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THE DORMITION [THE FALLING ASLEEP - THE ASSUMPTION] OF THE MOST-HOLY BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD



The Lord Who, on Mt. Sinai, commanded by His Fifth Commandment: "Honor your father and your mother" (Exodus 20:12), showed by His own example how one should respect one's parent. Hanging on the Cross in agony, He remembered His mother and indicating to the Apostle John, said to her: "Woman behold your son" (St. John 19:26). After that, He said to John: "Behold your mother" (St. John 19:27). And so providing for His mother, He breathed His last. John had a home on Zion in Jerusalem in which the Theotokos settled and remained there to live out the end of her days on earth.

By her prayers, gentle counsels, meekness and patience, she greatly assisted the apostles of her Son. Primarily, she spent her entire time in Jerusalem often visiting those places which reminded her of the great events and of the great works of her Son. She especially visited Golgotha, Bethlehem and the Mount of Olives. Of her distant journeys, her visit to St. Ignatius the Theophorus [God-bearer] in Antioch is mentioned, as well as her visit to Lazarus (whom our Lord resurrected on the fourth day), the Bishop of Cyprus, her visit to the Holy Mountain [Athos] which she blessed and her stay in Ephesus with St. John the Evangelist [The Theologian] during the time of the great persecution of Christians in Jerusalem.

In her old age, she often prayed to the Lord and her God on the Mount of Olives, the site of His Ascension, that He take her from this world as soon as possible. On one occasion, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and revealed to her that within three days she will find repose. The angel gave her a palm-branch to be carried at the time of her funeral procession. She returned to her home with great joy, desiring in her heart once more to see in this life, all of the apostles of Christ. The Lord fulfilled her wish and all of the apostles, borne by angels in the clouds, gathered at the same time at the home of John on Zion. With great rejoicing, she saw the holy apostles, encouraged them, counseled them and comforted them. Following that, she peacefully gave up her soul to God without any pain or physical illness. The apostles took the coffin with her body from which an aromatic fragrance emitted and, in the company of many Christians, bore it to the Garden of Gethsemane to the sepulchre of [her parents], Saints Joachim and Anna. By God's Providence, they were concealed from the evil Jews by a cloud.

Anthony, a Jewish priest, grabbed the coffin with his hands with the intention of overturning it but, at that moment, an angel of God severed both his hands. He then cried out to the apostles for help and was healed since declaring his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Thomas was absent, again according to God's Providence, in order that a new and all-glorious mystery of the Holy Theotokos would again be revealed. On the third day, Thomas arrived and desired to venerate [kiss] the body of the Holy All-pure one. But when the apostles opened the sepulchre, they found only the winding sheet and the body was not in the tomb. That evening, the Theotokos appeared to the apostles surrounded by a myriad of angels and said to them: "Rejoice, I will be with you always". It is not exactly known how old the Theotokos was at the time of her Falling Asleep but the overwhelming opinion is that she was over sixty years of age. (Prologue of Ohrid)

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Blessings & prayers / Благослови и молитве



Birth prayers / Молитве за новорођене: Maria Petrova & Viktoria

Home blessing / Благосиљање домова: Mary Peyovich

Marriage / венчање: Srdjan & Zana Boskovic

Memorial prayers / парастосе: Gen. Draza Mihailovic, Bozo Jovic, Donco Mitev, Branka Vukcevic, Ivaylo Zhelyazkov

Funeral / опело: Assinka Kostourkova

Remember to contact Fr. Ilija to have birth prayers said on the first, eighth and 40th day of birth the birth of your child. Не заборавите да контакирате о. Илију како би могао да прочита молитве за новорођене првог, осмог и четрдесетог дана по рођењу.

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Let's build a church together!

Изградимо цркву заједно!

We are getting close to paying off the mortgage on the new land. Please help pay off the remaining balance of about \$ 103,823

If anyone has any suggestions regarding the proposed site plan, contact Fr. Ilija by July 9, 2012. Thank you!

Врло смо близу отплате остатка хипотеке на Црквено имање. Молимо вас за помоћ како бисмо отплатили остатак дуга у износу од 103,823 долара.

Ако неко има сугестије у вези предложни план градилишта, контактирајте о. Илију до 9. јула 2012 год. Хвала!



Thank you very much! *Много вам хвала!*

Church cleaning – July 4: Olivera Djurdjevac, Milica Kablar, Jovanka Mandaric, Spomenka Novakovic.

Serbian Days: Protinica Carole Balach, Snezana Banjanin, Nenad Bjelogrljic, Vera Bojic, Zlatko Burina, Gordana Cekarmis, Dragan Dukic, Olivera Djurdjevac, Keith Fournier, Georgiana Gavrilovich, Darko Hrle, Janja Jasika, Mirjana Jasika, Djordje & Milica Kablar, Vinka Kalajdzic, Vojislav & Neda Kokeza, Jasmina Kostic, Dragana Krstic, Jovan Mahoney, Jovanka Mandaric & Nadja, Vesna Marjanovic, Cedo, Rada & Jelena Marusic, Svetislav Milisavljevic, Spomenka Novakovic, Sladjana Nikolic, Ognjen Pandzic, Milos Pesic, Nada Prekogacic, Marko Plackov, Danijel Plavsic, Radic T.R., Milan Radic, Aleksandra & Vesna Radojevic, Olja Spahic, Cheryl Spasojevic, Zora Stankovic, Milan & Aleksandra Stefanovic, Slavka Stevanovic, Nada Stojkovic, Tihomir Tepsa, Lidija Todorovic, Zorica Trbic, Djoko Trifkovic, Andjelko Vasic, Damir Versegi, Goran Versegi, Branka Vujic, Mary Jane Vujovich, Marko & Emina Vukadinovic, Folklore Group Drina, Folklore Group Vuk Karadzic – Vancouver, B.C., Tri Sesira Orchestra, Soccer Club – Portland, Snoqualmie Brewery, Balkan Market, Michael Walker.

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Serbian Days Festival – фестивал српски дани

As in every year, St. Sava Church in Issaquah, WA celebrated Serbian Days in commemoration of the consecration of the church. This year we were blessed to have His Grace, Bishop Maxim join us. His Grace celebrated the Divine Liturgy at our sister church The Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God (Pokrov) Church in Seattle on July 28 along with concelebrants Fr. Serafim Gascoigne, parish priest, Fr. Ilija Balach of St. Sava Church and Fr. Nikola Todorovic of St. Stephen the First Martyr Church in Portland. After Divine Liturgy everyone was treated to a delicious lunch and during lunch were entertained by instrumental and vocal musical renditions.

In the afternoon, activities began at St. Sava with soccer games and other activities along with being entertained by the ‘Tri Šeširi Orchestra’. Later in the day the younger and older folklore groups, Vuk Karadic, from Vancouver, B.C. danced a number of dances to everyone’s delight. Following the program Vespers were served and festivities continued afterwards.



On Sunday, June 29 His Grace was greeted in front of the church by Frs. Ilija and Serafim along with servers and parishioners from both parishes. After His Grace vested he tonsured Radoje Spasojevic as a reader. Radoje grew up in this parish and he and his family have always been active in the life of the church. He is currently the First Vice-president of the Church Board.



The Divine Liturgy was followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the KSS. St. Sava younger and older folklore groups 'Drina' entertained everyone with a number of dances. Everyone expressed their gratitude to His Grace for his visitation and words of wisdom as he departed.



STEWARDSHIP – СТАРАТЕЉСТВО

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

God created each and every one of us as individuals, with different gifts, different services and different work. What is most unique is that God works through each of us. Stewardship is viewed the same way when considering our Time, Talents and Treasures. Some have greater financial resources to provide, some are expert craftsmen that can build while others are very good at project management. In every case, each individual is called to give of their Time, Talents and Treasures as best they can.

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. (Luke 12:48)

Please fill out your Stewardship Card so that we can better manage our Church activities in 2012. Thank you!

Молимо вас да испуните старатељске картице како би могли боље управљати нашим црквеним активностима за 2012 годину. Хвала!

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Weekend Camp – St. Sava Church

We had our first camp out July 13-14 and it was a great success with 12 families participating for a total of 26 children and 21 adults. Everyone pitched tents under the trees near the tent and spent Friday and Saturday night under the stars. In the evenings a camp fire was lit for roasting marshmallows and hot dogs accompanied by tambura and song. The children learned songs and participated in craft projects. Vespers and matins was served all days. The heat of the day was relieved with some water balloons and slip and slide in the water. The parents did a great job helping especially in preparing all the meals. Everyone is ready for another camp out!!!











Успеније Пресвете Богородице

Господ који је на Синају заповедио петом заповешћу: поштуј оца свога и матер своју, показао је примером Својим, како треба поштовати родитељку своју. Висећи на крсту у мукама Он се сети Матере Своје и показујући на апостола Јована рече јој: жено, ето ти сина! Потом рече Јовану: ето ти матере! И тако збринувши Своју Мајку Он издахну. Јован имаше дом на Сиону у Јерусалиму, у који се настани и Богородица и оста да живи до краја својих дана на земљи.

Својим молитвама, благим саветима, кротошћу и трпељивошћу она много помагаше апостолима Сина свога. У главном све време до смрти провела је она у Јерусалиму обилазећи често она места, која су је подсећала на велике догађаје и на велика дела Сина свога. Нарочито је често походила Голготу, Витлејем и гору Јелеонску. Од њених дужих путовања помиње се њена посета св. Игњатију Богоносцу у Антиохији, посета св. Лазару четвородневном, епископу Кипарском, посета Св. Гори коју је она благословила, и бављење у Ефесу са св. Јованом за време великог гоњења хришћана у Јерусалиму.

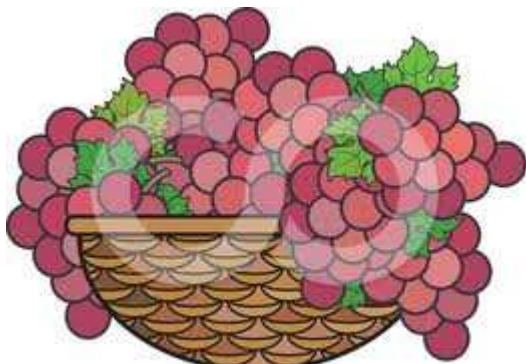
У својој старости она се често молила Господу и Богу своме на Јелеонској гори, на месту Вазнесења Његова, да је што пре узме из овога света. Једном приликом јави јој се архангел Гаврил, и објави јој, да ће кроз три дана бити упокојена. И даде јој ангел Божји једну грану палмову, која ће се носити при њеном спроводу. С великом радошћу она се врати дома пожелевши у срцу, да још једанпут у овом животу види све апостоле Христове. Господ јој испуни ову жељу, и сви апостоли, ношени ангелима и облацима, наједанпут се сабрашеу дом Јованов на Сиону. Са великом радошћу виде она свете апостоле, охрабри их, посаветова и утеши; по том мирно предадедух свој Богу без икакве муке и болести телесне. Апостоли узеше ковчег с телом њеним, од кога излазаше ароматни мирис, и у пратњи мноштва хришћана пренеше у врт Гетсимански у гробницу св. Јоакима и Ане. Од злобних Јевреја заклањаше их облак по промислу Божјем. Неки свештеник јеврејски, Атоније, дохвати рукама ковчег у намери да га претури, али у том часу ангел Божји одсече му обе руке. Тада он завапи апостолима за помоћ, и би исцељен пошто изјави своју веру у Господа Исуса Христа.

Апостол Тома беше изостао, опет по Божјем Промислу, да бисе тако опет открила једна нова и преславна тајна о Светој Богородици. Трећег дана стиже и он, и пожели да целива тело Свете Пречисте. Но када апостоли отворише гроб, нађоше само плаштаницу, а тела не беше у гробу. Тога вечера она се јави апостолима, - мноштвом ангела окружена, и рече им: „радујте се, ја ћу бити с вама навек." Не зна се тачно, колико стара беше Богородица у време успенија свога, али преовлађује мишљење, да је била прешла 60 година свога земног века. (Охридски пролог)

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Transfiguration - Преображење

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