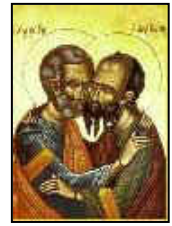


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SLAVA SVETI PETAR I PAVLE

Crkveni Odbor organizuje proslavu Slave na nasem Crkvenom posjedu u subotu 12. jula, a u nedelju 13. jula bice odrzana Sveta Liturgija sa secenjem slavskog kolaca. U subotu 12. jula u vecernjim casovima bice organizovana proslava uz muziku i obilje hrane i pica. Nadamo se da ce Njegovo Preosvestenstvo Gospodin Mitrofan moci da uvelica nase slavlje svojim prisustvom i da ce u nedelju 13. jula sluziti Liturgiju sa nasim svestenikom. Kao i svake godine proslava ce biti velika i organizovana na najvećem mogucem nivou. Uz obilje hrane i pica, pripremili smo prigodan program sa muzikom uzivo i jos mnogo toga. Molimo sve vas koji mozete pomoci organizaciju proslave Crkvene Slave novcano ili vashim trudom i radom, da se javite nasem svesteniku ili nekom od clanova Odbora. Unaprijed hvala.

Piknik / Turnir u Kosarci

Pozivamo vas da nam se pridruzite na pikniku i turniru u kosarci koji organizuju i sponzorisu Slavko Kapetanovic i Gojko Erak vlasnici firme G&S Delivery.

Gdje: Crkveni Posjed

Kada: Nedjelja 20. juli 2008 u 5:00 pm

Pripremicemo ukusan rostilj i pice. Ako zelite da ucestvujete na turniru, molimo vas da nam se sto prije javite da na vrijeme napravimo spisak i raspored: **404.446.5353 & 770-364-8366**. Ucesce na turniru je \$5 po igracu. Pobjedniku slijedi nagrada. Sav profit ce biti doniran nasoj Crkvi.

ZAHVALNICA

Veliko hvala Slavku Kapetanovicu i Gojku Eraku sto su organizovali turnir u malom fudbalu, Zeljku Zekicu koji je donirao cevape za turnir, Momiru Mrcicu sto je pokosio travu oko crkve. Veliko hvala Kolu srpskih sestara sto su organizovali rucak za proslavu Vidovdana, Jovanki Loncaric, Sari Lozo i Sladjani Hrnjak sto su recitovali pjesme o Kosovu. Miroslavu Radjenovicu sto je donirao pice za proslavu Vidovdana. Veliko hvala Slavku Kapetanovicu sto ce donirati dva pecena jagnjeta za proslavu crkvene slave i isto tako Sinisi Ninkovicu sto ce donirati dva pecena praseta. Veliko hvala Djordju Vecerini i Momiru Mrcicu sto su besplatno popravili A/C u crkvi. Veliko hvala Veseljku Janjicu sto je besplatno poravio bravu u crkvi. Mihajlu Bilakovicu, Miroslavu Radjenovicu, Nenadu Gambirozi sto ce donirati pice za proslavu slave. Veliko hvala crkvenom horu koji svake nedjelje pjeva na Liturgijama: Vidi Burns, Danki Vecerini, Mirki Sundic, Jovanki Loncaric, Draganu Opacicu, Bori Grbi, Danijeli Culum, Mirjani Broket, Milisavu Radovicu. Veliko hvala Ray-u i Carol Chattam sto su omogucili nasoj deci is Crkvene skole da odu na more. Veliko hvala Joe Radakovichu i Davidu Simicu sto pomazu svesteniku u oltaru i oltarboy Andrewu Bergerst. Veliko hvala Peri Surli i Jovanki Loncaric sto prave prosforu. Ukoliko jos neko zeli da donira pice za slavu nek se javi parohijskom svesteniku odu Sasi Turkicu.

SLAVA ST. PETER AND PAUL

Church Board is organizing big Slava Celebration at our Church Property on Saturday the 12th and on Sunday July 13th we will have the Divine Liturgy with the braking of Slava's bread. On July 12th in the evening we will have a big party with delicious food, drinks and music. We are hoping that His Grace Dr. Bishop Mitrophan will honor us with his presence on both days. We will prepare delicious food and drinks as well as interesting celebration program with live music and much more. We are kindly asking all of you that can help organization of this event by monetary donations or your time and skills to contact Fr. Sasa or any Board Member. All donations for food, drinks and tent rental are welcome and much appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Picnic / Basketball Tournament

Please join us at picnic and Basketball Tournament that will be organized by Slavko Kapetanovic and Gojko Erak, owners of G&S Delivery Inc.

Where: Church Property

When: Sunday July 20, 2008 at 5:00 pm

They will prepare delicious barbecue and drinks. If you would like to participate in tournament please contact us ASAP to get on roster: **404.446.5353 & 770-364-8366**. Cost per player is \$5. Winner will get a nice award. Entire profit will be donated to our Church.

THANK YOU

Big Thank you to Slavko Kapetanovic and Gojko Erak for organizing the soccer tournament, Zelko Zekic for cevapi donation, Momir Mrcic for cutting the grass around the Church. Big Thank you to Kolo Srpskih Sestara for organizing the lunch for Vidovdan's celebration, Jovanka Loncaric, Sara Lozo and Sladjana Hrnjak for reading the poems about the Kosovo. Big Thank you to Miroslav Radjenovic for donating the drink for Vidovdan's celebration. Big Thank you Slavko Kapetanovic for donating the lamb and Sinisa Ninkovic for donating the pork for Slava celebration. Big Thank you Djordje Vecerina and Momir Mrcic for fixing the A/C in the Church. Big Thank you to Veseljko Janjic for fixing the lock in the Church. Big Thank you Mihajlo Bilakovic, Miroslav Radjenovic, Nenad Gambiroza for donating the drink for Slava. Big Thank you to the Church choir for singing every Sunday at the Liturgy: Vida Burns, Danka Vecerina, Mirka Sundic, Jovanka Loncaric, Dragan Opacicu, Bora Grbi, Danijela Culum, Mirjana Broket, Milisav Radovic. Big Thank you to Ray and Carol Chatham for organizing and sponsoring the trip for our children to Tybee Island. Big Thank you To Joe Radakovich, David Simic for helping the Priest at the altar and the oltarboy Andrew Bergerst. Big Thank you Jovanka Loncarica and Pera Surla for making prosfora. Please contact our Priest Father Sasa if would like to donate the drink for Slava.

VIDOVDANSKA PROSLAVA

Dragi parohijani,

29. juna je održana Vidovdanska proslava. Starjesina manastira Resaca (koji se nalazi na sjeveru Dzordzije), arhimandrit Nazarija, je dosao i služio Svetu Liturgiju. Jeromonah Nazarije je da doneo iz manastira u nasu crkvu cudotvornu i mirotocivu ikonu Presvete Bogorodice. Poslije svete Liturgije bio je pripremljen i posan rucak od strane Kola srpskih sestara. Veliko hvala svima koji su pomogli ovu lepu proslavu.

Dear parishioners,

We had a beautiful Vidovdan's celebration on June 29th. The celebration was organized at our Church. The superior of the monastery Archimandrite Nazarios (located on the North of Georgia), served the Holy Liturgy together with our Priest. Archimandrite Nazarios brought the miraculous icon of our Blessed Lady. After the Divine Liturgy we had the sordid lunch prepared by our Kolo Srpskih Sestara. Big Thank you to all who helped with this celebration.

VIDOVDAN'S CELEBRATION



Piknik / Turnir u Fudbalu

Organizatori i sponzori piknik-turnira u malom fudbalu su bili Slavko Kapetanovic i Gojko Erak (G&S Delivery). Turnir je bio odlicno organizovan i ovo je bilo jos jedno nase druzenje uz igru, pice i hranu za pamacenje. Turnir je odrzan na nasem crkvenom posjedu uz veliko hvala ocu Sasi Turkicu. Pobjednik je ekipa Torina (u sastavu: Amanovic, Mrsic, Frizic) koja je pobijedila ekipu Birminghama (u sastavu: Ardalic, Kapetanovic, Masic) sa 2:0. Golove su postigli Amanovic u 13 min. i Frizic u 20 min. Ekipa Torina je zasluzeno pobijedila i dobila vrijedan poklon majice za uspomenu i sjecanje na danasnji turnir. Treba zahvaliti i grupi nasih studenata iz Atens-a: Stojanovic Sandro, Droca, Topic, Stojanovic Stefan, Bijeljac Misic i ostali, koji su uvelicali i nase druzenje ucinili zabavnijim. Isto tako hvala svima koji su dosli da gledaju i uživaju u carima malog fudbala i upotpune danasnji dogadjaj.

Picnic/ Soccer Tournament was organized and sponsored by Slavko Kapetanovic and Gojko Erak, owners of G&S Delivery Inc. Organization of this tournament was wonderful and this was one more event to remember. Tournament was held on our Church property thanks to our Priest Father Sasa. Team Torino (Amanovic, Mrsic, Frizic) has won the tournament against team Birmingham (Ardalic, Kapetanovic, Masic) with 2:0. Shooters were: Amanovic (13th min) and Frizic (20th min). Team Torino has earned their victory and they got nice shirts for the memory on this great and fun tournament. Big thank you to our students from Athens: Stojanovic Sandro, Droca, Topic, Stojanovic Stefan, Bijeljac Misic and others who contributed to this fun event. Thank you to everyone who came to cheer and support our soccer games and contributed to this beautiful and fun event.



THE HOLY, GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRaised LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL

THE HOLY APOSTLE PETER (June 29/July 12)

Peter was the son of Jonah and the brother of Andrew, the First-called. He was of the Tribe of Simeon from the town of Bethsaida. He was a fisherman and, at first, was called Simon but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas or Peter: "And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, He said, You are Simon the son of Jonah: you shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a rock" (St. John 1:42). He was the first of the disciples to clearly express faith in the Lord Jesus saying: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (St. Matthew 16:16). His love for the Lord was great and his faith in the Lord gradually strengthened. When the Lord was brought to trial, Peter denied Him three times but after only one glance into the face of the Lord, Peter's soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter appears as a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. Following one of his sermons in Jerusalem, three-thousand souls converted to the Faith. He preached the Gospel throughout Palestine and Asia Minor, throughout Illyria and Italy. Peter worked many powerful miracles; he healed the sick, resurrected the dead; the sick were healed even from his shadow. He had a great struggle with Simon the Magician who proclaimed himself as god but in reality Simon was a servant of Satan. Finally, Peter shamed and defeated him. By order of the evil Emperor Nero, Simon's friend, Peter was condemned to death. Installing Linus as Bishop of Rome, counseling and comforting the flock of Christ, Peter proceeded joyfully to his death. Seeing the cross before him, he begged his executioners to crucify him upside down for he considered himself unworthy to die as did his Lord. Thus the great servant of the Great Lord reposed and received the wreath of eternal glory.

THE APOSTLE PAUL (June 29/July 12)

Paul was born in Tarsus of the tribe of Benjamin. At first, he was called Saul, studied under Gamaliel, was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christianity. He was miraculously converted to the Christian Faith by the Lord Himself Who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He was baptized by the Apostle Ananias, was called Paul and numbered in the service of the great apostles. With a fiery zeal, Paul preached the Gospel everywhere from the borders of Arabia to Spain, among the Jews and among the Gentiles. He received the title "Apostle to the Gentiles." As horrible as his sufferings were, so much more was his super human patience. Throughout all the years of his preaching Paul, from day to day, hung as one on a weak thread between life and death. Since he fulfilled all days and nights with labor and suffering for Christ, since he organized the Church in many places and since he attained such a degree of perfection he was able to say: "It is now no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Paul was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero at the same time as the Apostle Peter.

THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST OF THE LORD, JOHN: COMMEMORATED ON JUNE 24/ JULY 7TH

The Nativity of the Holy Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The Gospel (Lk. 1: 57-80) relates that the righteous parents of Saint John the Baptist – the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth, lived in the ancient city of Hebron, and reached old age being childless, since Elizabeth was barren. One time, Saint Zachariah was making Divine services at the Jerusalem Temple and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the incense offering. He predicted, that Saint Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Saviour – the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. And it was given to him – it appeared at the same time as a chastisement for his unbelief: Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words. Saint Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision over the lateness of her pregnancy, she kept it secret for five months, until there came visiting her distant relative the All-Blessed Virgin Mary, to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. And together with her Saint John also – in the womb of his mother Righteous Elizabeth – did greet "with leaps as in song" the MostHoly Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnated within Her. It became time, and Saint Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accord with the law of Moses, was made the circumcision. His mother named him John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in their family had been named such.

When they asked Saint Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "John is his name" – and immediately the binding of his tongue at the prediction of the archangel was unbound, and Saint Zachariah, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, glorified God and pronounced the words of prophecy about the Advent-Coming into the world of the Messiah, and about his own son John – the Forerunner of the Lord. After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all the infants. Hearing about this, Saint Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. Saint Zachariah as a priest was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered, that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The lad John, protected by an Angel, dwelt in the wilderness until such time, when he came preaching about repentance and was himself vouchsafed worthy to baptise the Lord Who was come into the world.

- HOLY AND WONDERWORKING UNMERCENARIES COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS AT ROME JULY 1/JULY 14

- ST. SISOES THE GREAT OF EGYPT (429) JULY 6/JULY 19

HOLY GREAT-MARTYR PROCOPIUS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE (303) JULY 8/JULY 21

- SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL GABRIEL JULY 13/JULY 26

- MARTYRS CYRICUS (QUIRICUS) AND HIS MOTHER JULITTA OF TARSUS (305) JULY 15/JULY 28

THE HOLY GREATMARTYRESS MARINA (OGNJENA MARIJA) COMMEMORATED ON JULY 17/JULY 30

The Holy GreatMartyress Marina was born in Asia Minor, in the city of Antioch, into the family of a pagan priest. In infancy she lost her mother, and her father gave her over into the care of a nursemaid, who raised Marina in the Orthodox faith. Upon learning that his daughter had become a Christian, the father angrily disowned her. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), Saint Marina at fifteen years of age was arrested and locked up in prison. With firm trust in the will of God and His help, the young prisoner prepared for her impending fate. The governor Olymbrios, charmed with the beautiful girl, tried to persuade her to renounce the Christian faith and become his wife. But the saint, unswayed, refused his false offers. The vexed governor gave the holy martyress over to torture. Having beaten her fiercely, they fastened the saint with nails to a board and tore at her body with tridents. The governor himself, unable to bear the horror of these tortures, hid his face in his hands. But the holy martyress remained unyielding. Thrown for the night into prison, she was granted Heavenly aid and healed of her wounds. Tied to a tree, they scorched the martyress with fire. Barely alive, the martyress prayed: "Lord, Thou hast granted me to go through fire for Thine Name, grant me also to go through the water of holy Baptism". Hearing the word "water", the governor gave orders to drown the saint in a large barrel. The martyress besought the Lord, that this manner of execution should become for her holy Baptism. When they plunged her into the water, there suddenly shone a light, and a snow-white dove came down from Heaven, bearing in its beak a golden crown. The fetters put upon Saint Marina of themselves came apart. The martyress stood up in the fount of Baptism glorifying the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Saint Marina emerged from the fount completely healed, without any trace of burns. Amazed at this miracle, the people glorified the True God, and many came to believe. This brought the governor into a rage, and he gave orders to kill anyone, who might confess the Name of Christ. There then perished 15,000 Christians, and the holy Martyress Marina was beheaded. The sufferings of the GreatMartyress Marina were described by an eye-witness of the event, named Theotimos. Up until the taking of Constantinople by Western crusaders in the year 1204, the relics of the GreatMartyress Marina were situated in the Panteopontea monastery. According to other sources, they were located in Antioch until the year 908 and from there transferred to Italy. Her venerable hand was transferred to Athos, to the Batopedeia monastery.

-THE HOLY MYRH-BEARER EQUAL-UNTO-THE-APOSTLES MARY MAGDALENE(BLAGA MARIJA) COMMEMORATED ON JULY 22/AUGUST 4

-THE GREATMARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON COMMEMORATED ON JULY 27/AUGUST 9

THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH (July 20/ August 2)

Saint Elijah, one who saw God, a miracle-worker and a zealot for faith in God, was born of the tribe of Aaron from the town Tishba for which he was called the Tishbite. When St. Elijah was born, his father Savah saw an angel of God hovering around the child, wrapping the child in fire and giving him a flame to eat. That was a foreshadowing of Elijah's fiery character and his God-given fiery power. He spent his entire youth in godly thoughts and prayers withdrawing frequently into the wilderness to contemplate and to pray in solitude. At that time the Jewish kingdom was divided into two unequal parts: the kingdom of Judah consisting of only two tribes, the tribes of Judah and Benjamin with their capital in Jerusalem and the kingdom of Israel consisting of the remaining ten tribes with their capital in Samaria. The first kingdom was governed by the descendants of Solomon and the second kingdom was governed by the descendants of Jeroboam, the servants of Solomon. The greatest confrontation that the prophet Elijah had was with the Israelite King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. For they, Ahab and Jezebel, worshipped idols and were turning the people away from serving the One and Living God. Before this, however, Jezebel, a Syrian, persuaded her husband to erect a temple to the Syrian god Baal and ordered many priests to the service of this false god. Through great miracles Elijah displayed the power and authority of God: he

closed up the heavens, so that there was not any rain for three years and six months; he lowered a fire from heaven and burned the sacrifice to his God which the pagan priests of Baal were unable to do; he brought down rain from heaven by his prayer; miraculously multiplied flour and oil in the home of the widow in Zerepath, and resurrected her son; he prophesied to Ahab that the dogs will lick up his blood and to Jezebel that the dogs will consume her flesh, all of which happened as well as many other miracles did he perform and prophesy. On Mount

Horeb, he spoke with God and heard the voice of God in the calm of a gentle breeze. Before his death he took Elisha and designated him as his successor in the prophetic calling; by his mantle he divided the waters of the Jordan river; finally he was taken up into the heavens in a fiery chariot by flaming horses. He appeared on Mount Tabor to our Lord Jesus Christ together with Moses. Before the end of the world St. Elijah will appear again to put an end to the power of the anti-Christ (Revelation, Chapter 11).

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST (Preobrazenje) COMMEMORATED ON AUGUST 6/AUGUST 19

At one point in His earthly ministry. Our Lord asked His disciples. Who do men say that the Son of man is (Matt. 16:13)? The disciples gave various answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets. Then He said to them. But who do you say that I am (Matt. 16:15)? Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). Shortly after this confession of faith, Jesus went up a high mountain (according to Church Tradition, Mt. Tabor) to pray, taking with Him Peter, James and John. And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and His raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah"-not knowing what he said. As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Beloved; listen to Him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen (Luke 9:29-36). In the Old Testament, the presence of light and cloud often signified the Divine Presence: Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel (Ex. 24:15-17). Likewise, on Mt. Tabor the cloud signified the Divine Presence - the God-Man Jesus Christ, and the Theophany here was accompanied by a bright radiance. Both Moses and Elijah had beheld the presence of God, as the Readings at the Vespers of the Feast point out, and thus were appropriate witnesses on Mt. Tabor

to Christ's divinity. In addition, as Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, how appropriate it was for those who par excellence represented the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) to be present. The Lord took His three closest disciples (Peter, James and John) with Him on the mountain for, although God sometimes reveals Himself to sinners in quite unexpected ways, it is usually those who have followed Him long and faithfully who are privileged to enter into the joy of the Transfiguration of the Master.

THE "FALLING-ASLEEP" OR "REPOSE" ("DORMITION", "USPENIE", "KOIMESIS") OF OUR MOSTHOLY LADY MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY (VELIKA GOSPOJINA) COMMEMORATED ON AUGUST 15/AUGUST 28

Liturgically, the most important Feast of the Theotokos is that of her Dormition or Falling-Asleep. Prior to this Feast there is a strict two-week fast, beginning on August 1, which is broken only by the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6. This Feast possesses two distinct aspects inseparably linked in the mind of the believer. On the one hand, there is death and burial and, on the other, resurrection and the assumption of the Mother of God. As part of the Inner Tradition of the Church, this event was mystery that was not designed for the ears of the outside world, but which was revealed to the faithful within the Church.

True believers know that insofar as the son of God assumed human nature in the womb of the Virgin, She who was the means of His Incarnation was resurrected and taken up into Heaven in the Divine Glory of Her Son. Arise, O Lord, and go to Thy resting place. Thou and the ark of Thy might (Ps. 132:8). The Son transported His Mother to the eternity of the life to come, "for being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb" (from the Kontakion of the Feast).

Thus, if every year we commemorate the anniversaries of the deaths of the Saints - the Martyrs, Apostles, Venerable Mothers and Fathers, Sainted Hierarchs, etc. - so much the more we commemorate the death of the Most-Holy Theotokos who did not see the corruption of the grave common to all humanity. And not only did her soul ascend to heaven, but her body also. As she was a perfect example of that obedience which all Christians are called upon to exercise, and as she alone was the Mother of God, her body did not see the natural corruption which follows death, but was raised from the dead and carried to the glory of the King of All in the heavenly mansions.

According to the Inner Tradition of the Church, the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos took place in the following manner: Having reached an advanced age, the Most-Pure One wished to leave the body and go to God as soon as possible, since the one unceasing desire of her soul had always been to see the sweet face of her son sitting at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. Many tears she shed as she prayed to the Lord to take her from this present vale of sorrows.

-THE HOLY AND GREAT MARTYR PANTALEON [PANTELEIMON] (July 27/ August 9)**Two Wolves**

One evening an old abbot told one of his monks about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, 'My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.'

The young monk thought about it for a minute and then asked his abbot: 'Which wolf wins?'

The old Warrior of God simply replied, 'The one you feed'.

Nedeljna Skola

Nedeljna Skola je u saradnji sa Carol Chatham organizovala grupni odlazak na more - Tybee Island, za decu koja su redovno pohađala časove tokom protekle godine. Otili su 13. juna a vratili se 15. juna. Vodja puta su bili direktor Nedeljne škole Manuela Opacic i učiteljica Nedeljne škole Martha McJilton i članovi crkvenog odbora Carol Chatham i Dragan Opacic. Deca su posetila akvarijum, isli su na izlet brodom pri cemu uzivala da vide delfine, isla su u grcku crkvu u Savani... i mnogo toga jos. Deca su provela neaboravne trenutke na moru, zblizila se i ucvrstila svoja prijateljstva. Veliko hvala učiteljicama Manuel i Marti za svu brigu i sav angazman oko dece i veliko hvala Carol i Draganu za sav trud i pomoc oko puta.

Sunday School with the help of Carol Chatham has organized chartered trip to the Tybee Island, for the students participating in the Sunday School Program for the last year. Serbian Sunday School Director, Manuela Mileta Opacic, the Sunday School teacher Martha McJilton, and board members Carol Chatham and Dragan Opacic were the leaders of the trip. Group left on June 13th and was back on June the 15th. Students have had many field trips during the trip. They visited aquarium, went on the cruise on the boat watching dolphins, visited the Greek Orthodox Church in Savanna... and many more. Children spent unforgettable moments at the beach, strengthening friendships and enjoying the time with each other. Big Thank you to the teachers Manuela and Martha, and Carol and Dragan for all care, and efforts with the children and the help with the trip.



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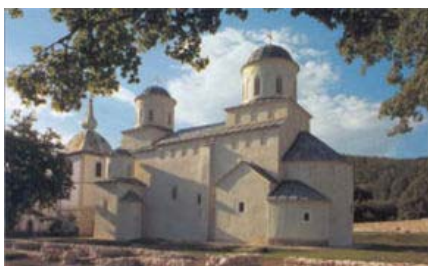
Манастири

МИЛЕШЕВА

Манастир Милешева је српски средњовековни манастир. Налази се на шестом километру од Пријепоља на реци Милешевци. Рашки по стилу, подигао га је краљ Стефан Владислав (1234-1243) у првој половини XIII века као своју задужбину, а у њој је и сам сахрањен. У припрати, коју је краљ Владислав доградио 1235. године, положио је мошти свог стрица светог Саве. Њих су Турци 1594. године приликом освајања пренели на Врачар (Београд) и спалили, у покушају да сломе српски дух. Манастир је настао у време Латинског царства, када и настаје такозвани "пластични стил" који се одликује монументалношћу, избегава декоративност и нагиње формама класичне антике. У манастирској цркви се 1377. године за краља Србљем и приморјем крунисан је Твртко I Котроманић, сестрић Цара Душана. Стефан Вукчић Косача се у њој 1446. године прогласио „херцегом од светог Саве“, по чему је Херцеговина добила име. Фреске Милешеве се убрајају међу најбоља европска остварења 13. века, а од њих најпознатији је Бели Анђео. Поред Белог Анђела друга ремек дела су Богородица из Благовести и Ктиторска композиција са портретом краља Владимира. Ова дела такође представљају и највеће домете сликарства тог доба у Европи. Манастир је данас седиште епископије Српске Православне Цркве на чијем је челу епископ Филарет Мићевић, под чијим су руководством окружење манастира и манастрски конаци добили изузетно сређен изглед.

MILESEVA

The Mileševa monastery was founded between 1234 and 1236 by Serbian King Vladislav. The monastery is situated in a valley of the Mileševa river, near Prijepolje. Mileševa is one of the most important Serbian sanctuaries and spiritual centers. In 1236, Vladislav moved the relics of his uncle Saint Sava from Trnovo in Bulgaria, where he died, to Mileševa. The second important event took place in 1377, when the coronation of Tvrtko I as the King of Serbia and Bosnia took place in Mileševa. In the fifteenth century, the monastery was the seat of the Metropolitan Bishopric of Dabar and Bosnia. In 1459, the Turks set the monastery on fire, but it was soon restored. In the first half of the sixteenth century, the first service books were illuminated in Mileševa. One of the oldest schools also existed in the monastery. In the middle of the century, during the time of Patriarch Makarije (the Serbian Patriarchate was restored in 1557), the monastery was thoroughly renovated. Its exoternal narthex was built and painted, and probably cut through the wall between the narthex and the nave. In later times, after several Turkish demolitions, a new restoration was undertaken in 1863, when the church considerably changed in appearance. The Mileševa monastery has been visited by pilgrims and donated to by Russian Emperors (Ivan IV the Terrible) and Valachian and Moldavian rulers. In 1594, the Turks removed the relics of St. Sava from the monastery and publicly burned them on Vračar hill in Belgrade, making him thus a posthumous martyr.



Monasteries

MORACNIK

The monastery Moracnik is built on the same named island with the church of Sveta Bogorodica (St Virgin). For the first time it was mentioned in 1417 in the parchment of Balsa III who, it is supposed, was its protector. This synod church is dedicated to Bogorodica Trojerucica. The church has small dimensions with central dome. Beside the church, the monastery complex has sleeping quarters, dining room, and high tower with four floors. A stone fence with monumental gate surrounds the monastery. The monastery Moracnik that is an Orthodox sanctity, and the sanctity of Zeta Sveta Gora 250 years ago under the invasion of Turkish army was entirely havocked. After two and a half centuries monks were back in the monastery Moracnik in 1998.

All the churches from the period of Balsici were painted with pictures of saints, about which testify the preserved tracks on their wall surfaces.

ОСТРОГ

Манастир Острог је манастир Српске православне цркве смјештен уз скоро вертикалну литицу, високо на планини Острошка греда у Црној Гори. Посвећен је Светом Василију Острошком. Налази се надомак Никшића и смјештен је у окомитој стијени, са које се пружа поглед на равницу Бјелопавлића. Основао га је херцеговачки митрополит Василије у 17. вијеку. Он је ту и сахрањен и проглашен свецем чудотворцем. Тијело му почива у њивоту у пећинској цркви. Сам манастир је обновљен 1923-1926. године, послјије пожара, којег су биле поштеђене пећинске црквице. Оне представљају главну споменичку вриједност. Црква Св. Ваведења (у доњем манастирском нивоу) је осликана фрескама крајем 17. вијека. Црква Св. Крста се налази у горњем манастирском нивоу и њу је живописао мајстор Радуп прилагођавајући фреске природном облику стијена. Око цркве су конаци и заједно чине објекат складно сједињеним са природним амбијентом. Манастир Острог спада међу најпосећеније на Балкану. У њега долазе вјерници свих религија из свих крајева свијета. 2005. године је између доњег и горњег манастира подигнута и црква светог мученика Станка у којој се чувају његове руке. Мученик Станко је био чобан кога су Турци убили.



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Church Calendar for July 2008

- Sunday, July 6, 2008 Divine Liturgy 10a.m. (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)
- Monday, July 7, 2008 (Nativity of St. John the Baptist)
- Saturday, July 12, 2008 Divine Liturgy 9a.m. (The Holy, Glorious and All-praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul (67). ZABAVA U 8p.m.
- Sunday, July 13, 2008 Divine Liturgy 10a.m. (4th Sunday after Pentecost)
- Monday, July 14, 2008 (Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian, martyrs at Rome)
- Saturday, July 19, 2008 (St. Sisoës the Great of Egypt (429))
- Sunday, July 20, 2008 Divine Liturgy 10a.m. (5th Sunday after Pentecost) TURNIR U KOSARCI
- Monday, July 21, 2008 (Holy Great-martyr Procopius of Caesarea in Palestine (303)).
- Saturday, July 26, 2008 (Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel)
- Sunday, July 27, 2008 Divine Liturgy 10a.m. (6th Sunday after Pentecost)
- Monday, July 28, 2008 (Martyrs Cyricus (Quiricus) and his mother Julitta of Tarsus (305)).
- Wednesday, July 30, 2008 (OGNJENA MARIJA) Great-martyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.).

There might be slight changes in the calendar. Please, call Father Sasa to verify the schedule.
Vespers Services on Saturdays at 6pm - Vecernje Molitve svake Subote pocinju u 6 PM

Obilazak Manastira

U nedelju 24. avgusta odmah posle liturgije organizovan je interesantan i zabavan izlet za sve nase parohijane i njihovu decu. Posjeticemo Grcki Pravoslavni Manastir Resaca na sjeveru Dzordzije, udaljen oko 65 milja od nase crkve.

Monastery Visit

Sunday the August the 24th right after the Liturgy the Church organized the fun and very interesting trip for for all kids and adults from our parish. We plan to visit The Monastery of the Glorious Ascension in Resaca GA, that is about 65 miles from our church.

Folklor i Skola Fudbala

Svi zainteresovani za folklor neka se jave poslije Svete Liturgije gospodinu Draganu Opacic i gospodinu Slavku Kapetanovicu za skolu fudbala (404-446-5353). Nadamo se da cete se odazvati u velikom broju. Bog vas blagoslovio.

Folklor and School of Soccer

Everybody who are interested in folklore or school of the soccer need to contact Mr. Dragan Opacic for the folklor and Mr. Slavko Kapetanovic (404-446-5353) for the school of the soccer after the Divine Liturgy. We hope you will respond in a big number. God bless you.

Kolo Sestre

- Juli 6 - Sastanak
- Juli 12th - Slava
- Juli 27th - Rucak
- Avgust 17th - Rucak

Ako budemo organizovali naknadne ruckove bicete na vreme obavesteni

Kolo Sestre

- July 6 - Meeting
- July 12th - Slava
- July 27th - Lunch
- August 17th - Lunch

If we organize additional lunches you will be notified on time.

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