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#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Epistle: Romans (6:18-23) Gospel: Matthew (8:5-13)*

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, "Go," and he goes; and to another, "Come," and he comes; and to my servant, "do this," and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

#### TROPARION TONE III

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown might with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

#### KONTAKION TONE III

On this day, You did rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power!

#### HOLY APOSTLES BARTHOLOMEW & BARNABAS, TROPARION TONE III

O holy apostles, entreat the merciful God that He grant to our souls remission of transgressions.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today** ó Parastos for +John Salvi. May his memory be eternal! Vjecnaja Pamjat!

Please stay for the parish quarterly meeting. A posno lunch will be available for purchase.

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

**Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Church Picnic – All are welcome!

**Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>-July 26<sup>th</sup>** – St. Nicholas Summer Church Camp ó Ages 2-15. Contact Amanda Bilak Formatto ([amandabilak@gmail.com](mailto: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: IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Arnold Toynbee said once, "There is a pendulum of greatness. Its movements are two: withdrawal and return." We see the pendulum in action in the life of Jesus. He withdraws into God's presence through prayer, then returns strengthened and renewed to do God's will. Prayer is meant to be a powerhouse and a guidance center as it was for Jesus.

Prayer is:

- ❖ Our personal communication system with our home base.
- ❖ Taking our burdens to God, knowing He will help us carry them.
- ❖ Opening the door of the heart to receive the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ The destruction of fear.
- ❖ Not a bargaining with God, trying to convince Him to change. It is, rather, our asking Him to change us so we can see His ways and His plans more clearly.
- ❖ Jacob's ladder by which we ascend to God and God descends to us.
- ❖ Remembering to call home because you are a child of God.
- ❖ Spiritual breathing
- ❖ A heart-to-heart talk with Jesus.
- ❖ The empty cup standing before God asking to be filled.
- ❖ Asking for guidance.
- ❖ A state of continual gratitude.
- ❖ A beautiful day opener, a day brightener, and a joyful day closer.

Just like taking a coffee break in the work day, we should take "prayer breaks" throughout the day to pause for a moment, refresh ourselves, and help us to become more productive Christians in the world!



