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

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**26th Sunday after Pentecost December 22nd, 2013**

HOLY BREAD: Protinica Gordana Petrović R**EADER:** Leagsaidh Frazer

Lunch Sponsors: Gordan,Veljko,Darija & Maja Uveric/Cake& Coffee:Nikola Gligorevic

COLLECTION & USHERS: Men of St. George

ALTAR HELPERS: Thomas Frazer,Nikola Gligorevic, Aleksandar Jovic,Vladimir Jovic, Marko Petrovic.

**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 5:9-19- (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

**GOSPEL**- Luke 12:16-21 - And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
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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, Milka Subotic, Iman Shyam, Joe Mishurda, Eliana Meador.

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**CHURCH NEEDS SPONSOR FOR LUNCH , CAKE AND COFFEE FOR DECEMBER 29th**

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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**TWO DEFERENT SPONSORS -FOR TODAY**

**1.LUNCH SPONSORS:** Gordan,Maja,Darija i Veljko Uveric, in Memory of Veljko's mother +Florijana.

**2.CAKE&COFFEE SPONSOR**:Nikola Gligorevic.

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**-ANNUAL MEETING TODAY AFTER LUNCH**

**-CONGRATULATIONS TO ELIANA AND ADAM MEADOR ON NEW BORN BABY NADIA.**

**-PRAYER TO ELIANA MEADOR ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHILD BIRTH**

**-MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR: +Florijana Uveric- mother of Veljko Uveric**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**-December 29th- Serbian Mother's Day. Mothers should be in church with children.**

**-January 5th- Serbian Father's Day. Father's should be in church with children.**

**-January 6th** CHRISTMAS EVE

**-January 26th- ST.SAVA CELEBRATION**

 **Please ask priest for poem for your child, if you need one.**

**TODY IS CHILDREN'S DAY "DETINJCI"**

**HOMILY-HOMILY on Noah**

*Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God* (Genesis 6:9).

To be righteous among the righteous is a great and praiseworthy deed, but how far greater and more praiseworthy a deed it is to be righteous among the unrighteous. Noah lived among men who were filled with unrighteousness and evil; he lived among them for five hundred years and remained righteous before God: *Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord* (Genesis 6:8). The Most-high Judge, who looks at all the works of mankind and evaluates them without prejudice and without error, valued the labors of Noah because, in the midst of a corrupt and perverse generation, he remained in the righteousness of God; and God rewarded him with His grace. Assuredly, Noah endured much misery and bitterness from his evil neighbors. Assuredly, he was unable to have a friend among them. The greatest satisfaction for a sinner is to drag a righteous man down into his own mire and to share his sin with him. But Noah did not allow himself to be dragged down or misled. Noah favored God's friendship over that of unrighteous men. It was dearer to him to walk with God without men, than to walk with men without God. Fear of God, the Creator and Judge, preserved him from the worldwide corruption; and he was not only righteous but also *perfect in his generations.* That is, he did not allow himself, even in the least, to be contaminated by the common evil, but rather he cleaved to God's righteousness. The allurement of sin and the ridicule of the sinners: everything merely served to separate him all the more from them. When the universal flood befell the human race, God did not abandon his faithful Noah to perish with the others. Instead, He saved him and glorified him, making him the progenitor of a new generation of men. Brethren, this shining example of Noah teaches that each one of us can please God even in the midst of sinners, if only we want to.O Righteous and Long-suffering God, uphold us on the path of Thy righteousness.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

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**Stewardship Reflection**

This month is typically the time of the year when the Churches elect their new parish councils - a reflection on the Stewardship of serving in this capacity.

When one is called into service, by God's Grace, one is provided with the opportunity to put aside all personal desires and agendas for the sake of promoting the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is for this reason that a Parish Council Member must regularly participate in this Good News by living a Christ-centered Life. Ideally, this means that the Parish Council Members' life revolves around the Holy Eucharist-moving from one moment of Communion with God to the next. If our focus is constantly on increasing our Communion with God, how often do you think we will get caught up in the petty squabbles of this world?
A Christ-centered life is also a life of service; and all Parish Council Members are called not to be served, but to serve-just as Christ does. This service should be focused in a life of love. Reaching out in compassion to the Church community, a parish council member is responsible for fulfilling his or her duties to the fullest extent possible. He or she is to be the model Steward-continuously offering of their Time, Talents and Treasures in service of the Gospel of Christ. One has only to take the example of Christ washing the feet of the disciples to see the extent to which this sacrificial service is to go.

 Are you prepared?

 Today's Gospel reading emphasizes that we do not know when God will call us. Our time here on earth is limited and as s result, we need to do all that we can for our Salvation. As we reflect on the Stewardship theme of CARE, are we preparing each and every day to entire God's Kingdom. Think about the following:

Do we take time to pray and read the Scriptures daily?

Do we take enough time for our family?
Do priorities as listed in our checkbook match those as we list them to others? (i.e. Do we give more money to Comcast or DirecTV, or to the Church?)
Do we ensure that the number one focus of our talents is on the further development of Christ's Holy Church?
Do we take care of the Ministries of the Church?
Do we take care of one another?
Do we take care of our environment

All very necessary for our preparation!