***St. George Serbian Orthodox Church***

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**Sunday 1 after Pentecost June 30, 2013**

**HOLY BREAD:** Protinitza Gordana Petrovic **READER:** Adam Meador

**LUNCH :Stop at Greek Festival "Panegyri"and Visit "Serbian Booth"**

**COLLECTION & USHERS:** Men of St. George

**ALTAR HELPERS:** Adam Meador

**WELCOME!** Wewould like to welcome our visitors with us today. We invite you to follow the Divine Liturgy, which begins on page 28 of the Blue Service Books. **WE REGRET THAT THE DIVISION OF CHIRISTIANITY DOES NOT PERMIT US TO OFFER COMMUNION TO NON-ORTHODOX OR THOSE OF THE CHURCH WHO ARE UNPREPARED.** However, please come forward at the end of the Divine Liturgy to venerate the Cross and receive the Antidoron - blessed bread - as a token of love and fellowship. **PLEASE RESPECT THE HOLY LITURGY BY ARRIVING TO CHURCH ON TIME AND PARTAKING IN THE LITURGY TOGETHER WITH THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION.** The prosperity of our Church is in your hands! Please remember to leave your contact information by signing the guest book before you leave the Church.

**EPISTLE** -Hebrews 11:33-12:2- Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. (End for Fathers) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**GOSPEL-**Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30- Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**HEALTH OF:** Geneva Jokich, Jennie Pjanich, Zora Droca, Spaso Droca, Heather Komnenovic, Ninko Stakic, Ranko Tepsic,Stacy, Irma Riordan,

 **PRAY FOR THE CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

**Pastoral Visitations:** Ranko Tepsic;

**ST. PETER AND PAUL FAST:** St .Peter and Paul Fast begins Monday, July 1

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO STOP AND VISIT**

**"SERBIAN BOOTH" AT THE GREEK FESTIVAL "PANEGYRI"**

7000 Winton Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45224

OUR ST GEORGE CHURCH IS SELLING "KEBABS"(ĆEVAPČIĆI)

**PLEASE SUPPORTH YOUR ST.GEORGE CHURCH**

IN THE NAME OF THA FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

The present Gospel comes on the Sunday following Pentecost each year. The saints of the Church are the primary focus on this given Sunday. The saints of the Church are revealed by the way they live their lives in Christ.The saints of the Church hold Christ first in their lives. Christ is the consuming interest of the saints. Christ is the Guide, the Goal and the Foundation of the lives of the saints.Saints are not without sin as their earthly lives develop. Saints battle sin in their earthly lives. Saints fall into sin but they do not let sin prevail. The interest in Christ is sufficient in the saints for them to repent and seek unity with Christ.Repentance needs to be constant. Christ needs to be first and foremost in life. A person never knows when the last moment of breath will be taken. A person never knows when an accident could bring earthly life to an unexpected end. A violent crime can take away life unexpectedly in an instant. Readiness is a fundamental element of the Christian life. Christ’s Second Coming is going to occur and each believer needs to be ready for judgment. Unnecessary fear does not need to be a dominant element in daily life if the person is united with Christ and constantly seeking Christ. Faith and hope in Christ have their places of dominance in the serious Christian’s life. Fear of the Final Judgment has its place in the life of the person living far from Christ. Fear has its place in the life of the person choosing sin willingly and having hardness of heart towards Christ.Fear has its place in the life of the person rejecting Christ, the teachings of Christ, and all that is associated with the way of Christ. Choosing sin over the way of Christ prevents the joy and love made possible in Christ. Love of Christ is evident in the lives of saints willing to pursue their interest in Christ at all costs and under all circumstances. Saints are willing to face their fears. Saints are willing to face adversity with complete faith and trust in God.Saints perceive in Christ that the life in Christ is the life intended for them. Saints perceive that in Christ their lives are complete. Saints are nourished by Christ and value the nourishment. Saints manifest love toward others.The common element in the lives of saints is their strong and unyielding interest in Christ. The lives of the countless saints through the centuries show a richness of diversity but always a oneness in Christ.St. Mary of Egypt lived far differently from St. John Chrysostom. St. Sava and St. Nikolai (Velimirovic’) lived in different centuries under different circumstances but their love of Christ unites them in a common bond.Individuals today will hear the present Gospel and will determine if Christ is of consuming interest in their lives. Individuals across the world will hear today’s Gospel and determine if they are willing to pick up their crosses to follow Christ.At Holy Baptism, Christians are completely dedicated to Christ. Those believers taking their baptismal commitment seriously will try in earnest to live the remaining days of their lives in Christ. Sin will be firmly and constantly rejected.Hearers of the Gospel today who have been living in sin with abandonment have the opportunity to repent and be united with Christ during the remaining days of their lives. Repentance is possible while there is faculty of mind and breath in the body.Many have become saints later in life after having realized the error of their ways and repented before it was too late. The lives of the saints show the great and full possibilities of the life in Christ. Nominal Christians going about in a lukewarm state of faith deny themselves the full possibilities of the Christian life.Saints show by their lives they have chosen the path of lasting importance. St. Lazar and those joining with him in the Battle of Kosovo are known to have chosen the heavenly kingdom over the earthly.Centuries divide the lives of the saints from the earliest to the latest. Christ unites the saints through the centuries. This unity in Christ is remembered and exemplified in the Divine Liturgy today.On this Sunday of All Saints in Divine Liturgies being celebrated around the world, individuals are present who will take the current Gospel seriously. They will live in Christ with greater fervor and greater interest. The saints are inexhaustible resources. The saints are sources of inspiration. The saints can be turned to in prayer and for the seeking of miracles. May the lives of the saints make our lives in Christ better today.AMEN

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**June 30, 2013**

Stewardship Reflection

Sunday of All Saints

June 30, 2013

Today, we commemorate all of the Saints. Many of these men and women were individuals, who through finding Christ, were baptized and lived a very focused life. This life was challenging, difficult, came with burdens, and tested them with temptations. As they prayed, labored, taught and lived their lives each day - their existence focused on God and works.

 These works took many forms but all were comparable to the terms we use today - Time, Talents and Treasures. Many of the Saints have written that God will judge us based on our works - what we do with all that He has provided for us.

 As you arise each morning and before you go to sleep at night, think about all of the ways in which you work, or can work, to give of your Time, Talents and Treasures. Pray and ask God for guidance as to how you can focus your efforts to ensure you are doing all that you can.

 Your personal salvation depends on it!

 **Fill out the "STEWARDSHIP" form for 2013. Please give your time and talents!**