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

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**23rd Sunday after Pentecost December 1st, 2013**

HOLY BREAD: Protinica Gordana Petrović R**EADER** Dario Spasic Theology student

Cake & Coffee Sponsors: Lidija, Dusan,Marko & Jovan Petrovic

COLLECTION & USHERS: Men of St. George

ALTAR HELPERS: 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:** Ephesians 2:4-10-Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places that he might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workman­ship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God pre­pared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**GOSPEL-** Luke 8:26-39- And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again. Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS-HEALTH OF:** Jennie Pjanich, Zora Droca, Spaso Droca, Heather Komnenović, Ninko Stakić, Stacy, Irma Riordan, Daniel Pană, Jill Dragon Sandy, Cedomir Djokovic, Miroslav Helbich, Veljko Uveric, Milka Subotic.Iman Shyam/

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**SPONSORS FOR LUNCHES , CAKE AND COFFEE FOR DECEMBER**

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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**CAKE & COFFEE SPONSORS FOR DECEMBER: December 8th** - Jasmina Jovic with Family

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**Why fast? Because of freedom!**

Aside from the fact that we fast in preparation and in anticipation of a great feast day (Christmas for example) or holy day; aside the fact that we fast to give our body a break and cleanse our system; we fast because of regaining freedom. We become slaves to food and material things, that only a fasting season can help us free ourselves of this – with prayer and fasting. So, it's time to stop being a slave – let us start fasting and be in charge of ourselves and our life. To do this another way, then following the instructions of a 2000 year old church - Orthodox Church- established by the incarnate God Himself - good luck .Happy beginning of Advent!!!

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**KRSNA SLAVA -Celebrated by:Djordje,Jela,Mirko and Djuka Sebez**

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**Хвала! Mulțumesc! Thank You!**

On behalf of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, we would like to thank all parishioners who came out to support Adam and Eliana Meador during the baby shower after Divine Liturgy on November 24. There was great food and fellowship had by all and the expectant couple received many gifts and support from their brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you especially to those who helped decorate the church hall, those who prepared food, those who brought gifts, and to those who helped clean up afterwards. This was an exemplary demonstration of stewardship and love for one another. Please keep the Meadors in your prayers as they approach the birth of their child, God-willing!

**HOMILY
on love that surpasses knowledge**

*… to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge* (Ephesians 3:19).

The love that surpasses knowledge, that exceeds our understanding, is the love of Christ. No one can have even an inkling of the quality or the greatness of this love until Christ enters into him.

Can anyone who has never tasted honey have any idea of its taste? Only when Christ enters into the heart of man by faith, does man know the inexpressible taste of the love of Christ-its sweet and intoxicating fragrance and incomparable comprehensiveness.

Just as a man who has Christ in his heart touches the breadth, length, depth and height of the knowledge of divine wisdom, so this man with Christ in his heart also touches the limitless open seas of the divine love of Christ.

O my brethren, how feeble are words when one needs to speak of the love of Christ-words are never weaker than in this situation. Indeed, what can one say before such astounding proofs of His love? He created us out of love, He was incarnate out of love, and out of love He accepted mockery and death for our sake. He opened the heavens for us out of love, and He revealed to us the immortal glory prepared for us! Even all this is only a part of the inexhaustible wealth, glory, beauty and life-creating sustenance that is the love of Christ.

Oh, if only we too would be made worthy by faith, so that the Lord Jesus would enter our hearts, and that we would taste of His ineffable love!

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Life, our Wisdom and our Love, cleanse us and enter into us.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

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**Stewardship Reflection**

As you reflect on Stewardship, consider how you care for others in your life. Whether it is your parents, grandparents, or God parents, make an effort to call or visit, to schedule a special event, or to attend Church services. What a blessing it is to provide or your Time and Talents to those who are in need. Consider...

Taking a parent to an event that they would enjoy.

Spending an afternoon with a grandparent.

Attending Godparent Sunday at Church.

Providing transportation to and from Church.

Scheduling a Clergy visit for a family member.

Sending a card to recognize a special date.

Picking up groceries that they may need.

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