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

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**18th Sunday after Pentecost October 27th, 2013**

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

LUNCH SPONSORS: Diana, Pranay, and son Iman Shyam

COLLECTION & USHERS: Men of St. George

ALTAR HELPERS: Thomas Frazer, 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:** 2 Corinthians -9:6-11: 6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

**GOSPEL-** Luke 5:1-11: And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**HEALTH OF:** Jennie Pjanich, Zora Droca, Spaso Droca, Heather Komnenović, Ninko Stakić, Ranko Tepsić,Stacy, Irma Riordan, Daniel Pană, Jill Dragon Sandy, Cedomir Djokovic, Miroslav Helbich.

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**SPONSORS FOR LUNCHES AND CAKE AND COFFEE FOR NOVEMBER**

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. This time following Divine Liturgy is to bring our parish together for fellowship, so please make an effort to stay and meet your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We all have very busy schedules, but we should try and make this a high priority in our lives.

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**THANK YOU TO DIMITRIJE JOVIC**

We would like to recognize our Church Board Treasurer, Dimitrije Jovic, for being an exemplary steward by dedicating his time and talents to helping our church. Dimitrije helped save the church money by fixing the furnace for the upstairs apartment and the Church. On behalf of all, we want to say THANK YOU!

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE**

God-willing, our Sunday School teachers are preparing to start teaching classes again in the middle of November. If you have children, it is imperative to bring them to Sunday School to learn about our faith. We should be honest and ask ourselves what is truly important for our children. If we make time for things such as sports, clubs, music lessons, etc., but cannot bring our children to Church to learn about our faith, we have to wonder what kind of message are we sending to our children? So please, make this effort of investing in your child's spiritual life and bring them to Sunday School to learn about our ancient faith!

**HOMILY -on how the angels do battle for the righteous**

*The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them* (Psalm 34:7).

The angel of the Lord will do battle for those who fear God. This has been clearly shown many times, as has been recorded; and it has occurred numberless times that have not been recorded. The Archangel Michael took up arms for Joshua, the Son of Nun. An angel did battle for the righteous King Hezekiah and, in one night, destroyed the army of the Chaldeans. How many times have angels visited the Christian apostles and martyrs of in prison, strengthened them, and caused them to rejoice? The consolation of the righteous one comes from knowing that God is All-seeing, and sees his misfortune; that God is Omnipotent, and has power to save him from misfortune; that God is All-merciful, and will save him from misfortune. God will send His radiant angel to the aid of the righteous. The righteous one will not have to struggle against his tyrant, for the angel of God will do battle in his place. When God's angel takes up arms, what army dares confront him? What empire will wage war against him? In an earlier Psalm, the Prophet David says: *No king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety* (Psalm 33:16-17).
Hence, it does not help at all if the unjust, the worldly, are allies. When God's angel takes up arms-all will burst as a bubble of water. Even when he was king, David remembered how, as a mere shepherd boy, he killed Goliath, a giant who was armed to the teeth, with a slingshot. On many occasions, David sensed the assistance of God's angel. That is why he could with confidence console the oppressed but righteous ones with these words of comfort and strength: the angel of the Lord encamps around all who fear the Lord, and who serve Him, and an angel of God will deliver them.
O my brethren, let us not doubt these words, but carefully consider, on a daily basis, how the angel of God leaves us in sorrow when we sin, and how he hastens to our assistance with joy and unspeakable power when we repent and implore God's mercy.

O Lord God, our Creator, the King of myriads of angels: forgive us, and save us, and protect us by Thy holy angels. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

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**Stewardship Reflection**

Have you ever considered that Stewardship is necessary for individual Salvation?

 Many verses in the Bible and reflection from the Holy Fathers clearly focus on the fact that we will be judged by how we use the gifts that God has given us. Stewardship is not limited to the financial aspect, the grounds, the buildings that encompass the Church property but all of the gifts that one has. It is a good Steward's responsibility to care for everything that he or she has since it was provided by God to be used for His work.

 **This is why, as Orthodox Christians, we must consider Stewardship as spiritual and focus on our Time, Talents and Treasures.**

2 Corinthians 9:6

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully.

Luke 12:34

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Evening Vespers

Suddenly the Judge will come and the deeds of each will be revealed, but with fear, we cry out in the middle of the night, Holy, Holy , Holy art though O' God, through the Theotokos have mercy on us

 As we reflect on our commitment to God and the Church, let us consider how we use our gifts so that we can make a good account before the Dread Judgment Seat of Christ.

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