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THE PASCHAL JOY

“Your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you”.

(John 16:22)

“Let us be divinely glad.. for Christ our eternal joy is risen”.

(Canon of Pascha)

Our Orthodox Christian faith is a joy which never ceases ,' but eternally lives in our hearts. It is the joy of the Risen Lord, the joy of the Resurrection, the joy of Pascha.

It is not without a special profound significance, as the great Father of the Church St. John Chrysostom, testifies, that in the night of Pascha, and then for the whole Paschal period, there is read in our churches the Divinely-inspired book of the Acts of the Apostles. This book, like none other, speaks to us in a lively and clear manner of the greatest truth of Christianity, the Resurrection of Christ, and contains primarily evidences of the Resurrection From it we learn that the Holy Apostles, in preaching the Gospel teaching, proclaimed first of all the good news of Christ crucified and risen from the dead, and it was precisely this teaching that had such a mighty effect on the hearers , capturing thousands of hearts in obedience to Christ.

And this is understandable; for there is nothing mankind so thirsts for as deliverance from the multitude of afflictions inevitably bound up with the "wages 'of sin," death (Rom. 6:23). Through the Resurrection of Christ death is conquered, the hellish power of sin is trampled down, and therefore we triumphantly glorify Pascha as a "deliverance from sorrow" (stichera of Pascha).

This is why the human heart is so sensitive and receptive to the bright Paschal joy!

But the whole fullness of Paschal joy is accessible to us only if we preserve an absolute faithfulness to the Risen Christ, an entire dedication to Him as our God and Savior, and a total irreconcilability to His enemies.

It is not by accident that in the days of Holy Pascha, for the whole of Bright Week, at the Divine Liturgy in place of the Trisagion we sing the joyful hymn: "As many as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia"-a hymn which is an essential part of the great Mystery of Baptism. This is not only because before Pascha, on Great Saturday, many catechumens used to be baptized; there is also a special and profound mystical significance to it. Baptism, as the Holy Apostle Paul teaches, is performed as an image of the death and Resurrection of Christ:

Know ye not, therefore, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His Resurrection. (Rom. 6:2-5)

These words of the Holy Apostle Paul are read in church precisely at the Divine Liturgy on Great Saturday, showing us the mystical bond that exists between the death and Resurrection of Christ and our own death to sin and resurrection to new life in the Mystery of Baptism.

Thus, the joy of Baptism and the joy of the Resurrection are essentially one and the same feeling-a feeling of great spiritual joy, "joy in the Lord. "This is the joy of spiritual renewal, the joy of putting on Christ, the joy of being joined to Christ as to the Source of eternal life, the joy of entire dedication and faithful ness to Christ as our Savior, Who by His Resurrection has given us eternal life.

Let us not fear to be in the "minority" in today's world. The chief thing for us is to be among the small remnant of those who are saving their souls, of whom the Lord Himself spoke in these words:

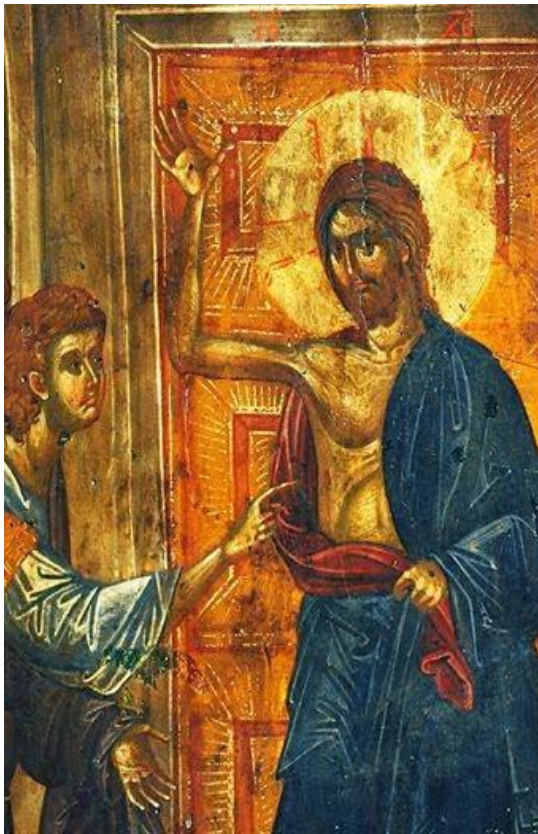
Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

One who with all his soul belongs to this "little flock" of those being saved will fear nothing in the contemporary world of apostasy; nothing will be able to shake such one in his firmness of confession, in his standing for God's Truth. For with him is always the fullness of Paschal joy; with him is *the Risen Christ Himself, the Victor over hell and death.*

ВАСКРШЊА ВЕРА И НЕВЕРНИ ТОМА

О, када би свако од нас - који смо искусили ту васкршњу радост, који смо слушали о тој васкршњој победи над смрћу, који смо поверовали у то да је Христос ту победу извојевао далеко од очију света, али ради тог света и у том свету - заборавивши на све те бројеве, количине и масу, предао ту васкршњу веру и радост бар једном човеку, када би том вером и радошћу дирнуо бар једну људску душу!

Јер, када би та вера и радост били тајно присутни у сваком нашем, макар и у најбезначајнијем разговору, када би та васкршња вера и радост били непрестано са нама у нашој рационалној свакодневици, онда би већ сада и овде почело то тајанствено спасавање света и живота.



"Царство Божје неће доћи на видив начин...", говори Христос. Царство Божје долази сваки пут - у сили, светлости и победи - када ја, када сваки од нас верујућих износи то Царство из храма и њиме почиње да живи у свом животу. Тада све, у сваком часу и сваком тренутку "може букнути" светлошћу Царства Божјег.

"Док не будем видео, нећу поверовати" речи су Томине али врло често и свакога од нас понаособ. Али, емпиријско искуство јесте само једно од људских искустава, и - при том - онај нејелементарнији и, стога, најнижи вид знања.

Емпиријско искуство је корисно и неопходно, али сводити свеколико људско искуство искључиво на емпиријско искуство то је исто као покушати схватити лепоту уметничке слике помоћу хемијске анализе боја употребљених на слици. И оно што називамо вером јесте, у ствари, онај други и виши ниво људског знања.

Може се рећи да човек без тог вишег знања, без вере, не би могао да живи ни један једини дан. Сваки човек верује у нешто и верује некоме. Питање је само у томе чија је вера, чије је виђење и познање света правилније, пуније и адекватније богатству и сложености људског живота.

Овај је дан створио Господ, радујмо се и веселимо се у њему.
Пасха дивна, Пасха, Господња Пасха, Пасха свечасна нам засија,
Пасха, с' радошћу један другог загрлимо. О Пасха избављења од жалости.
Јер из гроба данас као из дворца засија Христос,
жене радошћу испуни говорећи: Јавите апостолима.(4. Пасхална Стихира)

СВЕТИ ВЕЛИКОМУЧЕНИК ГЕОРГИЈЕ



Овај славни и победоносни светитељ беше рођен у Кападокији као син богатих и благочестивих родитеља. Отац му пострада за Христа, и мајка му се пресели у Палестину. Када порасте, Георгије оде у војску, где доспе у двадесетој својој години до чина трибуна, и као такав беше на служби при цару Диоклецијану. Када овај цар отпоче страшно гоњење на хришћане, ступи Георгије пред њега и одважно исповеди, да је и он хришћанин. Цар га баци у тамницу, а нареди да му се ноге ставе у класе а на прси тежак камен. Потом нареди, те га везаше на точак, под којим беху даске са великим ексерима, и да га тако окрећу, док му цело тело не поста као једна крвава рана. По том га закопа у ров, тако да му само глава беше ван земље, и остави га у рову три дана и три ноћи. Потом преко некога мађионичара даде му смртоносни отров. Но при свим овим мукама Георгије се

непрестано мољаше Богу, и Бог га исцељиваше тренутно, и спасаваше од смрти на велико удивљење народа. Кад и мртваца једног молитвом васкрсе, тада многи примише веру Христову. Међу овима беше и жена царева Александра, и главни жрец Атанасије. Најзад осуди цар Георгија и своју жену Александру на посечење мачем. Блажена Александра издахну на губилишту пре посечења, а свети Георгије би посечен 303. године. Чудесима, која се десеше на гробу светог Георгија, нема броја. Нема броја ни његовим јављањима у сну и на јави многима, који га споменуше и његову помоћ поискаше од онда до дана данашњега. Разгоревши се љубављу према Христу Господу, светом Ђорђу не беше тешко све оставити ради те љубави: и чин, и богатство, и царску почасти, и пријатеље, и сав свет. За ту љубав Господ га награди венцем неувеле славе на небу и на земљи и животом вечним у царству Свом. Још му дарова Господ силу и власт да помаже у бедама и невољама свима онима који га славе и његово име призивају

THE HOLY AND GREAT MARTYR GEORGE

This renowned and glorious martyr was born in Cappadocia, the son of rich and God-fearing parents. His father suffered for Christ, after which his mother moved to Palestine. When George grew up, he went into the army, in which he rose, by the age of twenty, to the rank of tribune, and as such was in service under the Emperor Diocletian. When this Emperor began a terrible persecution of Christians, George came before him and boldly confessed that he was a Christian. The Emperor threw him into prison, and commanded that his feet be put in the stocks and a heavy weight placed on his chest. After that, he commanded that he be bound on a wheel, under which was a board with great nails protruding, and thus be turned. He then had him buried in a pit with only his head above the ground, and left there for three days and nights. Then, through some magician, he gave him deadly poison, but in the face of all these tortures, George prayed unceasingly to God, and God healed him instantly and saved him from death, to the great amazement of the people. When he also raised a dead man to life by his [prayers](#), many embraced the Christian faith. Among these was the Emperor's wife, Alexandra, and the chief pagan priest,

Athanasius. The Emperor commanded that George and the Empress Alexandra be beheaded. Blessed Alexandra died on the [scaffold](#) before being killed, and St George was beheaded. This happened in the year 303. The miracles that have been performed at his grave are without number. Also are his appearances in dreams to those who, thinking on him, have sought his help, from that time up to the present day. Consumed by love for Christ, it was not difficult for holy George to leave all for this love - his status, wealth and imperial favour, his friends and the whole world. For this love, the Lord rewarded him with [wreath](#) of unfading glory in heaven and on earth, and with eternal life in His Kingdom. The Lord further endowed him with the power to help in need and distress all who honour him and call on his name.

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Blessings & prayers / *Благослови и молитве*



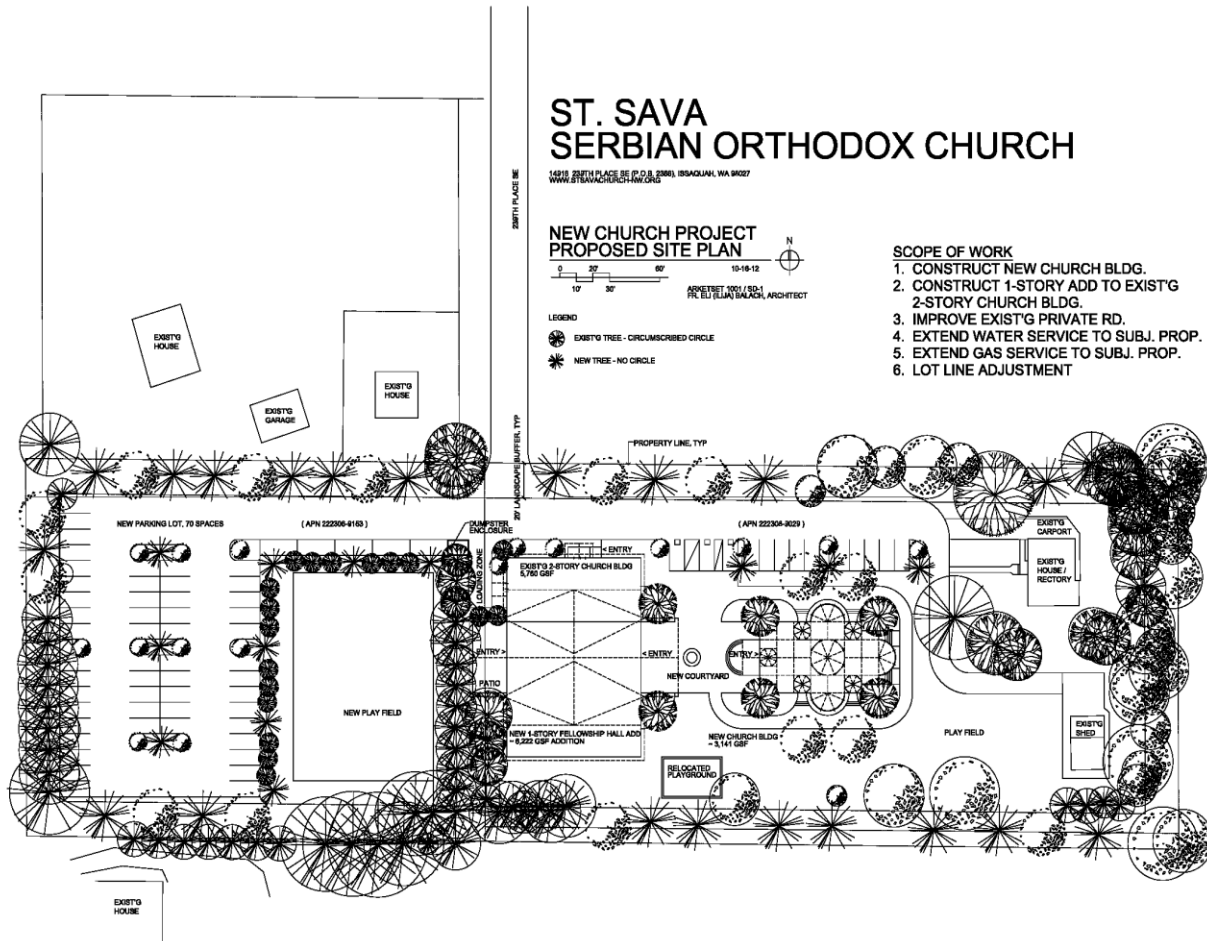
Home blessings in April / *Благосиљање домова*
Pija & Sonja Orlovic, Eduardo & Ana Yanez, Milan & Aleksandra Stefanovic, Ranko Krstic, Ranko Lazic, Radomir & Janja Jasika

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ИСТИНСКИ БЛАГОДАРИМО СВИМА КОЈИ СЕ ТРУДЕ И УЧЕСТВУЈУ У ПРИПРЕМИ НЕДЕЉНИХ РУЧКОВА ИСТОВРЕМЕНО АПЕЛУЈУЋИ И НА ОСТАЛЕ ДА НАМ СЕ ПРИКЉУЧЕ!

Great thank you to those who prepared lunches. May you continue to be an example to others!



ЗАБЛАГОДАРИМО ГОСПОДУ! LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!



Let's build a church together! - *Изградимо цркву заједно!*

We have contacted the neighbors on both sides of the road junction and neither one is interested to give us a variance for a wider 239th Place required by the County at the junction of Issaquah-Hobart Rd. We have resubmitted the plans and are awaiting County response.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

Stewardship Reflection

We pray that you had a blessed Great Lent and a glorious Pascha celebration with your families and friends.



“White Angel” Fresco in Mileseva Monastery, Serbia, built in 1234.

Reflecting on the Scriptures from Bright Tuesday, we read that "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" Acts 2:21 Prayer is a very beneficial way to ask God to help and guide us during any difficult times that we face. We also should remember to thank God for all that he provides as well. St. John Chrysostom's homily for Bright Tuesday also reflects on the fact that all of those who are faithful and call on God will be saved whether they are a priest, a slave, a poor person, an individual who works two jobs, a wealthy executive or someone that is homeless..... we will be judged according to our deeds, the work that we do and our words. It's not who we are as much as it is what we do and how we act. This is why we are asked and guided in the Scriptures to give freely of our Time, Talents and Treasures.

As we prepare for Christ's Ascension during the next 40 days, greet all of the Orthodox faithful with "Christ Is Risen" and please remember to help our parish any way that you can. With the summer months (and vacations) right around the corner, this is typically a time where the parish has it's greatest need. Please ask any of the priests, the Stewardship committee or executive board members how you can help.

WE PLEA TO YOU, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, TO SIGN AND RETURN TO US STEWARDSHIP CARDS MAILED TO YOU, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE. YOUR SIGNATURE IS OF MUCH GREATER IMPORTANCE TO US, AS IT IS A VISIBLE SIGN OF YOUR SUPPORT TO OUR CHURCH AND IT'S MISSIONARY AND SOCIAL WORK.

ХРИСТОС ВАСКРСЕ! ВАИСТИНУ ВАСКРСЕ!

Надамо се да сте сви прославили Васкрсење Христово зајдено са вашим најмилијама.



Читајући Нови Завет нарочито одломак из Дела Светих Апостола који се чита на Литургији на Светли Уторак се каже ко год призове име Божије биће спасен" (Д. Ап. 2:21) Молитва је веома користан начин да се обратимо Богу за помоћ кроз било које невоље и тешка времена кроз које некада пролазимо. Али ми требамо да се сетимо и да се захвалимо Богу за све што нам даје сваки дан. Свети Јован Златоусти у својој беседи на Светли Уторак указује на чињеницу да сви они који су верујући и обратe се Богу ће бити спасени било да су свештеник , роб, сиромашни, или да радите два посла , богаташ или бескућник свима ће нам бити суђено по делима нашим , оно што радимо и

нашим речима. Није ко смо него ста радимо и како то радимо. И ово је што се од нас тражи и на шта је указано у Светом Писму а то је да слободно дајемо наше Време , Таленте и Новац.

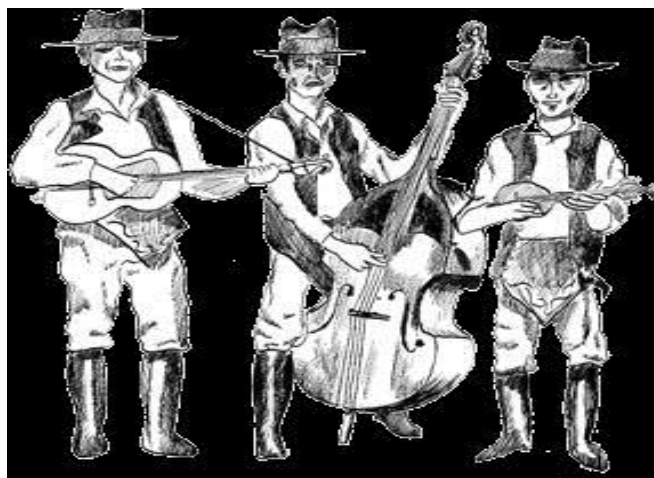
И како нам у сусрет долази Вазнесење Господње , следећих 40 дана ми Православни се поздрављамо са Христос Васкрсе , молимо вас да се сетите да помогнете вашу парохију на било који начин. Летњи месеци (годишњи одмори) нам увелико долазе и то је време када ваша парохија треба наквише помоћи. Птијајте свештеника , Старатељски одбор или неког од чланова Одбора како можете да помогнете.

МОЛИМО ВАС, ДРАГА БРАЋО И СЕСТРЕ, ДА ПОТПИШЕТЕ СТАРАТЕЉСКЕ КАРТИЦЕ КОЈЕ СМО ВАМ ДОСТАВИЛИ, БЕЗ ОБЗИРА НА СУМУ КОЈУ ЖЕЛИТЕ ДА ДОНИРАТЕ. ОД МНОГО ВЕЋЕГ ЗНАЧАЈА НАМ ЈЕ ВАШ ПОТПИС ЈЕР ВИДЉИВО ПОКАЗУЈЕ ПОДРШКУ НАШОЈ ЦРКВИ И ЊЕНОМ МИСИОНАРСКОМ КАО И СОЦИЈАЛНОМ РАДУ.

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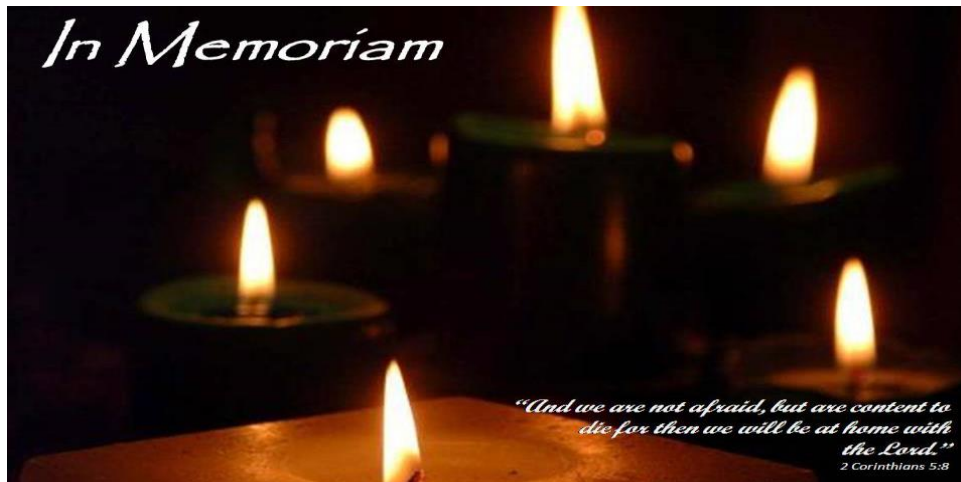
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The Melton & Mirkovich families would like to invite you to join us in celebrating and honoring Vjera's time on this earth as a wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, Aunt and friend. This celebration will be held on Saturday, June 7th from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the Norpoint Park Community Center in Tacoma. There will be a small program at 2:30 pm.

This is a get-together to focus on the positive ways Vjera impacted our lives. As a result of this celebration, the family will be putting together a "Memories" book. We would like to ask you, our family and friends, If you are so inclined, please bring with you a favorite picture or favorite written memory or story to commemorate your favorite time with Vjera. These will all be inserted into "Vjera's Book" as a keepsake for Alex & Jonna, and their children. Or, if you choose, there will be a microphone and you will be welcome to verbally share your thoughts as well. (Please be brief.)

Please RSVP to Alex or Jonna. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the 7th.

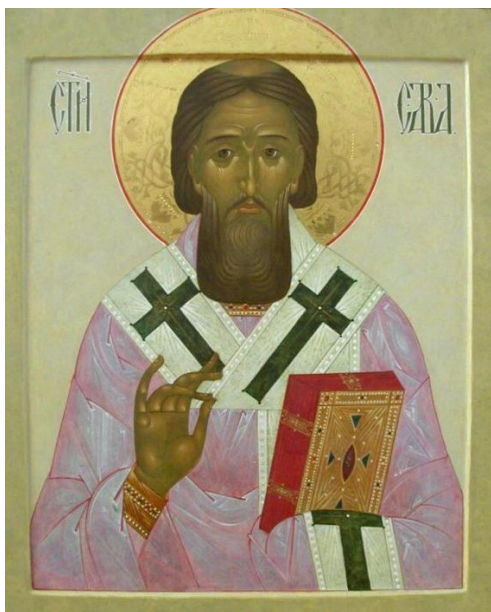
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“For where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst.” Matthew 18:20

*“Где су два или три сабрана у моје име
Тамо сам и ја међу њима.” Матеј 18:20*