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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle: Romans (2:10-16) Gospel: Matthew (4:18-23)

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

TROPARION TONE I

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure Body; You did rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The power of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O You Who loves mankind.

KONTAKION TONE I

As God, You did rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to You: You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

ST. NICETAS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF CHALCEDON – TROPARION TONE IV

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness and a teacher of abstinence wherefore you have attained the heights through humility and riches through poverty. O hierarch Nicetas our father, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today – *Parastos for +Nicholas (Nikola) Tomich Memory Eternal! Vjecnaja Pamjat!*

On behalf of the entire church parish, thank you to Betty Novakovich for donating the two vigil lamps on the altar table. May God grant you many years! Mnogaja ljeta!

Important Dates:

Tuesday, June 12th - 5:30 PM Church Board Meeting

Sunday, June 24th - Parish Quarterly Meeting immediately following Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 28th ó Holy St. Lazarus and All Serbian Martyrs ó Vidovan Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 15th – Annual Church Picnic – All are welcome!

Tuesday, July 24th-July 26th – St. Nicholas Summer Church Camp ó Ages 2-15.

Contact Amanda Bilak Formatto (amandabilak@gmail.com) for more information.

Donations ó *Those who wish to donate items for our church, please approach Father George. Thank you!*

REMINDERS

Adult Bible Study - Will resume this Thursday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Vespers ó Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. Confession 6:30 p.m.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: STEWARDSHIP

When we think of the term stewardship, we typically think in matters related to financial support. In so doing, we have narrowed the scope of the Bible's teaching and neglected the depth of our place and role in the world. Somewhere along the line, we unfortunately shrunk the theme of "stewardship" to purely monetary terms. We have a moral obligation toward one another as human beings, but we also have an obligation to creation care and ecological preservation. The way we treat God's creation in nature essentially reflects the way we respect human beings created "in the image and likeness of God." The reality is that we should respond to nature with the same tenderness that we are called to respond to people.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew said, "For human beings to cause species to become extinct and to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation, for humans to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, stripping the earth of its natural forests, destroying its wetlands, and contaminating the earth's water, its land, its air, and its life with poisonous substances ó all these are sins."

WHAT CAN I DO?

Parishes and parishioners can make a difference by becoming sensitive to what they use (energy-efficient light bulbs), what they can reuse, what they waste (electricity, water, cups, plates, etc.), and what they do (carpooling). Do you think that you could live with less? Can we adopt a simpler lifestyle? How can we live in a way that promotes harmony with the earth? How can we acknowledge ó daily- õthe earth as the Lordøö (Psalm 23.1)? This means that stewardship opens up more than simply our pockets. It opens our eyes and hearts to proper and harmonious relations among **all** of Godøø creatures. Learning to give up in a spirit of self-control implies learning to give in a spirit of sharing. It is learning to live in such a way that communicates serving God and having gratitude and generosity, not greed. Whatever we do as Christians, we do as a grateful response to what God has done for us in Christ.

