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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Corinthians (11:31-12:9) Gospel: Luke (6:31-36)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

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

Many **new** spiritual books are available to purchase at the tutor's desk. Please take a look at the various titles and acquire them for the benefit of our church and for the enrichment of your soul.

Yesterday, Milan Robert Stone was baptized. Congratulations and God bless Milan, his parents, sponsors, and all family. Ziveli i mnogaja ljeta! Many years!

Skolarac Serbian Language Classes – Have begun from 4:00 ó 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs hall. Ages 3-5 years old. Still interested? Sign-up at: www.skolarac.org

Tiny Tammies – Meets on Mondays from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the parish home for ages 3-6 years old. Contact Sonja Capuzzi: sonjacapuzzi@gmail.com

A heartfelt appreciation goes out to the **maintenance committee** for your extremely hard work on refurbishing the storage area off of the kitchen. If you haven't taken a look at this beautiful, new area, please do so. Please help to maintain this area. God willing this is the beginning of many much-needed projects for our parish. On behalf of St. Nicholas parish, we thank you!

October is Orthodox Youth Month:

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

This month, we celebrate the contributions and needs of our Orthodox youth. Therefore, we call upon our youth to share in the many opportunities to minister in the Church. **The youth are encouraged to read the Epistle, chant and sing in the choir, help distribute bulletins, pass around the offering plate, assist in church school, and help serve drinks and snacks after Divine Liturgy.** Active participation for all our parishioners, youth and adults alike, is glorious before God's eyes. Let us remember the examples who have gone before us, "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: A Kolo meeting will be held following Divine Liturgy. All are welcome!

October 14th: Triple B Farm field trip for Church School. **Forms can be found in the Multi-Purpose room next to Father's office. Complete the form and return to your church school teacher today!**

October 20th: Tamburitza concert, dinner and dance

October 28th: Kolo Srpskih Sestara Slava celebration of Sveta Petka

October 31st: St. Peter I, Metropolitan and Wonderworker of Cetinje; Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

REMINDERS

Adult Bible Study – Bible study every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

What Can the Church Offer the Youth of Today?

Where are the dangers hidden? Are they in having fun and going out at night, and constant attachment to television, cell phones, or the internet? Or is it more than this, the danger of drunkenness and drugs?

Is it also the result of parents' indifference toward raising and caring for their children because men and women are occupied with other things, with their jobs?

Or, more than this, is it on account of disagreement between parents and their constant quarreling? If a divorce does not occur, whatever the causes may be, the Church has a role that she must play, and in many cases it is deficient. Usually, we attribute this deficiency to priests' not giving sufficient pastoral care. So let's pose the question to ourselves: What should we do?

Despite what we usually think, the youth are searching for the truth of a life different from the life of present society. They are looking for absolute truth, for the Truth, for something sincere, for something free. They reject false, relative principles, even if they are trapped within them. This earthly life does not satisfy them. At the same time, they are in need of someone to guide them to something better, to something more perfect. Is the Church able to do this? This is the question.

You might object that I am posing questions but not giving answers. Yes! Because the issue requires careful examination. There is no ready, complete answer that can be offered. There are only some suggestions.

1. One must dare, whether one is clergy or laity, to expose what is false in the Church and in society without losing humility. True joy comes from the empty tomb, not from the empty promises of drunkenness and drugs.

2. A focus on family education, the family as a little church.

3. The youth of today are in need of guides, and even more than this, they are in need of spiritual fathers, whether clergy or lay, monastics or non-monastics, men or women. They are in need of models, of examples in their life, not just words. You wait for this to come from the bishop and from the priests only.

Yes! I say this to myself and to others: the bishop must be close to his flock. And this can happen in many ways. However, allow me to say also, do not always wait for the bishop to carry out the people's desires and interests. Allow me also, in a fatherly spirit, to remind you that the Church is not limited to the bishop and the priests. Every member of the faithful, according to his ability, is obliged to be a model and guide to others and to the youth especially, whether as a father, a mother, a schoolmate, a fellow student at university, or a colleague at work. This is extremely important because laypeople have wider opportunities to shun material things and bear witness within this secular world of today, among people, through their careers and occupations. The path is the path of hope and it always remains open.

