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

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**32nd Sunday after Pentecost February 2nd, 2014**

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

**Coffee & Cake Sponsors: Pranay,Diana and Iman Shyam**

COLLECTION & USHERS:Dusan Petrovic

ALTAR HELPERS: Adam Meador, Veljko Uverici, Peter Kupriyanov, Matt Thompson, Michael Thompson.

**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 Timothy 4:9-15- This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

**GOSPEL**- Luke 19:1-10 - And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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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,Diana Shyam, Joe Mishurda.

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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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***FEBRUARY SCHEDULE FOR COFFEE,CAKE & LUNCH***

*1.****Coffee & Cake Sponsors for Today:*** Pranay,Diana and Iman Shyam.

*2.****Coffee & Cake Sponsors February 9th:* G**ordana,Veljko,Darija and maja Uverici.

*3.****Lunch Sponsor February 16th:*** Danica Vukosav

*4.****Coffee & Cake Sponsor February 23rd:*** *Sandra& James Thompson with Family*

***SUNDAY SCHOOL*:**

*If you are in the church today with your children, take them into the church hall. Religious Instructions are in the process.*

We will have a Sunday School Classes for your children on: February 9th, and March 2nd.Please make plans to come in church with your children.

**HOMILY- About the only Light in darkness**

"I am the Light of theworld" (St. John 8:12).

Since the beginning of the world and time, no one who was ever born dared to speak these words. There were men and there are men who say: "I bring light!" But only one dared to say: "I am the Light!" Only the Lord Jesus could have spoken those words boldly and convincingly. His short life on earth and His long history, nearly two-thousand years, completely justified these words. He is the Light of Truth. He is the Light of Righteousness and He is the Light of Life.

He is the Light of Truth because He revealed in Himself the truth of the true nature of God and the true nature of man; and the relationship of man to man and the relationship of man toward God. Heaven and earth shall pass away and His words will not pass away for heaven and earth both came into existence by His word and His word is from Him and with Him always and will not pass away. ["Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" St. Matthew 24:35 - St. Mark 13:31].

He is the Light of Righteousness because He revealed the might of righteousness and the weakness of unrighteousness. He revealed that in the brightest light, by that which He spoke, by that which He did, and by that which He experienced and overcame the unrighteous ones. He revealed that through His Church in the course of twenty centuries through His numerous righteous saints and martyrs for righteousness sake. Righteousness is from God, and in the long life of history it can never be defeated. Unrighteousness is from helpless beings. Unrighteousness quickly rushes out to the rampart with its triumphant banner but, at the same time, it is quickly overthrown into the grave.

He is the Light of Life. His words illuminate life. His works illuminate life. His victory illuminates life, especially His resurrection, as the most luminous sun by its bright light illuminates life and disperses death as a weak shadow.

O Lord Jesus, Light Most-Luminous, Sun of Truth, Sun of Righteousness and Sun of Life, illuminate us sinners and unworthy ones!

**To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.**

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**February 2, 2014**

**Stewardship Reflection**

Today, we begin the preparation period before Great Lent (referred to as the Triodion) with Zacchaeus Sunday. As we reflect on the Gospel reading, it focuses on Zacchaeus' "desire" to see Christ - as a man of short stature, this desire led him to climb a tree. As we approach Stewardship, we also must ask ourselves what our desire is related to the support of our Church and the various ministries it is responsible for?
St. Dorotheos of Gaza's reflection on giving says... to bear one another's burdens, to give alms and the like is well pleasing to God not when a man acts mercifully on account of some human consideration but because the act is good in itself... The thing is perfect when a man gives alms without meanness or reluctance, without despising the recipient... giving freely as if he were receiving, doing a kindness as graciously as if a kindness were shown to him.
St. Nikolai Velimirovic says... He to whom material wealth is given, and shows himself to be selfish, hard, proud, merciless and godless, to him spiritual wealth cannot be given.
Our Stewardship is a reflection of our spirituality and faith and as we begin to prepare for Great Lent, let us reflect on our Time, Talents and Treasures and identify areas where we can "give freely" to support of Church.