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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – ALL SAINTS

Epistle: Hebrews (11:33-12:2) Gospel: Matthew (10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30)

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

TROPARION TONE VIII

You did descend from on high, O Merciful One! You did accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to You!

KONTAKION TONE VIII

By rising from the tomb, You did raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates You rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

TROPARION TO THE SAINTS - TONE IV

In all the world, O Christ our God, Your Church is adorned with the blood of Your martyrs as with purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You: Send down Your compassion to Your people, grant peace to Your community, and to our souls the great mercy.

TROPARION TO THE SAINTS KING AND QUEEN, EQUALS TO THE APOSTLES, CONSTANTINE AND HIS MOTHER HELEN – TONE IV

Constantine, who is Your apostle among kings, O Lord, having beheld with his own eyes the sign of Your Cross in heaven, and like Paul, having accepted Your call which was not from man, entrusted the royal city to Your hands, delivering it with safety for all time by the intercession of the Theotokos, O You Who are alone the Lover of mankind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates:

Monday, June 4th – Beginning of Apostolic Lent

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

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!

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

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: THE DANGERS OF A RICH TRADITION

There is a great danger involved in possessing a rich tradition as we Orthodox Christians do. One danger is that our theology becomes merely a theology of repetition. While referring to the Fathers is a method of maintaining continuity with the faith of the early Church, the practice can undermine and restrict the theological vigor of Orthodox theology. We are not just pulled by the past; we are also pulled by the future. There has to be a balance between the two. The pull of the past can be so strong as to neutralize the pull to the future. We must be open to the old without being closed to the new. The future is more than just clinging to the past. We have two kinds of possessions – the things we inherit and the things we achieve. A rich inheritance can often make us complacent and prevent us from achieving. Preserving the treasures of the past is important. But Orthodox Christianity is not just a past greatness. The Church Fathers have established the foundations. It is up to us to keep building on those foundations.

