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Parish Highlights

LUNCHES – The Lunch Schedule for 2016 is posted in the Church Hall. We have just a few Lunches yet in December. Won't you please consider sponsoring a Lunch?

ST. GEORGE PICNIC SEPTEMBER 25 – The Picnic held "Under the Tent" in the church yard in conjunction with the KSS Slava was a HUGE SUCCESS! The lamb, pork and cevaps were delicious. And the other food items prepared by our KSS ladies were very, very good. Thank you to Marko Mijac for donating the pig and Lamb, and to Damjan Gligorevic and Tomo Veselinovic for their work preparing the meat for us; to Lidija & Dusan Petrovic, Jasmina and Diitrije Jovic, to Veljko & Gordana Uverici and everyone else who helped to set up the Tent and tables & chairs; and to all of the ladies who prepared the delicious cakes and cookies.

Thank you to everyone who made this event a success! We also had music! The two young men from Indianapolis played our favorite folk songs and kolos ... and the kids had a "Bouncy House" to play in as well. A great event.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KSS ON THEIR 107th SLAVA.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING – DECEMBER 11- The Annual Meeting for our Church is scheduled for Sunday, December 11. We ask that you please make a note to attend. Everyone in our Parish is invited to this important meeting which must be held annually.

2017 SPONSORS ARE NEEDED. Should you wish to be a sponsor, please send a check payable to St. George Serbian for \$80. Thank you.

2016 PARISH HERALD SPONSORS: November & December Fr. Petar and Gordana Petrovic, with Family.

Nancy Helbich-November /December

ИЗДВОЈЕНЕ ПАРОХИЈСКЕ ВЕСТИ

РУЧКОВИ - Распоред Ручкова за 2016. је постављен у црквеној сали. Имамо само још неколико Ручкова у децембру. Хоћете ли молимо вас да размислите и будете спонзор једнога Ручка?

СВ. ЂОРЂЕ ПИКНИК 25. СЕПТЕМБАР - Пикник који је одржан "под шатором" у дворишту цркве а поводом славе КСС био је огроман успех! Јагњеће, прасеће печење и ћевапи били су веома укусни. И остали специјалитети припремљени од стране наших КСС сестара су били веома, веома укусни. Хвала Марку Мијаћ на приложеном Јагњету, и Дамјан Глигоревић и Томи Веселиновић на приложеном прасету као и на печењу прасета на ражњу; Лидији и Душану Петровић, Јасмини и Диитрију Јовић, Вељку и Гордани Уверић и свима осталима који су помогли да се наместе столови, столице и Шатор. и свим дамама које су припремиле укусне торте и колаче.

Хвала свима који су допринели да овај догађај буде успешан! Такође смо имали и музику! Двојица младића из Индианаполиса су емитовали наше омиљене народне песме и Кола ... а деца су имала "Поскакујућу Кућу" да се у њој играју. Био је то за децу велики догађај.

Честитамо нашим КСС на њиховој 107. прослави Славе.

ЦРКВЕНА ГОДИШЊА СЕДНИЦА - ДЕЦЕМБАР 11- Годишњи састанак за нашу цркву је заказана за недељу, 11. децембра.

Ми Вас молимо да планирате овај датум и присуствујете. Свако у нашој парохији је позван да присуствује овом важном састанку који се мора одржавати сваке године.

ПОТРЕБНИ СУ СПОНЗОРИ ЗА 2017. Уколико желите да будете спонзор, пошаљите чек на име цркве Св. Ђорђе (St. George Church) у износу од \$ 80.00 Хвала вам.

2016 СПОНЗОРИ ПАРОХИЈСКИХ НОВИНА: Новембар и Децембар Прота Петар и Гордана Петровић са породицом

Ненси Хелбић-Новембар/ Децембар

His Grace + IRINEJ Enthroned as Fifth Bishop of Eastern America – 10/07/16

Pittsburgh, PA - Hundreds of the faithful of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America joined hierarchs, clergy and well-wishers from around the world in Pittsburgh on October 1 in welcoming His Grace Bishop Irinej (Dobrijevic) as their new Hierarch and Archpastor. Bishop Irinej was elected in May by the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church as the new Bishop of Eastern America, replacing His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan, who was elected at the same meeting as the new Bishop of Canada. This is a homecoming for Bishop Irinej, who was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio to parents who left the former Yugoslavia at the conclusion of World War II. Bishop Irinej has spent the past ten years as Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Australia and New Zealand.

A new bishop is presented to his flock and received by them in a special service of enthronement, when he is led to the bishop's seat of authority, the cathedra, where he addresses the faithful for the first time as their archpastor and imparts his blessing upon them. This impressive and meaningful rite took place in Pittsburgh's Holy Trinity Cathedral following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy concelebrated by nine bishops, numerous priests and two deacons.

The faithful began arriving early on the morning of Saturday, October 1. They were joined by special guests, Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander and Princess Katherine of Serbia, who made a special effort to attend by altering a busy, previously-set travel and appearance schedule.

Accompanying them was His Excellency Mr. Djerdj Matkovic, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to the United States. The honored guests were greeted at the entrance to the cathedral with the traditional bread and salt by children of the cathedral and members of the "Taliја" folklore group visiting from Serbia, all in traditional Serbian dress. Their Royal Highnesses were seated in a place of honor in special chairs on the left side of the solea, the raised dias in front of the iconostasis, for the service.

At 9:30 AM the clergy entered the church in procession, first the many who were present but not serving in the altar, followed by the serving priests, the altar servers, sub-deacons and deacons, and the hierarchs. Serving at this historic event were the following hierarchs, in addition to the newly-enthroned Bishop Irinej: His Grace Bishop Longin of the New Gracanica and Midwestern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church, His Grace Bishop Mitrophan of the Canadian Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church, His Grace Bishop Maxim of the Western American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church,

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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR:
4 DECADES OF
PRIESTHOOD
February 19, 2017**

In honor of Prota Petar and
Protinica Gordana Petrovic.
Guests of Honor: Newly Elected
Bishop Irinej Dobrijevic with
visiting clergy.
Choir: St. Nicholas Church Choir
from Indianapolis

**4 DECADES OF
PRIESTHOOD**

You are cordially invited to be our
guest at a banquet reception in
honor of our spiritual father, Very
Reverend Petar and Protinitza
Gordana Petrovic, on Sunday
February 19th, 2017.
Guest of Honor: Newly Elected
Bishop Irinej Dobrijevic .
Choir: St. Nicholas Church Choir
from Indianapolis.
Please RSVP by January 15th,
2017 or call (513)544-7481

**ПЛАНИРАЈТЕ У ВАШЕМ
КАЛЕНДАРУ
4 ДЕЦЕНЕЈЕ
СВЕШТЕНИЧКЕ СЛУЖБЕ**

Протојереја Петра
Петровића
Фебруар 19, 2017.г.

У Част Протојереја Петра и
Протинице Гордане Петровић.
Почасни Гост: Новоизабрани
епископ источно амерички гос-
подин Иринеј Добријевић са
гостујућим свештеницима.
За време свете Литургије ће
певати Хор српске православне
Цркве из Индианополиса,
Индиана.

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СВЕШТЕНИЧКЕ
СЛУЖБЕ**

Срдачно вас позивамо да нам будете драги
гости на банкету нашег духовног оца Проте
Петра и Протинице Гордане Петровић, у
Недељу Фебруара 19, 2017.г.
Почасни Гост: Новоизабрани епископ
источно амерички Иринеј
Хор: Хор цркве светога Николе из
Индианополиса, Индиана
RSVP: Молимо вас да направите резерва-
ције до јануара 15, 2017.г., или да нас позо-
вете на број телефона 513 544 - 7481

PARISH NEWS: ВЕСТИ ИЗ ПАРОХИЈЕ:

Prayer offered for: zora, Spaso, Heather,
Stacy, Irma, Daniel, Jill, Joe, Charlotte,
Milenko, Asta, Viorel, Jeannette, Simo, Marin,
Vasilica, Lucian, Ariana Damiela, Daciana, Amy,
Dusica, Vasilije, Nikola,
Linda, Marko, Ranko, Danijela.

Marko, Stana, Conie, Mladjo, Ankica, Dragan, Nickey, Alex,
Borka, Sam, Natasa.

It is our sacred duty to pray to God for the health of
members of our family and friends. It is also our duty
to pray to God for our deceased members of the
family and friends!!!

If you dont know how you can help, please do not
hesitate to ask your priest!!!

BAPTIZED:

**1. Adriana Milisic daughter of Obrad and Kelly
Kum: Aleksandar Trobok.**
**2. Marko Droca son of Rade and Verica
Kum: Bogdan Blagojevic**
CONGRATULATIONS!!!



**PLEASE START TO THINK ABOUT
"STEWARDSHIP" FOR 2014 AND RESPOND TO LETTERS YOU WILL RECEIVE IN
THE MAIL .
GOD NEEDS YOUR COMMITMENT**

**PLEASE VISIT CHURCH WEBSITE AT
<http://www.stgeorgecinci.org>**



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Гордана Петровић**

Уколико и ви желите да будете спонзор месечног Листа, позовите проту Петра Петровића на број телефона (513)681-2350 или пошаљите чек у износу од 80 долара на име Цркве

ГОДИШЊА СЕДНИЦА

Драги Парохијани,

Позивамо Вас да присуствује Годишњем састанку Српске православне цркве Светог Ђорђа у недељу, 11. децембра. Током овог састанка, ми ћемо разговарати о активностима у години 2016 и прегледати црквене финансијске резултате. Нови Управни Одбор и чланови црквеног одбора ће бити изабрани на овом састанку. Надамо се да ћете присуствовати овом важном састанку. Ручак ће бити послужен пре састанка. Надамо се да ћемо вас видети .

Председник Управног Одбора
Чедомир Ђоковић

Парохијски свештеник
Протојереј Петар Петровић

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“PARISH HERALD”****Very Reverend Petar and
Gordana Petrovic**

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to attend the St George Serbian Orthodox Church Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 11th, 2016. During this meeting, we will discuss activities of the year 2016 and review our financial results. New Officers and Members of the Church Board will also be elected at this meeting.

We hope that you will attend this important meeting. A Luncheon will be served prior to the meeting.

We look forward to see you ..

Church Board President
Cedomir Djokovic

Parish Priest
Very Rev.Petar Petrovic

, His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (Ecumenical Patriarchate), His Eminence Metropolitan George of Guinea and West Africa (Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa), His Eminence Archbishop Nicolae of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas (Romanian Patriarchate), His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania (Orthodox Church in America), and His Grace Bishop John of Worcester and New England (Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese). At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, all the hierarchs took their places on the solea as His Grace Bishop Longin, on behalf of His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Irinej, read the official act of the Holy Assembly of Bishops electing Bishop Irinej to the Throne of the God-protected Eastern American Diocese and asking the clergy and faithful of the Diocese to welcome and receive him as their spiritual father and teacher, giving him the loyalty and obedience due their hierarch and archpastor. Bishop Longin led Bishop Irinej to the throne, his cathedra, and Bishop Irinej addressed his flock for the first time as their shepherd from that seat of teaching authority. He began his homily by recalling the encounter of Moses with the Burning Bush and the awe and fear Moses felt as the Lord told him to remove his shoes, for the ground upon which he

stood was holy. “I am reminded by this passage that the ground beneath us is in verity holy, having been dedicated to the glory of the Triune God in this fair City of Pittsburgh...” Bishop Irinej then offered his thanks and faithfulness to His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Irinej and the Holy Assembly of Bishops for their confidence and trust in him, and his thanks and prayers also for the clergy and faithful of the Metropolitanate of Australia and New Zealand with whom he had worked and served as Archpastor for ten years.

Bishop Irinej then called to mind those who had gone before him as bishop of Eastern America: His Grace Bishop Stefan (Lastavica), His Grace Bishop Dr. Sava (Vukovic) and His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher (Kovacevich), all of blessed memory, and most recently His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan, who served the Diocese for 25 years before his recent election as Bishop of Canada. Despite the awesomeness of the task of carrying on their good work in this Vineyard, he avowed, “I, too, stand firmly with trembling knees in this sacred place. However, having been summoned by our Lord, the Great High Priest, I am emboldened by the prayerful presence and fervent support of you who have ushered me into this Throne on this day my brother Hierarchs, Royalty, clergy, monastics and faithful laity of our Holy Church

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IMPORTANT DATES

- November 8 -St.Demetrius
- November 21-St.Michael
- November 24-Thanksgiving
- November 28-Beginning of Lent.
- December 4-The Entry into the Tample of the Most Holy Theotokos.
- December 11- Annual Meeting .
- December 18- Serbian Children's Day.
- December 19-St.Nicholas
- December 25-Serbian Mother's Day.

2017 YEAR

Christnas Eve -Friday January 6
 Christmas -Saturday January 7
 St.John -Friday January 20
 St.sava- Friday January 27
 Lent Begins -February 27
 Easter -April 16
 St.George -Saturday May 6
 Pentecost -June 4

ВАЖНИ ДАТУМИ

- Новембар 8 -Св.Димитрије
- Новембар 21- Аранђеловдан
- Новембар 24-Тенксгивинг
- Новембар 28-Почетак Поста.
- Децембар 4-Ваведење.
- Децембар 11- Годишња Седница Парохијана .
- Децембар 18- Детињци.
- Децембар 19-Св.Никола
- Децембар 25-Материце.

2017 ГОДИНА

Бадње Вече -Петак Јануар 6
 Божић -Субота Јануар 7
 Св.Јован -Петак Јануар 20
 Св.Сава- Петак Јануар 27
 Почетак Поста -Фебруар 27
 Васкрс -Април 16
 Ђурђевдан -Субота Мај 6
 Духови -Јуни 4

The Holy Archangel Michael

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The heretics wove all sorts of fables concerning the angels. Some of them looked upon angels as gods; others, although they did not consider them gods, called them the creators of the whole visible world. The local Council of Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon. In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first. St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, On the Celestial Hierarchies, as follows: six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cherubim, God-bearing Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels,

and Angels. The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: ``Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: ``Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels there reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. On the day of the Dread Judgment, the multitude of the hosts of the holy angels of heaven will gather around the throne of Christ, and the deeds, words, and thoughts of every man will be revealed before all. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the bodiless heavenly powers. Amen.

**DIVINE LITURGY AT
 10:30 AM
 PLEASE COME IN
 CHURCH ON TIME!!!**

The Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius

This glorious and wonderworking saint was born in Thessalonica of noble and devout parents. Implored of God by childless parents, Demetrius was their only son, and so was raised and educated with great care. Demetrius's father was a commander in Thessalonica. When his father died, Emperor Maximian appointed Demetrius as commander in his place. As he appointed him, Maximian, an opponent of Christ, particularly recommended that he persecute and exterminate the Christians in Thessalonica. Demetrius not only disobeyed the emperor but openly confessed and preached the Lord Jesus Christ in the city of Thessalonica. When the emperor heard of this he became furious with Demetrius. Then, when he was returning from battle against the Sarmatians, Maximian stopped at Thessalonica to investigate the matter. The emperor summoned Demetrius and questioned him about his faith. Demetrius openly acknowledged his Christian Faith to the emperor and also denounced the emperor's idolatry. Maximian cast Demetrius into prison. Knowing what was awaiting him, Demetrius gave all his goods to his faithful servant Lupus to distribute to the poor, and joyfully awaited his imminent suffering for Christ the Lord. An angel of God appeared to him in prison, saying: "Peace be to you, O sufferer of Christ; be brave and be strong!" After several days, the emperor sent sol-

diers to the prison to kill Demetrius. The soldiers found the saint of God at prayer and ran him through with lances. Christians secretly took his body and honorably buried it. Healing myrrh flowed from the body of the martyr of Christ, curing many of the sick. Soon, a small church was built over his relics.

An Illyrian nobleman, Leontius, was afflicted with an incurable illness. He hastened, with prayer, to the relics of St. Demetrius and was completely healed. In thanksgiving, Leontius erected a much larger church on the site of the old church. The saint appeared to him on two occasions. When Emperor Justinian wanted to translate the relics of the saint from Thessalonica to Constantinople, flaming sparks sprang from the tomb and a voice was heard: "Stop, and do not touch!" And thus, the relics of St. Demetrius have remained for all time in Thessalonica. As the protector of Thessalonica, St. Demetrius has appeared many times, and on many occasions has saved Thessalonica from great calamity. His miracles are without number. The Russians considered St. Demetrius to be the protector of Siberia, which was conquered and annexed to Russia on October 26, 1581.

**CHURCH
ATTENDANCE ON
SUNDAYS IS VERY
IMPORTANT FOR OUR
SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

." Recalling a sermon by the Holy Bishop Nicholai of Ochrid and Zica delivered in New York in 1921 about the firm foundation rock of Christ to be found deep within every believer, he reflected, "I am comforted knowing that the episcopal authority bestowed in the Holy Spirit upon my uncertain hands and the pastoral staff which I now hold rest firmly on the most certain of foundation stones: Christ, the rock of the Petrine Confession (cf. Mat. 16:18) upon which He built His Church."

His Grace reminded those assembled that many in the world are being seduced by false beliefs about God and mankind that isolate people within themselves and deprive them of a true community of relationships, first of all with God and then with others, even extending to a displacement of family, marriage and identity as person in communion with others. "Today, the meaning of life itself is quickly removed and replaced by distorted societal shadows in which our children are taught about self-seclusion and in which a mother and father are no longer required; in which marriage that is according to God's will is no longer essential; in which brother and sister are no longer an integral part of our existence. A person in this world is reduced to an individual, one which lives as a self-sufficient and lonely being, without the mutual sharing of God-given talents and life, completely devoid of the sanctity of community."

He went on to reflect on the fact that he, in contrast, is himself a son of this community of the Serbian Diaspora to which he has been called home, and he gave thanks to God for having been born and nurtured in such a family and community in the Holy

Orthodox Faith in the tradition of St. Sava. "I truly rejoice and am grateful to God for the devout and good people of God into which I was born and by whom I was brought up and in whose Holy Orthodox Faith I was baptized. For the fullness of the Way of Saint Sava is understood precisely as our common and living Orthodox Christian inheritance, and in no way a sealed and isolated, lifeless path." He concluded with a prayer that God will strengthen and guide him as he cares for the people of the Eastern American Diocese. [The full text of his enthronement homily is available on the diocesan web site.] Following the enthronement all present came to venerate the Precious Cross and receive Bishop Irinej's blessing as they extended their best wishes to him. Each received from His Grace a small copy of an icon of the Assembly of Serbian Saints made in commemoration of the reunification of the Serbian Orthodox Dioceses in Australia, and a small illustrated prayer book in both Serbian and English as remembrances and blessings of the occasion.

**FIRST CANONICAL VISIT
OF OUR NEW BISHOP
IRINEJ TO OUR CHURCH
WILL BE ON FEBRUARY
19th, 2017.**

**ПРВА КАНОНСКА
ПОСЕТА НОВО
ИЗБРАНОГ ВЛАДИКЕ
ИРИНЕЈА НАШОЈ
ЦРКВИ БИЋЕ,
ФЕБРУАРА 19, 2017**

A GREAT CHURCH PICNIC- KSS SLAVA

To everyone ---What a fun event last Sunday! I know so many of you and others worked hard to get it together in basically one week! Thanks to Dimitrije for carrying the ball - and to Jasmina, Gordana, Lidija, Protiniza - and to Veljko, Dusan, Marko, Damjan, Tomo and, I'm sure so many other people who worked very hard. It was a really good time - the Music idea was SUPER and the Bouncy House was so much fun for the kids. I know I probably missed a lot of people who worked to make it a success. The turnout was really good, as well... just the right amount of time to enjoy - weather was super - and the Tent was a lot bigger than I had imagined.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE
FOR THIS FUN,
SUCCESSFUL PICNIC.**

The KSS Ladies thank you as well.

Nancy

УСПЕШАН ЦРКВЕНИ ПИКНИК И СЛАВА КСС

Свима --- Какав забаван догађај прошле недеље! Знам да су многи од вас и други напорно радили заједно недељу дана! Хвала Димитрију као и осталима - и то Јасмини, Гордани, Лидији, Протиници - као и Вељку, Душану, Марку, Дамјану, Томи и, другим људима који су радили веома напорно. Време је било заиста добро - Идеја за Музику је била супер, а - Кућа за скакање је била тако забавна за децу. Знам да сам вероватно у овоме извештају пропустила доста људи који су радили и били заслужни да овај Пикник буде успешан. Посета је била стварно добра, као ... и довољно времена да уживамо - време је било супер - а шатор је много изгледао много већи него што сам замишљала. Хвала свима ЗА ОВАЈ УСПЕШАН ПИКНИК. Сетре КСС вам се такожњ захваљују. Ненси

Св. вел. муч. Димитрије.

Овај славни и чудотворни светитељ роди се у граду Солуну од родитеља благородних и благочестивих. Измољен од Бога од бездетних родитеља Димитрије беше јединац син њихов, због чега би с великом пажњом однегован и васпитан. Његов отац беше војвода Солунски; па кад му отац умре, цар постави Димитрија за војводу на место оца. Поставивши га за војводу христорборни цар Максимијан нарочито му препоручи да гони и истребљује хришћане у Солуну. Но Димитрије не само не послуша цара него, напротив, јавно исповедаше и проповедаше Христа Господа у граду Солуну. Чувши то цар веома се огорчи на Димитрија, па када се једном враћаше из рата против Сармата, цар Максимијан сврати у Солун нарочито, да ствар испита. Призва, дакле, цар Димитрија војводу и испитиваше га о вери. Димитрије јавно пред царем призна да је хришћанин, и уз то још изобличи царско идолопоклонство. Разјарени цар баца Димитрија у тамницу. Знајући шта га чека Димитрије уручи све своје имање своје верноме послушнику Лупу, да разда сиротињи, и оде у тамницу весео, што му предстојаше страдање за Христа Господа. У тамници му се јави ангел божји и рече му: „мир ти, страдалче Христов, мужај се и крепи се!“ После неколико дана посла цар војнике у тамницу да убију Димитрија. Војници нађоше

светитеља Божјег на молитви, и избодоше га копљем. Тело његово узеше хришћани потајно и сахра нише чесно. Из тела страдалца Христова потече целебно миро, којим се многи болесници излечише. Ускоро над моштима би подигнута мала црква. Неки велмож Илирски Леонтије бејаше болестан од неизлечиве болести. Он притече моштима св. Димитрија с молитвом, и би потпуно исцељен. Из благодарности подиже Леонтије много већу цркву на место старе. Светитељ му се јави у два маха. Када цар Јустинијан хтеде пренети мошти светитељеве из Солуна у Цариград, искочише пламене искре од гроба и чу се глас: „станите, и не дирајте!“ И тако мошти св. Димитрија осташе заувек у Солуну. Као заштитник Солуна св. Димитрије много се пута јављао и много пута спасао Солун од велике беде. Чудесима његовим броја нема. Св. Димитрија сматрају Руси покровитељем Сибира, који је освојен и Русији присвојен 26. октобра 1581. год.

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