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

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Very Reverend Petar Petrovic Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM

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**6th Sunday after Pentecost August 4th, 2013**

**HOLY BREAD:** Protinitza Gordana Petrovic **READER:** Adam Meador

**COFFEE and CAKES SPONSORS:Gordana & Veljko Uverici with children**

**COLLECTION & USHERS:** Men of St. George

**ALTAR HELPERS:** Zoran Zivadinovic

**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** -Romans 12:6-14- Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 9:1-8-

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**HEALTH OF:** Geneva Jokich, Jennie Pjanich, Zora Droca, Spaso Droca, Heather Komnenovic, Ninko Stakic, Ranko Tepsic,Stacy, Irma Riordan,

**Pastoral Visitations:** Ranko Tepsic;

Sunday- August 4- Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.

 Coffee and Cake by Gordana & Veljko Uverici with children**. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF CUSTODY ON HIS CHURCH.**

Friday August 9 Holy Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon; St Clement of Ochrid

 Divine Liturgy at 10:00.a.m.

Sunday- August 11- Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.

 LUNCH by Zoran Zivadinovic

***PLEASE….PLEASE….PLEASE…*** Please remember the deadline for the Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday evening at 9 p.m. If you want something included and cannot make the deadline, please call Fr.Petar at (513) 542-4452 or (513) 544-7481 (cell) and let him know. Your message may not be able to be included if we are not aware of it. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Email: blagoslov@cinci.rr.com or visit our wbsite at:http://www.stgeorgecinci.org

**Thank You to :**Sasa Krasmanovic who made a metal containers for candle lighting.

**Thank you to:**Zoran Zivadinovic who was cutting the grass this past week.

**THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF "STEWARDSHIP" OF YOUR CHURCH.**

**Poverty is not when you do not have in your pocket, but if you're missing in your heart.**

**SAINT MARY MAGDALENE-**Mary Magdalene was one of the myrrh-bearing women and "equal to the apostles". She was born in the town of Magdala along the shore of Lake Gennesaret and was from the tribe of Issachar. She was tormented by seven evil spirits from which the Lord Jesus freed her and made her whole. She was a faithful follower and servant of the Lord during His earthly life. Mary Magdalene stood beneath the Cross on Golgotha and grieved bitterly and mourned with the All-Holy Birth-giver of God. After the death of the Lord she visited His sepulchre three times. When the Lord resurrected she saw Him on two occasions: once alone and the other time with the other myrrh-bearing women. She traveled to Rome and appeared before Tiberias [Caesar](http://98.131.104.126/prolog/my.html?month=July&day=22&Go.x=15&Go.y=14) and presenting him with a red colored egg, greeted him with the words: "Christ is Risen!" At the same time, she accused Pilate before Caesar for his unjust condemnation of the Lord Jesus. Caesar accepted her accusation and transferred Pilate from Jerusalem to Gaul where, this unjust judge, in disfavor with the emperor, died of a dread disease. After that, Mary Magdalene returned from Rome to Ephesus to St. John the Theologian whom she assisted in the work of preaching the Gospel. With great love toward the resurrected Lord, and with great zeal, she proclaimed the Holy Gospel to the world as a true apostle of Christ. She died peacefully in Ephesus and, according to tradition, was buried in the same cave in which seven youths were miraculously put to sleep for hundreds of years and, after that, were brought to life and then died (August 4). The relics of St. Mary Magdalene were later transferred to Constantinople. There is a Russian Orthodox convent dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene near the Garden of Gethsemane.

**HOMILY**

**About the inexorable justice of God**

*"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly"* (2 Peter 2: 4-6). O how will the sinful man be spared? "And spared not the old world but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow". Therefore O sinful man, how then can you be spared? Are you dearer and more precious to Him than millions of angels, from so many people drowned by the Flood [Deluge]and from densely populated cities? When the angels are cast into the darkness of Hades, people are drowned by the flood and cities are burned to ashes in what do you hope, sinning, continually sinning and not turning away from sin? You say, in the mercy of God! But, is God more merciful now that He was then? Does God change as man does? Do not hope without measure [limit] but according to the measure [limit] of your efforts as regards the improvement of your life, let that be your hope. Truly, great is the mercy of God, long is the patience of God and infinite is the love of God. Behold, God loves you more and is more merciful to you than you are to yourself and He continually wishes you salvation even more than you yourself do. But he, who to the end mocks the mercy of God and he, who to the very end laughs at the patience of God and he, who to the end opposes the love of God, will God then take him by force into His kingdom and make him a fellow citizen with the angels and saints? How terrible is the darkness of Hades, the clanging sound of chains and the gnashing of teeth? Those who ridiculed the mercy of God and opposed the love of God dwell there [Hades]. Will you want to go there, O prodigal soul? God does not desire that you go there; the angels mourn because you are headed there; the saints are praying that you return; Holy Church offers sacrifices for you that you would come to your senses. If you despise all of that O why would you despise it all! Then what kind of mercy do you expect from God? O righteous Lord, help us that we may, in due time turn away from the path which leads to the darkness of Hades, make us to understand and strengthen us in goodness, before You send Your angel to take away our soul. **To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.**

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**August 4th, 2013**

 **Stewardship Reflection**

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

August 4, 2013

In Forrest Long's book "Turnaround-The Orthodox Purpose Driven Life" - he titles Week Four, Day 23 as Understanding My Responsibility. Ephesians 4:14-16 exemplifies that the whole body (our Church) is joined and knit together where every part does its share.
Ephesians 4:14-16
14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
When we think in terms of the daily conveniences found in our lives - how many parts and processes are necessary to make a cup of coffee and check the Internet - our ability to see relatives on a laptop screen or order one of hundreds of movies on our television. Then, consider how the lack of working parts impacts our daily lives - all those items that we expect to be available. As a Steward of our parish, think about the importance of the part that you play and the negative impact upon our Church if you decide not to give freely of your Time, Talents and Treasures. Even if 100 parishioners can commit $25 each month - that will total $30,000 per year. If they can attend three soup kitchens - they will provide hope to several hundred hungry brothers and sisters. If they can find the time to work in a ministry, the Understanding of Responsibility multiplies exponentially!

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