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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle: Romans (5:1-10) Gospel: Matthew (6:22-33)

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither so nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But see first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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

Important Dates:

Happy Father's Day! An Orthodox Christian father needs to move beyond the mere biological portion of fatherhood to being the man who raises his child(ren), founds the little Church in his home, protects all therein, acts as Our Father (God) would toward his child(ren), leads the family, and takes seriously the role of priest in his own home. May God grant you all many years! Mnogaja ljeta!

Please stay for a delicious posno luncheon today!

Sunday, June 24th - Parish Quarterly Meeting immediately following Divine Liturgy. *A posno lunch, prepared by our wonderful Maintenance Committee, will be available for purchase.*

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 Formato (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 – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: WORRYING

I am a worrier. I pretty much worry about everything and everyone, and I typically blame it on hereditary. When I tell myself that it is part of my genetic make-up, I allow myself to feel like there is nothing I can do about it. Iðl think, "Well, my mother and grandmother were worriers, so I come by it naturally."

However, Father George enlightened me about free will recently. I told him how I always believed that the devil distracted me from focusing in church. I could be so absorbed with the service, and yet, suddenly, my mind will begin to think about all the pressing tasks, chores, and duties that await me later that day or week. He listened and said, "Don't blame the devil or anyone. You have the free will to focus or not to focus." That was **truly** empowering!

WORRYING CONTINUED...

When I read today's gospel, it spoke to me! "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?" The answer is simple: no one. If I only choose, with my free-will, to accept that God is in control and knows exactly what I need, my heart will become lighter. Now, this is not an easy task for a professional worrier, but I am a human being; I am a work in progress. God knows that about me, and I have faith in Him.

I often find myself comforted in saying an Orthodox prayer that goes:

*My hope is the Father,
My refuge is the Son,
My shelter is the Holy Spirit,
O Holy Trinity,
Glory to You!*

We, as Orthodox Christians, are so blessed that we have a safe-haven in God, in Jesus, and in the Holy Spirit. They are there for us, if we only ask. Whenever I worry, God seems distant to me, and that never feels right. So, the next time my burdens are overwhelming, I must remind myself to give my worries over to God and invite Him back into my heart.

