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

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**19th Sunday after Pentecost November 3rd, 2013**

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

CAKE&COFFEE SPONSOSR: Lidija,Dusan,Marko & Jovan Petrovic

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 -11:31-12:9 : The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands. It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**GOSPEL-** Luke6:31-36: And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

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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.

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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.

**LUNCH: NOVEMBER 10th:** Sponsors:Diana, Pranay and Iman Shyam

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Religious instructions are in the process in our church hall. If you're here with children,
take them to the church hall.

God-willing, our Sunday School teachers started the classes . 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!

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**THANK YOU :**To Sasa Krsmanovic on plumbing job done in church hall.

**HOMILY
on the God-inspired heart and tongue**

*My heart will pour forth good words; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer* (Psalm 45:1)*.*Behold the inspiration of the Spirit of God! The prophet wants to speak of Christ the Lord and his heart swells with power and wisdom. That is why the prophet does not say: ``My heart will speak or will pronounce good words, but rather *will pour forth* as though a part of his own heart rushes out like a torrent of water from an overflowing well. A torrent of water is narrow underground, but when it reaches the opening of the spring, it bursts out in a large stream. Such is the heart of the prophet when he wants to speak of Christ. Such is the power of grace confined in the heart of man. If it does not manifest itself in powerful words or if it does not manifest itself in miraculous works, it will shine within man and work wonders. But when it comes out in words, the tongue of the prophet will become as a reed, as a *pen of a ready writer.* For such a man does not struggle to formulate his thoughts, nor does he struggle to clothe his thoughts in the garment of words, but grace itself pours out thoughts and words, already prepared, through his tongue. Where does such a power in man come from? From God the Holy Spirit. Why does such a power exist? The prophet wants to speak to the King about Himself: *I speak of things which I have made touching the King* (Psalm 45:1). Actions and words here are identical, as it often happens in Holy Scripture. Where the Spirit speaks, He also acts; and where He acts, He also speaks. One speaks most powerfully through action. The prophet takes from Christ the King, and gives to Christ the King. He speaks enthusiastically of love for the Savior of the world; he speaks from a heart burning with the zeal of divine love. From the distance of time, he sees the Incarnate Son of God, and his heart dances with joy like a weary night-traveler when he sees the beautiful dawn in the east!
O Lord God, the Holy Spirit, do not deny us Thy holy and powerful grace, that we may be cleansed from sins and made worthy of the Kingdom of Christ.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

**ALL GOODS ARE HIDDEN IN PRAYER -INTIMATE, PENETRATING PRAYER, WHICH OBTAINS EVERYTHING, WHICH TRANSFORMS LIFE.St.Benedict of Nursia**

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**Stewardship Reflection**

**During this past week, a parishioner was having a discussion during coffee hour and said "I understand Stewardship, but what is my responsibility?" When we think about Stewardship, the responsibility we have should be very serious. We strive to excel in our careers so that we can live a comfortable life and provide for our families. We take our jobs seriously and the responsibility to do well, to be on time, to put in the hours necessary to succeed and at times, to be away from our family all so that management can say - "he is a company man, worthy of a promotion, gives his time to our corporate efforts." Think about the responsibility of the rich man from the Gospel reading - what he could have done while on this earth to place him in Heaven with Lazarus, instead of being tormented in Hades?
What responsibility do we take for God, Jesus Christ and our Church - as Stewards of what has been provided for us? Do we strive to excel in our faith so that we can live a humble life and provide for our Church? Do we set a good example for our children so that they understand Stewardship and become good Stewards of our parish? Do we take the Church seriously, take the responsibility necessary as a Steward, to put in the hours sharing our Time, Talents and Treasures? And at times, do we actually move away from the earthly life to focus on the Heavenly? Can God can say - he is a faithful man, worthy of Salvation, gives selfishly as a Steward to God's efforts?

What we must give up - nothing compared to what the Apostles gave up!
What we must face - nothing compared to what Jesus faced!
What we do - nothing compared to what God has done!**

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