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

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**Meatfare Sunday February 23, 2014**

HOLY BREAD: Protinica Gordana Petrović R**EADER: Adam Meador**

**Cake & Coffee Sponsors: Sandra& James Thompson with Family**

COLLECTION & USHERSThomas Frazer,Dusan Petrovic

ALTAR HELPERS: Marko Petrovic,Veljko Uverici, Thompson Brothers, Adam Meador, Thomas Frazer.

**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:** 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2-But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your's become a stumbling block to them that are weak.For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. Am I am not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

 **GOSPEL** :Matthew 25:31-46- When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS-HEALTH OF:** Jennie Pjanich, Zora Droca, Spaso Droca, Heather Komnenović, Stacy, Irma Riordan, Daniel Pană, Jill Dragon Sandy, Cedomir Djokovic, Miroslav Helbich, Joe Mishurda, Charlotte Kovacevic.

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**CHURCH NEEDS SPONSORS FOR LUNCH , CAKE AND COFFEE FOR MARCH**

We are asking all who are willing to please be a good steward and volunteer your **time and treasure** to be a **sponsor for coffee hour or lunch.**

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**+JENNIE PJANIC**

**November 15, 1922-February 17, 2014**

Jennie Pjanic long time member and supporter of St.George Church and KSS, died in the Lord, on February 17th, 2014.

The Family of Jennie asked me to announce that they would prefer instead of flowers a contribution be made to the St.George Church.MEMORY ETERNAL!

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**Memorial Services offered today:**

1.+Joseph Mishurda-offered by wife Asta and Family

2.+Jennie Pjanic-offered by daughter Eva and Family.

3.+Ninko Stakic-offered by wife Spomenka and Family

**HOMILY - About the sin of those who assert that they can see**

"If you were blind you would have no sin" (St. John 9:41).

These words were spoken to the Jews by Him Who gave them the Law through the prophets that the Law may serve them as the sight of the soul. The Jews received that sight but they closed their eyes intentionally and nefariously. That is why the Just Lord spoke these righteous words to them.

These words are true justice then, today and forever, for a blind man has no sin if he tramples someone else's crop or if he removes someone else's garment instead of his own. If he who has sight commits this, he will be committing a sin and will incur punishment. If he who has eyes, but intentionally closes his eyes and committed that, he also will be committing a sin and will incur punishment.

Nevertheless, what can be said about those who have received Baptism and Chrismation as the two eyes of the soul and, in spite of that, sin as those who are unbaptized? At the Last Judgment, they will not be treated as those who are born blind, rather they will be treated like transgressors who willfully disfigured and blinded themselves.

Still, what can be said about those who received the other Mysteries of Grace in the fullness of Orthodoxy and who have before them the examples of the saints and who constantly listen to the warnings and admonitions of God's Church but, nevertheless, depart and go astray? At the Last Judgment, such will not be able to justify themselves with any type of blindness, rather they will be judged as transgressors who have disfigured themselves and others around them with blindness.O awesome Lord, save us from sin. O merciful Lord, open our eyes to the path of salvation.**To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.**

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**Saturday March 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM**
DO NOT FORGET SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 1.at 7:00.PM to attend the dance in our church hall.
Entertainers are professional musician and singer NEGOVANOVIĆ.Dinner: pork and roasted lamb and other specialties.

**If you are not coming at the party, you may send donation to St.George Church to cover the costs.**

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**February 23, 2014**

**Stewardship Reflection**

The Last Judgement

Meatfare Sunday

 Today is Meatfare Sunday, also referred to as the Sunday of the Last Judgment. The Gospel reading for today provides us with many examples where Christ has illustrated that when our brothers and sisters are in need and we fail or refuse to help them, we are failing and refusing to help Christ. "Inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me."

St. John Chrysostom in his Homily LXXIX on Matthew 25 says... "And in return for what do they receive such things? For the covering of a roof, for a garment, for bread, for cold water, for visiting, for going into the prison. For indeed in every case it is for what is needed; and sometimes not even for that. For surely, as I have said, the sick and he that is in bonds seeks not for this only, but the one to be loosed, the other to be delivered from his infirmity. But He, being gracious, requires only what is within our power, or rather even less than what is within our power, leaving to us to exert our generosity in doing more."

God asks us to provide for our Church through the Stewardship of Time, Talents and Treasures but God also reminds us that to be gracious "requires only what is within our power" - we must give freely from our heart, unconditionally and in any way that we can to help our Church, those in need and the many ministries that our parish provides.