God-pleasers had? But what a power regenerated their sinful nature! How many of them, once servants of darkness, later became servants of light! *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men* (Tit. 2:11) and touched the feeble human heart, hitherto hardened, rude, unfaithful, and dark; and then, touched

by grace, the human heart changed, rejecting the works of darkness and coming to love the true light.

Do not these few examples, brethren, show how powerful the effect of God's grace is on the heart of man?

But the working of the grace of God was not so accessible to people before the death of the Son of God as after the offering of the redemptive Golgotha sacrifice.

As God's grace worked in those times, so it works now, for the Lord Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday, and forever. Just as the greatest sinners were saved in the past, so now the Lord *will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth* (1 Tim. 2:4).

Before this Sacrifice, all the righteous went to hades.

Now the grace of God cleanses and sanctifies hundreds and millions of Christian souls through the communion of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ and the reception of the other salvific Sacraments, which forgive and reconcile a man with God, purifying him and making him holy.

Therefore, you can judge, pious listeners, how fortunate we are that we live within the enclosure of the Orthodox Church, which provides us everything necessary for salvation! How fortunate you are, our children and descendants, protected from the treacherous, stormy sea of life by the saving ship—the holy Church! Should we not thank the Lord Who loves us for His great mercy shown to all who desire to be saved and live piously in Christ Jesus? But this life in Christ Jesus, the life of piety and salvation, is bound up with trials. It is a narrow and thorny path, which was traversed by all the saints we venerate today. It was through many sorrows that they entered the Heavenly Kingdom, and these sorrows are inevitable for us.

But dare I address this word of exhortation to you, brethren, who are groaning under the heavy burden of trials, that you might continue to bear this heavy burden? During these trials, the world preaches to you from all sides in the name of its philosophy to leave this path of trials, to forget the whole past and dream of a future that will know nothing of trials.

May the Lord God preserve you from such a rash and disastrous step! The world offers you an easy path full of consolation, but believe, brethren, that this path will poison your whole soul and grieving heart. It cannot bring you comfort—it will be a short-lived and false consolation, leading to destruction.

This path will lead you to a dejected, unspeakable grief; to despair. Beware of this deceptive and seductive path with all its dangers and abysses, which all the saints whom we glorify managed to avoid.

In those blows you suffer, in those constant trials, behold the wondrous love of the Savior, Who suffered all His life under the blows of superhuman trials. And when you are exhausted due to your natural human weakness, take your mind to the distant borders of the Palestinian Holy Land and stand upon the shore of that small lake where the Apostles, sailing in the middle of the night, were ready to lose heart in the horror of the heavy ordeal.

Stand reverently and wait, and your spiritual eyes will open, and you, like the Apostles, will hear the sweet voice of the Savior: *It is I; be not afraid.* (Jn. 6:20), and being so emboldened, continue upon the path of earthly trials.

I would like to talk to you forever today, magnifying every one of the saints we're commemorating today, praising their labors, *podvigs*, vigils, and difficult trials for our own edification. But there is such a multitude of them that it would take not an hour or two, not a day or two, but years to describe all their labors and illnesses by which they attained to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Let us recall just one who is especially close to my, and I think our hearts, who for thirty years faced a bottomless ocean of torments of the flesh, heart, and human spirit, whose life was a continuous struggle, full of bitterness, hatred, treason, sicknesses, dangers, and the contempt of this world.

I am talking about an ardent zealot of the Gospel of Christ, of the founder of numerous Christian communities and Churches in Asia and Europe, of the preeminent Apostle St. Paul. Look into his epistles, into this treasury of Christ's teaching, and you will see that he who had a greater right than any other to entreat God to end his cup of suffering begins all his numerous epistles with an expression of gratitude to his God and Savior. Take, brethren, his precious testament to all followers of Christ and learn patience and endurance of earthly trials from him, and the burden and yoke of Christ will not be so terrible and heavy for you. The blind world, seeing your Christian patience, will meet you with contempt, but you must remember the divine words: *All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution* (2 Tim. 3:12).

And we who are faithful to the precepts of our Savior, fulfilling His commandments of love for our persecutors and enemies, and imitating the saints whom we now revere, will entreat the Lord that He might bless and touch with His life-giving grace the ungrateful, sinful human nature that crucified Him on the Cross, and turn it to the



path of truth, that with one mouth and one heart all might glorify His thrice-holy name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*This homily was delivered in a church of the Chişinău Metropolis on the Sunday of All Saints, June 13, 1910.*

*St. Mardarije (Uskoković)*

*Translation by Jesse Dominick*

## *The Prologue from Ochrid*

*St. Nikolai of Zhicha*

*(06.24.2022)*

### **1. THE HOLY APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW**

Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Great Apostles. In all probability, it appears that Bartholomew and Nathaniel are one and the same person. Together with the Apostle Philip and Philip's sister, the virgin Mariamna--and for a time with St. John the Theologian--Bartholomew preached the Gospel first throughout Asia, then in India and finally in Armenia, where he died a martyr's death. In Hierapolis, these holy apostles, by prayer, caused the death of a large serpent that the heathens kept in their temple and worshipped. In this same city, by prayer, they restored sight to Stachius, who had been blind for forty years. It was here that a mob rose up against them and crucified Philip and Bartholomew. (Bartholomew was crucified upside down). At this time, there occurred an earthquake in which the evil judges and many people perished. Feeling that this was a punishment from God, many ran to remove the apostles from the crosses, but Philip was already dead, although Bartholomew was still alive. After this, Bartholomew went to India, where he preached and translated the Gospel of St. Matthew into the Indian language. Then he entered Armenia, where he cured the king's daughter of insanity. But the envious brother of King Astyages seized God's apostle, crucified him on a cross, skinned him, and finally beheaded him in Armenian Albanopolis [Derbend]. Christians honorably buried his body in a lead coffin. Because many miracles occurred over his relics, the pagans took the coffin and cast it into the sea. But the water carried the coffin to the Island of Lipara, where Bishop Agathon, through a revelation in a dream, met it and buried it in the church. St. Bartholomew, attired in a white garment, appeared in church to the Venerable Joseph the Hymnographer and blessed him with the Gospel, that he might be able to sing spiritual hymns, saying:

"Let heavenly waters of wisdom flow from your tongue!" He also appeared to Emperor Anastasius (491-518 A.D.) and told him that he would protect the newly established town of Dara. Later, the relics of this great apostle were translated to Benevento and then to Rome. Great and awesome miracles have occurred over these relics.

## **2. SAINT BARNABAS, THE APOSTLE**

Barnabas was one of the Seventy Apostles. He was born in Cyprus of wealthy parents from the tribe of Levi, and studied together with Saul under Gamaliel. At first he was called Joseph, but the apostles called him Barnabas, "son of consolation," because he was exceptionally capable of comforting the souls of the people. After Saul's conversion, Barnabas was the first to introduce Saul to the apostles; Barnabas later preached the Gospel with Paul [Saul] and Mark in Antioch and in other places. In all probability, he was the first to preach in Rome and Milan. He suffered on the island of Cyprus at the hands of the Jews, and he was buried by Mark beyond the western gate of the town of Salamis. On his chest there was placed a copy of the Gospel of St. Matthew which he had copied with his own hand. His grave remained unknown for several hundred years, but since many received healing from sickness at this place, it was called: "the place of healing." In the time of Emperor Zeno and the Chalcedon Council [451 A.D.], the apostle appeared in a dream to Archbishop Anthemius of Cyprus on three successive nights and revealed to him the location of Barnabas' grave. This appearance of the apostle occurred exactly at the time when Peter, the power-hungry Patriarch of Antioch, was seeking to bring the Church in Cyprus under the jurisdiction of the throne of Antioch. After the appearance and discovery of the miraculous relics of the Holy Apostle Barnabas, it was established that the Church in Cyprus, as an Apostolic Church, should always be independent. Thus the autocephaly of the Church in Cyprus was established.

## **3. THE COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS "AXION ESTIN," [DOSTOJNO JEST - IT IS TRULY MEET TO BLESS YOU] AND THE MIRACLE THAT OCCURRED BEFORE IT DURING THE REIGN OF PATRIARCH NICHOLAS CHRYSOVERGES (983-996 A.D.)**

The miracle consists of this: One night a monk was reading the Canon to the Mother of God and was singing "More honorable than the Cherubim" in his cell in the Monastery of the Pantocrator, now called "Axion Estin" after the icon. His elder

had gone to Karyes. Suddenly a man appeared in church and began to sing: "It is truly Meet." Until then that hymn had been unknown in the Church. Upon hearing this hymn, the monk became enraptured, as much by its contents as by the beautiful heavenly singing. "Among us, we sing it in this manner," said the stranger to the monk. The monk wanted to have this hymn written down, and brought a stone tablet on which the stranger wrote down the hymn with his finger as though upon wax. Suddenly he vanished. This stranger was the Archangel Gabriel. The tablet was taken to Constantinople, and the hymn has endured in the Church even to this day.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### **"IT IS TRULY MEET"**

A monk at night, alone in church

With fervent prayer dispelled the darkness from his soul

All at once another monk arrived--about him, nothing unusual--

And, like an experienced chanter, began to sing.

Then the first monk began: "More Honorable ..."

Glorifying the Mother of God, the Mother most glorious.

To him, the miraculous guest spoke about this hymn of praise:

"Among us," said he: "this hymn we sing differently.

We do not begin as you do,

But rather with 'It is truly Meet,' venerable father!"

And the entire hymn "It Is Truly Meet" he recited.

The first monk tried not to miss a word.

"Now I breathe easier, O my virtuous brother.

Your hymn, allow me to copy!"

But no paper or even a pencil had he:

The church is a place for prayer not for writing!

Then the midnight guest over the church made the sign of the Cross,

And on a stone with his finger he began to write.

As on soft wax, on the stone he wrote;

At this man the monk was amazed.

To the unusual guest, the monk asked: "Who are you?"

"My name is Gabriel. For you that should be enough."

And straightway he disappeared. With great fear the monk

Recognized the Archangel under the monastic robe.

That which he wrote no one erased.

With heavenly fragrance the church was filled.

### **REFLECTION**

A true friend prays to God for his friend. A true friend is concerned for the salvation of the soul of his friend. To dissuade a friend from false paths and to direct him on the path of truth--that is precious friendship. The saints of God are the greatest friends of mankind. Two youths, Barnabas and Paul, were friends while they were together attending the school of Gamaliel. When Barnabas became a Christian, he persistently and tearfully prayed to God that He would also enlighten Paul's

mind and turn his heart in order that he might become a Christian. Barnabas often spoke to Paul about Christ the Lord, but Paul ridiculed him and considered him as one led astray. However, the Good Lord did not leave the prayers of Barnabas without fruit. The Good Lord appeared to Paul and turned him from the path of falsehood to the path of truth. The converted Paul then fell before the feet of his friend and cried out: "O Barnabas, teacher of truth, I am now convinced that everything you said to me about Christ is the truth!" Barnabas wept with joy and embraced his friend. The friend saved the soul of his friend by his fervent prayer. If Barnabas had succeeded in establishing Paul as emperor of Rome, he would have done less for him than he did in bringing him to the truth by prayer.

### CONTEMPLATION

To contemplate the miraculous healing of the blind and dumb man: *Then was brought to Him one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb: and He healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spoke and saw* (St. Matthew 12:22):

1. How the Lord healed the man who was blind and dumb;
2. How the Lord can instantly heal even my soul, blind and dumb because of my remoteness from Christ, only if I bring my soul to Him.

### HOMILY

#### About the master and the slave

"He who spares his rod hates his son but he who loves him takes care to chastise him" (Proverbs 13:24).

God's love for men transcends the love of men for men as the heaven transcends the earth, and yet the man-loving God chastises men. God chastises men, not in order to destroy them, but to correct and save them. O blessed chastisement which emanates from love! *For whom the Lord loves, He chastises; and He scourges every son whom He receives* (Hebrews 12:6). With what does God chastise? With a rod! What kind of rod? The rod of sickness, the rod of misfortune, the rod of loss, the rod of hunger, the rod of crop failure, the rod of drought, the rod of floods, the rod of the death of relatives and friends, the rod of evil demons when He permits them authority over man. These are the rods of God by which God chastises His children in order that He may correct them, bring them back to their senses, enlighten them, and save them.

Why should the parent not chastise his children if he truly loves them? The rod is a tool of great love and concern. If a child is not sensitive to spiritual chastisement, he is sensitive to the rod. The more insensitive a child is to the spirit and conscience, the more sensitive he is to the body. The body was not given to man in order that it have meaning by itself; rather, the body is to be a servant of the spirit, to help the spirit and to benefit the spirit. If corporal punishment awakens the spirit in man, and the spirit awakens the conscience, then the body has completely fulfilled its duty toward the spirit, its master. If the master [spirit] is asleep, then the servants are struck in order to arouse the master [the spirit]. If the servants awaken their master in the hour of danger, they will not lament the blows that they have received, for they have saved their master. And the awakened and saved master will know how to repay his servants. Hence, in truth, *He who spares his rod hates his son*. Whosoever spares the servant, betrays the master.

O All-wise Lord, open the hearts of parents that they may receive this holy instruction of Yours.

**To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.**

## **Services this Week**

❖ ***Saturday 06.25 '22 – Blessing of the graves –***

❖ ***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – of All Saints – June 26<sup>th</sup> – 09:00 AM  
Divine Liturgy***

## ***Donations June 12, 2022***

***Offering - \$1,764.00 Candles - \$66.00 Donations - \$100.00***

***Building Fund Donations***

***In Memory of Philip Tomak from Bob Stramanak- \$20.00***

***Donations***

***In Honor of Petty Gjurich's 95th Birthday from Irene Nesdor - \$100***

***In honor of Milica Knepp's Birthday - \$100***

*In Memory of Milos & Milka Tumbas from Milica Tumbas - \$200  
To the Sunday School In Memory of Philip Tomak from Dorothy  
Podolak - \$20  
Large Candles*

*In Memory of Connie Bartis from the Bartis Family*

*In Memory of Connie Bartis from Frank Palmer*

*In Memory of Connie Bartis from Kathy & Gerry Szmyd*

*In Memory of Nick & Sarah Davich from Carol McAllister*

*In Memory of Nicholas Davich Jr. from Carol McAllister*

*In Memory of Dudukovich & Knezevich Families from Mark Stokrp*

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**MEMORIAL SERVICES 2022 - RESCHEDULED**

*Memorial services at the Church cemeteries will be held as follows:*

**OLD ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY - Saturday, June 25, 2022 – 9:30  
AM**

**ST. PETKA CEMETERY - Saturday, June 25, 2022– 10:30 AM –  
(Begin at Top)**

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**Saturday, August 13th, 2022  
Orchestra Drustvo under the tent!!!  
WORK DETAILS COMING SOON!!!!**