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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle: Corinthians (9:2-12) Gospel: Matthew (18:23-35)

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, "Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all." Then the master of the servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, "Pay me what you owe!" So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you all." And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?" And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

TROPARION TONE II

When You did descend to death, O Life immortal, You did slay hell with the splendor of Your godhead! And when from the depths You did raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

KONTAKION TONE II

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You! And the world, O my Savior praises You forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very special welcome and thank you to Father Serge for serving today's Divine Liturgy for us while his brother, Father George, is away! Hvala Puno!

Congratulations to the Maintenance Committee and to all those who helped to make a successful Doo-Wop Dinner Dance!

Important Dates:

Tuesday, August 14th – Dormition fast begins

Thursday, August 16th ó 6:30 P.M. Church board meeting

Tamburitzans ó The 2018-2019 season of Tammies will be starting after Labor Day! Any child who is at least **6 years old** and in **first grade** is eligible to join. Rehearsals are Monday evenings in the hall. Please contact Alexis Janiga at 412-965-5602 or at djaniga872@comcast.net if you are interested or have any questions. Your children will develop friendships that will last a lifetime!

HELP NEEDED! - On **Saturday, September 8th**, The Od Srce Committee will be hosting a benefit at our church hall for *The Tamburitzans* (formerly known as The Duquesne Tamburitzans). Currently, **five of our St. Nicholas kids** are members of this organization, and they need our support! The university no longer sponsors this incredibly talented group which means that they need to look elsewhere for donations to keep the group in existence. This group travels across the United States and promotes our culture! They need our help to ensure that people in every corner of our country know about our Serbian culture and heritage. **Please attend this event and consider baking an item for the reception at our hall.** Not a baker? Donate a bottle for the bar or a cash donation to offset the cost of the event. Please contact Alexis Janiga at 412-965-5602 or at djaniga872@comcast.net if you are willing to lend a hand.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – **Sunday, September 9th** is the start of church school. The Outreach committee will host a potluck dinner that day after Liturgy.

REMINDERS

Adult Bible Study – Bible study will resume in September. More details to follow.

Vespers ó There will be **NO** vesper services and confession on Saturday, August 11th and Saturday, August 18th.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Who was *Venerable Mother Angelina of Serbia*?

Today, August 12th, we recognize Venerable Mother Angelina of Serbia. Let us learn about this wife and mother and her beautiful dedication to God:

Saint Angelina was the daughter of Prince George Skenderbeg of Albania. Her mother's name is not known, but she raised her daughter in Christian piety and taught her to love God.

Saint Stephen Brancovich (October 9 and December 10), the ruler of Serbia, had come to Albania to escape those who wished to kill him. Some time before he arrived in Albania, Saint Stephen was unjustly blinded by the Turkish Sultan for some perceived offense. Since he was innocent, he bore his affliction with courage. Saint Stephen was not only Prince George's guest, but he was also treated as a member of his family. Not surprisingly, Stephen and Angelina eventually fell in love. With her parents' blessing, they were married in church. After a few years, they were blessed with two sons: George and John.

When the boys were grown, Saint Stephen and his family were forced to flee to Italy for their safety. At that time the Turks invaded Albania and began to slaughter men, women, and even children.

Saint Stephen died in 1468, leaving Angelina a widow. In spite of this and the persecution she received at the hands of the Ottomans, she continued to raise her sons to an adulthood of faithfulness. In her distress, she turned to the ruler of Hungary for help. He gave them the town of Kupinovo in Sirmia. Saint Angelina left Italy with her sons in 1486, stopping in Serbia to bury Saint Stephen's incorrupt body in his native land. The children of these pious parents also became saints. George gave up his claim to the throne in favor of his brother John, then entered a monastery and received the name Maximus.

John was married, but had no sons. He died in 1503 at a young age, and many miracles took place before his holy relics.

Saint Angelina survived her husband and both of her sons. Mindful of her soul's salvation, she entered a women's monastery. Angelina was devoted to prayer and acts of mercy all of her life. She departed to the Lord in peace, and her body was buried in the same tomb as her sons in the monastery of Krusedol in Frushka Gora. Saint Angelina is also commemorated on December 10th with her husband Saint Stephen and her son Saint John.

