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## St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

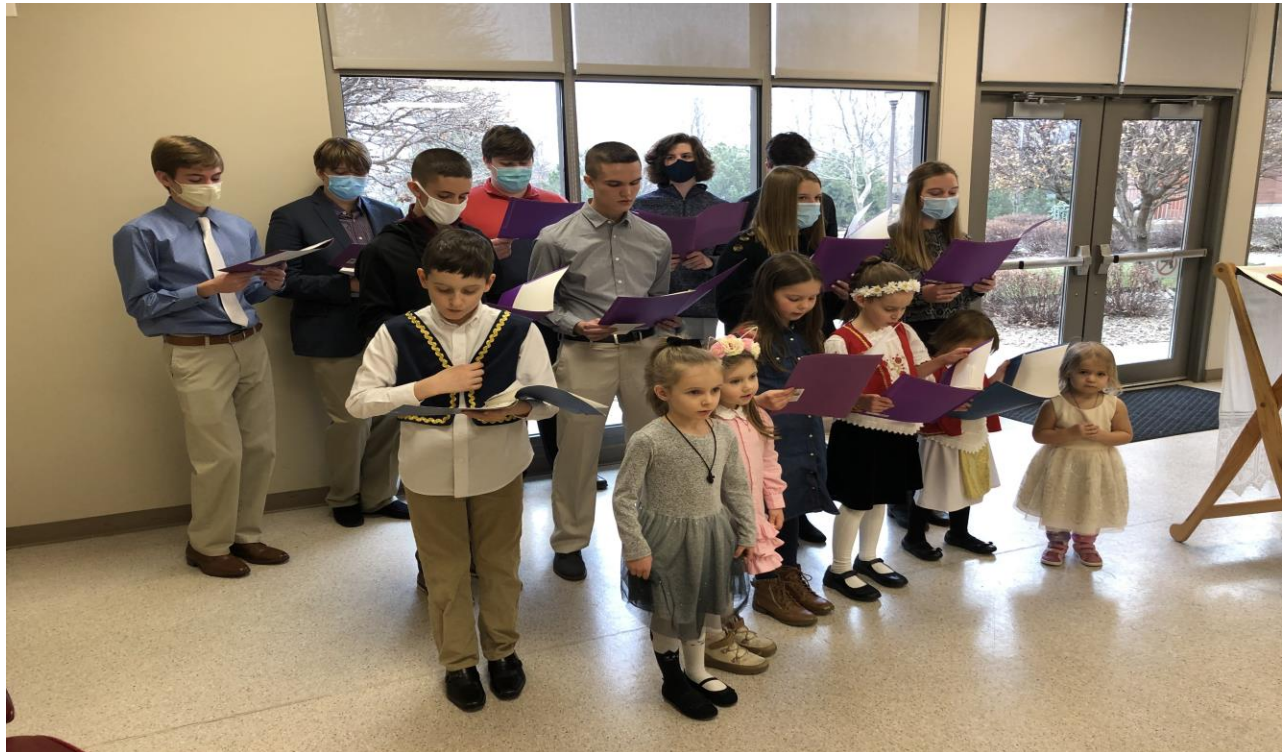
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**Sveti Sava  
Celebration  
Sunday,  
January 31,  
2021**

## Are you prepared for the Kingdom of Heaven?...

Christ is in our midst.

Friend, considering the particular times we live in, I'm going to ask you a very insensitive question.

Are you afraid of death?  
You don't need to answer.

But who isn't? Nobody really wants to die. That's why we're all masking and sanitizing.

I don't know why you picked up this newsletter. But I hope that it's because in some way you are interested in eternal life. That you know that there is life *after* death. And that you need to *prepare* for it. Because, as the ancient Greek poet and philosopher Archilochus (650 BC) said: "We don't rise to the level of our expectations, we fall to the level of our training."

In other words, you can't really read a book on music and become an opera singer the next day. You can't put aside \$1 today and retire tomorrow. You can't watch a show about weightlifting and win the next world championship tomorrow. You can't kiss the Gospel today and expect to be all set for Eternal Life...

Think for a moment... what's your level of preparation for the *Kingdom of Heaven*?

**Are you ready to look Christ in the eye and say: "I did everything You asked to the best of my ability. I deserve the Kingdom of Heaven...?"**

(BTW, if you answered "yes," please make an appointment for confession asap. Or at least read the parable of the Publican and Pharisee.)

Not one of us is really ready. True, you might be much more ready than I am. But you also might not be as ready as you *should* be. That's why I'm writing to you today.

I pray daily that you - and all members of our parish - all end up together in the Kingdom of Heaven. But I'm worried... Because you might be getting wrong information.

I'm sure you've met lots of people who say that all you need to do is to "accept Christ as your personal Savior" and you're good. You hear this daily... Or you hear that God loves you no matter what you've done and there's no need to change.

In the 2000 years of the history of our Church (that's quite a lot of collective experience!), the Orthodox found out *exactly* what Christ meant when He said that the Kingdom of Heaven "is ***taken by force***." (Mat. 11:12). Not once does the Gospel say that you can casually stroll into Heaven. The Gospel is full of stories of people who ***gave their all*** to be with Christ.

God wants the whole of you in your entirety. Your mind, your body, your soul, your thoughts. Everything. Yes, that's a lot to ask. But why would He settle for less? Who would want a relationship with someone who just uses them for free food and lodging? Why would God want me if all I ever do is take-take-take?

God gave us everything. And all He asked for in return is our hearts.

That's the beginning of the road to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Are you taking? Or are you giving? Want to find out? It's time to start training for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The best time to jump in with both feet is Great Lent. Our Church has laid out a whole system of how we can train for Pascha, and the next life, in a short space of 40 days. Are you ready for this challenge?

A warning: so many people try to reach Heaven without a guide. So many try to swim across the ocean, instead of taking a boat... Don't try to reinvent the wheel. Your Church has all the answers you need.

So start your training today. You can start small, just by making small changes today. But do something for God this Lent. And He'll do so much more for you. If you'd like more rigorous training, please talk to me. I'd love to help.

Here are a few things we can do for ourselves and share with others on our journey on to Great Lent. (This was shamelessly taken from a fellow priest on Facebook. Credit goes to Fr. Aidan Keller.)

1. Dairy and meat used up.
2. Thorough confession of sins made.
3. Any adaptations to the fast rules blessed by your priest in advance.
4. Reading material selected and ideally blessed by your priest in advance.
5. Plan for charitable giving in place.
6. Time arranged with employer so that the main Holy Week services and Pascha can be attended. Presanctified Liturgy should be attended on occasion at the very least; only at this service and a few others do most lay people experience the spirit of the Lenten services, which do not technically include the Sunday Liturgy.
7. Forgiveness asked of anyone you have quarreled with.
8. And above all, specific increase in prayer discipline blessed by priest in advance.

Hope to see you at Presanctified Liturgy during Lent. I hope you take the time to listen to the beauty of the Great Canon. Find out what Lent really is about.

Do more for God this Lent than you have done last Lent. Then you'll see progress on your way to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

In Christ

Fr. Radomir

P.S. If you haven't had your home blessed this year or last give me a call/email to set up a time

**Donations to our Church can be made on our website using PayPal:  
[www.st-george-church.org](http://www.st-george-church.org), given at Church, or mailed to our Church address:  
11001 Greenwood St., Lenexa, KS 66215.**

Христос је међу нама!

Пријатељу, имајући у виду време у којој живимо, поставићу ти тешко питање.

Да ли се плашиш смрти?

Не мораш дати одговор.

Ко се не плаши? Нико не жели да умре. Зато сви носимо маске и користимо средства за дезинфекцију.

Не знам зашто си узео у руке овај гласник. Надам се да је због тога што си заинтересован за живот вечни. Да знаш да постоји живот *после* смрти. И да ти требаш да се *припремиш* за живот вечни.

Древни старогрчки (650 пре Христа) песник Архилох рекао је: “Не достижемо ниво својих очекивања, већ падамо на ниво своје обуке”.

Другим речима, не можеш читати књигу о музици и постати оперски певач следећи дан.

Не можеш ставити 1 долар у банку данас и сутра ићи у пензију.

Не можеш гледати програм о дизању тегова и сутра бити светски шампион.

Не можеш целивати Јеванђеље данас и очекивати да си спреман за Вечни Живот....

Размислите за тренутак...колико си припремљен за вечни живот?

**Да ли си спреман да гледаш Христа у очи и рећи: “Све што си ме питао да учиним урадио сам најбоље што могу. Заслужио сам Царство Небеско...”?**

(Уосталом, ако си одговорио са “да”, под хитно закажи састанак са мном, или бар прочитај причу о Митару и Фарисеју)

Нико од нас никад није заиста спреман. Вероватно ти си више спреман него што сам ја. Али вероватно ниси спреман као што *требаш* бити. Зато ти пишем данас.

Молим се за тебе свакодневно – за све чланови наше парохије – да се сви нађемо у Царству Небеском.

Ипак се бринем...можда добијаш прогрешну информацију.

Вероватно овде си чуо од многих да само мораш “примити Христа као Спаситеља” или као што наши кажу “славим славу” и “има нешто” и све је у реду. Чује се то сваки дан...

Или чујеш да те Бог воли без обзира на шта си учинио и стога нема разлога да се промениш.

У 2000 година историје наше Цркве (то је прилично велико заједничко искуство!), Православци су тачно сазнали шта је Христос мислио кад је рекао да “у Царство небеско се проваљује, и силовити га освајају” (Матеј 11:12).

Нигде не пише у Јеванђељу да се може лепо ушетати у Рај. Библија је пуна прича о људима који су дали све од себе да буду са Христом

Бог жели те целог. Твој ум, тело, душу, мисли. Све.

Признајем то је велики захтев. Али зашто би се Он задовољио са мање? Ко жели однос са особом који га користи само за храну и смештај? Зашто би ме Бог желио ако ја само узимам и узимам и узимам?

Бог је нам дао све. Заузврат Он сам жели наше срце. То је почетак пута ка Царству Небеском.

Да ли узимаш? Да ли дајеш? Хоћеш сазнати?

Време је да се почне припрема за Царство Небеско.

Најбоље време да се крене пуно паром је Велики Пост. Наша Црква је направила цели систем припреме за Пасху/Васкрс, за следећи живот, у кратком размаку од 40 дана.

Да ли си спреман за овај изазов?

Упозорење: многи су пробали да стигну до Раја без путовођа. Многи покушавају препливати океан уместо да иду бродом...Немој да поново откриваш Америку. Твоја Црква има све могуће одговоре које су ти потребни.

Почни свој тренинг данас. Може да буде мала промена данас. Али учини нешто за Бога овим постом. Он већ много чини за тебе.

Ако желиш строжију обуку, разговарај са мном. Волео бих да помогнем

Ово неколико ствари можемо урадити за себе и делити са другима на нашем путу кроз Велики Пост.

Ово је узето од брата свештеника на Фејсбуку. Заслуга припада О. Лидану Келеру:

1. Појести месне и млечне производе
2. Темелита Исповест грехова.
3. Било која промена у правилу поста захтева благослов твог свештеника
4. Материјал за читање изабрано и идеално да уз благослова свештеника унапред
5. План за добротворство.
6. Унапред договорено на послу слободно време за страсну Седмицу и Васкрс.  
Пређосвећеној литургији треба присуствовати са времена на време у мајмање руку; само на овој служби и на неколико других лаици искусе дух великопосних служби, која не укључује недељну литургију
7. Тражити опроштај од било кога са ким се посвађао.
8. Пре свега, специфично повећање молитвене дисциплине коју је свештеник унапред благословио.

Надам се да ћемо се видети на Пређосвећеној литургији током Поста. Надам се да ћеш оставити време да слушате лепоту Великог Канона. Научи шта је то заиста Пост.

Уради више за Бога овог поста него претходног. Онда ћеш видети напредак на твојем путу ка Царству Небеском. Амин.

У Христу, Свештеник Радомир Плавшић

П.С. Ако нисмо осветили кућу ове или прошле године контактирај ме да се договоримо кад.

**Dear St. George Parishioners: *Happy New Year! I hope everyone is starting their new year with renewed enthusiasm, positive thoughts and an increase in your Christian beliefs and responsibilities!***

I would like to thank Father Radomir, all of the members of the Church Board, the Kolo Board, the Choir and other individuals who have worked very hard and have dedicated their lives during this past 12 months for our Church and our Orthodox religion. As I have mentioned previously, I believe that the Church should be a place where we can all attend and look to one another for support, guidance and friendship. I believe it was a major accomplishment that we have continued to provide a place of religious worship!

We were blessed to have very nice attendance for both Badnja Vece and Bozic (Christmas). It was great to see the children enjoy the traditions of the Badnjak Tree and then the burning of the branches (Thanks, Pat Hinkle). Thank you to those individuals who donated the fruits and candies that were provided to the children. Also, a big thank you to those children that chanted the Antiphons and Epistles on Christmas Day.

At our annual assembly, held on January 24, 2021, the following board for 2021 was elected:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| President                      | Paul Bajich     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Peter Bajich    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Mike Kimbell    |
| Treasurer                      | Paul Milosovich |
| Financial Secretary            | Jelena Miller   |
| Secretary                      | Brad Hijaz      |
| Member at Large                | Jack Meyers     |
| Member at Large                | Lisa Gribble    |

I would like to thank Danny Gurba, who

decided to not run for re-election this year, for his years of service on the board. Hvala Puno!

We continue to provide a Live Stream for Divine Liturgy, made available by Paul Milosovich, that we hope provides some type of connection that can be maintained for those



**AXIOS! NEW PATRIARCH ELECTED - His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Porfirije, pictured with Bishop Longin of the Midwestern Diocese (left) and Bishop Irinej of the Eastern Diocese (right)**

parishioners who do not yet feel comfortable in attending these services. We have received numerous positive comments regarding this option and many compliments related to the singing by our choir, directed by Peter Bajich.

**On a very positive note, the number of parishioners attending Divine Liturgy during January and February continue to increase.** Every day we learn more about this virus, as more individuals are being vaccinated and those individuals who previously tested positive have recovered, my hope and prayers are that this increase will continue. Obviously, we need to maintain our diligence and follow guidelines that will allow our parish to remain safe and keep our parish healthy. *(Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.)*

Great Lent is approaching, starting March 15<sup>th</sup>, with Easter (Pasha) on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please review the schedule that Father Radomir will prepare, which will be forwarded to everyone, for the services that will be held, and try to attend as many as you can.

Our annual Church Slava Celebration – **St. George’s Day** - will be held the weekend of May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting that our Bishop Longin will be joining us to help us celebrate not only our Church Slava, but our Mortgage Burning! Our honored Kumovi for this weekend will be the family of our Late President +Helen Feden. Please mark your calendars now to help us celebrate this great occasion!

**Yes**, we are planning on having our annual **SERBFEST** the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>!!! We are still in the planning stages, however, we are anticipating a primarily curb-side service, with pre-orders and possibly a walk-thru to-go orders. Please contact our Chairman, Mark Milosovich, or myself if you are interested in assisting with this event.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and I hope to see you in church very soon!

Paul Bajich

Church President: 2018-2021

“Ask not what the Church can do for you,  
But what You can do for YOUR Church.”



- 1. Annual Church Dues are \$100.00**
- 2. Please make sure you are staying up to date on your yearly donations to the church.**
- 3. Dues and donations are to be given to Jelena Bajich Miller**



**Kolo Sisters Report:**

Happy New Year! I hope that 2021 brings health, happiness and joy to all!!! We are hoping to return to some normalcy this year. Thank you to Dayna Meyers for her leadership in 2020, I would call it a true success! We have started slowly in 2021, but things are starting to happen. Thank you to those who have provided items for “coffee hours” these past couple of weeks. Our parish really enjoys having a little something to share with one another on Sundays. If you would like to bring something for any Sunday please let me know! As usual, we will also be collecting donations for Pascha flowers. If you would like to contribute please give your donation to Donna Lemley or myself. Hvala! We are starting to discuss and plan for St. George’s Day and SerbFest, I will forward information in the coming weeks.

If you are not a member of the Kolo and are interested please give me a call, email or we can chat on Sundays! Do not forget to pay your \$10 annual dues, which can be given to Donna Lemley or myself.

The Kolo Board for 2021 is the following:

President	Shauna Bajich
Vice President	Jelena Ozegovic
Treasurer	Donna Lemley
Secretary	Seja Bajich
Members at Large	Dayna Meyers Michelle Kimbell

I look forward to this New Year and hoping for the BEST!

Thank you for your support!  
Shauna Bajich, Kolo President



**Church School Superintendent Report:**

Happy New Year!

We have been blessed to have had church school classes since September 2020, with an average number of students of approximately fifteen. Our annual Sveti Sava Celebration was held on Sunday, January 31st, 2021, with sixteen students participating. Hymns to Saint Sava were sung along with the reciting of declamacije. It was great to continue this tradition!

A special thank you to our teachers, Mira Cubric, Shauna Bajich, Stephanie Mattivi and Leah Lemley, who are very dedicated and give their own time for the planning of lessons and organizing the various activities for our children.



We will continue to have church school every Sunday after Divine Liturgy, so I would encourage all parents to bring their children to take advantage of this great opportunity that our church provides in learning about our Orthodox values and teachings.

Paul Bajich, Church School Superintendent



**Greetings from St George Lodge #43!**

We wanted to send a message to all the parishioners of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Lenexa, Kansas.

As we begin our Great Lenten period, The Lodge would like to take a few minutes to thank our Church board on providing an environment that all could feel safe during this pandemic. We have not had to go one Sunday without Church whether it be streamed or in person. Many of our sick and elderly have been able to watch, when before they couldn't unless they were able to attend in person. My family, I know personally, has been able to both be in person and watch via YouTube. Times have changed this is true, but our traditions stay strong. Again many thanks go to our Church President Paul Bajich and Father Radomir, along with all the other Church boards on an outstanding job during this time. The more we stick together the stronger we will be.

The Lodge would like to take a moment to recognize the members we have lost this last year.

Louise Richardson

Helen Feden

Helen Gurba

*May their memories be eternal.*

The Lodge would also like to take a moment to recognize our new members. They have either already signed up or are in the process of doing so.

Jeff Venema

Neven Shaw

Madelyn Avery Martley

Joey Mattavi

Gabriella Ande Martley

Chelsea Helen Beeves

Thank you!

Stephen Lemley, President

Beverly Sobotka Treasurer

Mary Jean Venema, Vice President

Donna Lemley, Secretary

***Donations are being collected again this year for Pascha Flowers to decorate Christ's Tomb and the church for Easter Sunday. Please give your donation to Donna Lemley or Shauna Bajich***



### **Saint George Choir News:**

The choir held its annual meeting with election of officers on Tuesday, February 23. The Officers for 2021 are: President - Mirjana Cubric, Vice-President - Lisa Henre, Secretary - Jordan Beeves, Treasurer - Beverly Sobotka, Auditors - Brandi Bencun and LeAnn Hinkle. We are grateful to have as our Choir Director Pete Bajich and also the Serbian Singing Federation (parent organization) President - Brad Hijaz.

We are blessed to have a number of our members singing responses every Sunday for Divine Liturgy and also thank those chanters who sing at various other services during the week. Singing praises to our Lord is our ministry!

We are hoping to participate in the 79th SSF Festival which has been moved to Labor Day weekend this year in hopes that travel will be more opened up and the city of Phoenix, AZ will be able to host this event...fingers crossed! Receiving her 50-year pin will be Jelena Bajich Miller. That is a life time of dedication to our choir and church. Zivela Jelena! Of course she will be joining the esteemed ranks of our members who have received this honor in the past of: John Monchil, Beverly Sobotka, Seja Bajich-Bock, and Bozhi Bajich.

Be on the lookout for the SSF raffle tickets that our choir is charged to sell. We are fortunate that our Treasurer, Bev, continues to be the point person and our choir is one of the few nationwide who regularly sell/purchase our allotment. This is one of the key fundraisers for the SSF, so please consider buying a ticket or more when Bev calls!

Also, we will be collecting for the SSF Scholarship Fund and appreciate any donations to that worthy cause as well. We have had several of our own members benefit from this.

Another trip we hope to take is to visit our good friends of the St. Nicholas Choir in Omaha, NE this November. We plan to hold our own concert in mid-October. Of course, all these events are tentative right now. God willing, we will be able to proceed!

Back by popular demand will be the lenten food/bake sale that the choir will hold on Sunday, April 25th. This is our first fundraiser since 2019. Please help support the choir by purchasing food items and/or making a donation to the choir.

We appreciate your support and hope you continue to enjoy our beautiful Sunday Liturgy services. Thanks to Paul Milosovich for continuing to take the lead on providing the live stream. Also, thanks to Paul Bajich for setting up the Zoom meeting for our Choir assembly. As the saying goes, "It takes a village".

Lastly, my sincere thanks to those members who have been able to sing for the funeral and memorial services we have had — far too many, but I believe a comfort for the family and showing respect for the deceased. Thank you to the choir members who sing responses on Sundays and hope that going forward others may join. Ako Bog da!

-----M. Cubric

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 October 1, 2020 - March 7, 2021

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Estate of Helen Feden	\$10,000.00	Mr. Steve Malinovich	\$5,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Foltz	\$200.00		
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		Ms. Beverly Sobotka	\$25.00

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Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cubric	\$50.00		
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**Sunday, March 14th, Cheesefare Sunday, Недеља, 14 Март, Сиропусна Недеља**  
10 A.M. Divine Liturgy followed by Forgiveness Vespers

**Monday, March 15th. Beginning of Great Lent. Почетак Великог Поста**  
Monday March. 15<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Great Canon of St. Andrew at 5:30 P.M./ Понедељак,  
15 Март. Прво Читање Вел. Канона Андреја Критског. 5:30 увече

Tuesday March. 16<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Great Canon of St. Andrew at 5:30 P.M./ Уторак. 16  
Март, Друго Читање Вел. Канона Андреја Критског. 5:30 увече

Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Great Canon of St. Andrew at 5:30 P.M./ . Среда. 17  
Март, Треће Читање Вел. Канона Андреја Критског.. 5:30 увече

Thursday March. 18<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> Reading of Great Canon of St. Andrew at 5:30 P.M Четвртак18  
Март, Четврто Читање Вел. Канона Андреја Критског. 5:30 увече

**Sunday, March 21, Sunday of Orthodoxy. / Недеља, 21 Март, Недеља Православља;**  
Divine Liturgy at 10 aM

**Wednesday Morning, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Presanctified Liturgy at 9 AM**

**Sunday, March 28th, St Gregory of Palamas-2nd Sunday of Great Lent. Недеља, 28 Март,**  
Недеља Пачиста. Св. Григорије Палама; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

**Wednesday Morning, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Presanctified Liturgy at 9 AM... Среда, 31, Март.**  
**Литургија Пребосвећених Дарова**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>,. Sunday of the Cross 3rd Sunday., 4 Април. Недеља Крстопоклона 10 A.M.**  
Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>,. Annunciation., 7 Април, Благовести Liturgy at 9 AM**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>,.Sunday of the Latter., 11 Април.. Недеља Лествице. 10 A.M. Divine**  
Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија

**April 18<sup>th</sup>,. Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt., 18 Април. Недеља Марије Египћанке 10 A.M.**  
Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>,. Lazarus Saturday., 24 Арпил. Лазарева Субота. 9 A.M. Divine**  
Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday., 25 Април Цвети 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена**  
Литургија.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>,. Great Friday, 30 Април. Велики Петак.**



## On Communion and Sickness

by Patriarch Pavle

**Question:** During Communion, some priests wipe the spoon after communing each of the faithful, but a majority do not do this. The former view themselves as practical and precautionary, while the latter condemn this approach saying that it confuses the faithful, that it comes from a lack of faith, that it is not in accordance with dogma, and so on. Keeping in mind that the greatest Mystery(Sacrament) of our Faith is in question, what stance should we take in this regard, not just for the sake of uniformity?

**Answer:** This question, as far as I am familiar with it, was first brought to us and extensively written about between the two world wars by Archimandrite Dr. Petronije Trbojevic. But the standpoint about the need to introduce multiple spoons for communion, or the wiping off of one spoon after communing each individual, he had adopted much earlier. Thus, in September of 1911 he sent a petition to the Holy Synod in Sremski Karlovci requesting that this approach be officially adopted by the entire Metropolitanate of Sremski Karlovci.

In this petition, along with reasons of hygiene (“claiming that the single spoon, especially without thorough wiping, can transmit various diseases”) and aesthetics (“many communicants, so to speak, shudder when they think about mouths the spoon has been in without any cleaning or wiping), he states one dogmatic reason which he argues thus: Except for the hot water, nothing must be added to Holy Communion. However, when there is saliva caught on the spoon during communion, which is again dipped into the Holy Chalice and partly washed and mixed with Holy Communion: “if the spoon is placed a100 times into the mouth of communicants and again into the Chalice, one can imagine that the wine (the blood) will change in a noticeable way. Then this dogmatic reason becomes more important than the first two reasons”.

At the end of the same year, the Holy Synod made this decision: “This petition is not accepted for the reason that the Holy Church has taken care and has enough means so that the faithful are protected from infectious diseases. The aforementioned quasi dogmatic reason has no basis”.

Unsatisfied with the Holy Synod’s decision, Archimandrite Petronije sent the same petition to Jovan Z. Buta, the editor of “Pravoslavlje” the Theological publication which came out in Sremska Mitrovica, for it to be published there. He refused to print it in the publication with the explanation: “Neither the hygienic nor the aesthetic reason can convince me of the need to change the way of dispensing communion. You have not supported the dogmatic case with any arguments. More so, the dogmatic teaching on this subject kills those two reasons, which seem well founded and justified at first glance. Why? If the teaching of our Church is true...then Holy Communion is fire that burns up every impurity not only of the soul but also of the body.

The Grace of God acts upon the soul as much as the body; the priest prays that Holy Communion be unto the healing of soul and body. The body is sick not only from the lusts of the flesh – but from various diseases”. At the end Buta writes: “I am not afraid of infections in Communion, and I’ve never heard of any priest becoming infected in this way”. After the First World War, in July of 1921, Archimandrite Petronije sent his petition to the Holy Synod of the Serbian Church but, again, did not receive a positive response.

In the words of the Lord, the Church throughout the ages believed that Holy Communion: “is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread

will live forever” (John 6:58). Communing, we become one body with Christ the Life-Giver. Who worthily “communes the body and blood of Christ is one body and blood with Him” says St. Cyril of Jerusalem. How this happens is explained very well to us by St. Gregory of Nyssa: “a little yeast makes the whole dough like itself. So, the immortalized body of the Lord through God, being in us, changes and transforms everything to itself”.

Nikolaos Kavalas<sup>1</sup> explains in more detail concerning this that Holy Communion is true food for His Church. “(the Church) in partaking of the Gifts does not turn them into human flesh, as happens with any other food, but She (the Church) is transformed into the Gifts, since the stronger overcomes the weaker. Just like iron placed in the fire eventually becomes fire and does not turn fire into iron. And as we see red-hot iron in the fire not as iron but as fire, since fire at some point completely overtakes the characteristics of iron and replaces them with its own, likewise, if one could see such things with his eyes, he would see Christ's Church upon partaking of the Body of Christ being united with the Body of Christ and completely turning into the Body of Christ. Therefore, the Church believes that the faithful, having become one body with Christ through Communion, and thus having come into contact with His divine energies, not only cannot be infected through Holy Communion but that it is the source of life and health. St. John of Kronstadt mentions more cases of healing from various diseases after Holy Communion: “How many times – he says – have I had the chance to see a sick person, who was melted away as wax from a disease, feeble, dying, and after partaking of the Divine Mysteries, in their heartfelt desire, or at my advice, become well quickly in a miraculous fashion” and then he cites an example of an older person, a high school student, a young son of a tradesman, an older woman, a young girl, an adult man and so forth.

If it was as Archmandrite Petronije Trbojevic said, that infections could be spread through Communion, then a majority of priests, especially physically weaker ones, would be sick from various infectious diseases and many of them would have died long ago. However, reality shows something completely different. A majority of them live into deep old age and die from sicknesses that are not infectious. On average, priests are long-lived people. It was the same in older times when, before the spoon was introduced, all the faithful were communed and drank from the same chalice.

Archimandrite Petronije asked J.Z. Buta this question in response to his statement that he is not afraid of infection in Communion: “Would he consume Communion if someone were to put cyanide in to it?” He missed the mark completely, for it is impossible that the very Archimandrite did not notice that the “possibility” of infection is one thing, and the “certainty” of cyanide is another. While honoring the sanctity of the Holy Gifts we cannot exclude the possibility of doing damage to the health of the faithful if we were to administer the Gifts from such [poisoned] chalice, or especially by using wine which had previously been tainted.

It would be an excessive hope in the mercy of God, at the very least recklessness in every respect, of us, God's unworthy co-workers and helpers, if a priest, knowing that the wine was kept in an unsuitable vessel, or was infected with some virus, or poisoned, used it for communion. It should be understood that we the faithful don't think that Holy Communion is a chemical agent that neutralizes poisons, that it is used for those purposes, or to experiment with it like that; it is above all else the Divine means for spiritual elevation, liberation from sin, receiving of eternal life, and resurrection at the last day (John 6:54).

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<sup>1</sup> **Nicholas Kabasilas** or **Cabasilas** (Greek: Νικόλαος Καβάσιλας) (c. 1322–1395), born Nicolaos Chamaetos Cabasilas; Orthodox theologian, renowned dogmatist, and saint who lived in Constantinople and very influential in the Orthodox Church to this day.

In Christianity, the main thing and “the one thing needful” was always to gain “the Heavenly instead of the earthly; the eternal instead of the temporary; the incorrupt instead of the corrupt”. Everything temporary and bodily is secondary. That is why in the prayers of all three liturgies one always finds supplications for that which is eternal, while prayers for physical needs, health, and other such things are rare.

It may sound paradoxical if we say now, after all that we have brought out, that the Church always knew that Holy Communion can be a source of weakness and illness, even death. Speaking about approaching the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Apostle Paul says: :” For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many have fallen asleep...(1 Cor. 11:30). But this does not speak of infections from bacillus, bacteria, and viruses gotten through Communion, but about the dangers of those who “unworthily eat the bread and drink from the chalice of the Lord”.

In the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great there is the prayer: “O our Lord, Lord of Salvation...us weak in soul and body who are unworthy to commune”. Commenting on these words in 1 Corinthians, St. John Chrysostom says: “Many incorrectly ask one another: from where do cases of premature deaths come from, where do long lasting illness come from? The source of many, he (St. Paul) says of these sudden troubles are to be found in sins”. That is why Christians today must put all their efforts in the direction of fleeing from sin. The health of the soul will then act toward the health of the body.

The age-old experience and the practice of the Orthodox Church does not allow the understanding of Archimandrite Petronije Grbojevic and other priests who, out of fear of infection, seek the introduction of multiple spoons, or the wiping of one spoon after the communion of each individual communicant.

Finally, I will cite one example which I consider worthy of an exceptional approach. I speak, namely that one should take in to account those persons who are very sensitive, those who in a greater extent are more easily nauseated, for whom it is more easy to vomit, and to whom the spiritual Father needs to condescend and lighten the approach to Holy Communion. This can be brought about without running to extraordinary measures. Until that believer does not become stronger and conquers in himself this weakness, I think an exception could be allowed that he come first in line to communion, before everyone else or at the end after the handing out of the antidoron, when the Chalice is already placed on the proskomedia table and the spoon has been wiped. In this way, we can meet him half way, as much as it is possible without the unnecessary provoking of questions and confusion among the rest of the faithful.



**If you have any questions  
about receiving Holy  
Communion, please  
contact Fr. Radomir.**

### Причешће и Болест. Патријарх Павле

*Приликом причешћивања, поједини свештеници бришу кашичицу после причешћа сваког верног, док већина то не чини. Први сматрају да су практични и предострожни, док други осуђују овакав поступак сматрајући да се њиме уноси забуна међу верне, да је знак маловерности, не одговара догматски, итд. С обзиром да је у питању највећа тајна наше вере, какав став треба заузети у овом питању, не само ради једнообразности?*

ОДГОВОР: Ово питање, колико ми је познато, први је код нас изнео и о њему опширно писао, између два рата, архимандрит др Петроније Трбојевић. Али је становиште о потреби увођења више кашичица за причешћивање, или брисање једне после причешћа сваког појединца усвојио још раније, тако да је септембра 1911. год. поднео Светом синоду у Сремским Карловцима представку којом је тражио да се званично уведе овакав поступак у целој Карловачкој митрополији.

У тој представци, поред хигијенског разлога ("да заједничка кашика, особито без темељног брисања, може да пренесе разне болести"), и естетског ("многог причесника тако рекући језа ухвати, кад помисли у колико је уста била та кашичица без икаквог чишћења и брисања"), наводи он и један догматски разлог у коме расуђује овако: Сем теплоте, Светом причешћу се не сме ништа додавати. Међутим, како се на кашичицу, при причешћивању, ухвати мало пљувачке, која се, кад се кашичица поново умочи у Свету чашу, делимично опере и помеша са Светим причешћем: "Ако се кашика сто пута у уста причесника метне и понопо у путир спусти, може се замислити случај да ће се вино (крв) у осетној мери променити. Онда постаје овај догматски разлог важнији од првих двају разлога".

Крајем исте године, Свети синод је на ову представку донео следеће решење: "Молба се ова не уважава са разлога што се Света црква постарала и има довољно средстава да се верни очувају од заразних болести, а наведени квази догматски разлог нема никаква основа".

Незадовољан оваквом одлуком Светог синода, архим. Петроније достави исту представку Јовану Ж. Бути, уреднику "Православља", богословског листа који је излазио у Сремској Митровици, да се онде објави. Но овај одбије њено штампање у листу с образложењем: "Ни хигијенски ни естетски разлог не може да ме увери о потреби промене у начину причешћивања. Догматски разлог нисте никаквим аргументима потврдили. Шта више, догматско учење по овом предмету убија и она два разлога, на први мах основана и оправдана. Зашто? Ако је учење наше Цркве истинито... онда је Свето причешће огањ који сажиже сваку нечистоћу не само душе. него и тела.

Благодат Божја колико утиче на душу толико и на тело; свештеник се моли да причешће свето буде во исцјељење души и тјела. А тело болује не само од похоти плоти - него и од разних болести." На крају Бута вели: "Ја се не бојим инфекције у причешћу, а нисам још чуо да је и један свештеник био заражен тим путем. После I светског рата, јула 1921. год., поднео је архимандрит Петроније овакву представку Светом синоду Српске цркве, али и тада без позитивног резултата.

Према речи Господњој, у Цркви се кроз векове веровало да је Свето причешће "хлеб који је сишао с неба, а не као што су оци јели и помрли. Ко једе овај хлеб живеће вечно" (Јов. 6, 58). Причешћујући се, ми постајемо једно тело с Христом Животодавцем. Који се достојно "причешћује телом и крвљу Христовом бива истог тела и крви с Њим", вели Свети Кирило Јерусалимски." Врло лепо објашњење како то бива даје нам Свети Григорије Ниски: "Мало квасца све тесто према себи уиодоби. Тако обесмрћено Богом тело Господње, будући у нама, све претвара и мења према себи".

Још детаљније излаже о томе Никола Кавасила велећи да је Свето причешће права храна за Цркву Његову. "И (Црква) причешћујући се њима, не претвара њих у људско тело, као што бива са којом било другом храном, него се она (Црква) претвара у њих, пошто јаче надвлађује. Као што гвожђе стављено у огањ само постаје огањ, не претвара огањ у гвожђе. И као што усијано гвожђе не видимо као гвожђе, него просто као огањ, иошто се особине гвожђа потпуно губе због огња, тако и Христова Црква, кад би је ко могао видети онда кад се сједини с Њим и причести се Његовим телом, не би видео ништа друго него само Господње тело". Стога Црква верује да верни поставши причешћем једно тело са Христом, и дошавши тако у додир са Његовим божанским енергијама, не само да не могу да се заразе преко Светог причешћа, него да је оно извор живота и здравља. Свети Јован Кронштатски помиње више случајева исцељења од разних болести после Светог причешћа: "Колико сам пута - вели он - имао прилике да видим болеснике истопљене као восак од болести, потпуно малаксале, умируће, а који су после причешћа божанским тајнама, по својој срдачној жељи, или по мојој препоруци, на чудесан начин брзо се опорављали", па износи случај једног старца, једног ученика ниже гимназије, синчића трговца, старице, једне девојчице, одраслог човека итд.

Кад би онако бивало како вели архим. Петроније Трбојевић, и кад би се преко причешћа ширила зараза, то би већина свештеника, особито физички слабијих, боловала од најразличнијих заразних болести и многи од њих већ давно помрли. Међутим, стварност показује сасвим друго. Велики број њих доживљава дубоку старост и умире од болести које нису заразне. У просеку свештеници су догочени људи. А тако је било и у старије доба кад су, пре увођења кашичице, сви верни причешћујући се, иили из истог путира.

Питање које поставља архимандрит Петроније Ј. Ж. Бути, на изјаву овога да се не боји инфекције у причешћу: Би ли он употребио причешће у које би усугубио цијанкалија? сасвим промаша циљ, јер не може бити да и сам архимандрит није примећивао да је друго "могућност" заразе, а друго "извесност" цијанкалија. То пак што се указивању поштовања Светим тајнама, тако и искључење могућности штете која би могла наставити за здравље верних кад би у таквом путиру стајало вино, које не постаје одмах, чим се улије у њега, крв Христова.

Било би прекомерно уздање у милост Божју, у најмању руку лакомисленост за сваку осуду, недостојна нас као сарадника, помоћника Божјих (1 Кор. 3,9), кад би свештеник знајући да је вино било у неодговарајућем суду, или заражено каквим вирусима, или отровано, да га употреби за причешће. Јер треба схватити да ми верни не мислимо да је Свето причешће хемијско средство за неутрализацију отрова, те да се може у том циљу употребљавати, или с њим тако

експериментисати, него пре свега и изнад свега божанско средство за духовно уздизање, ослобођење од греха, задобијање живота вечног и васкрсења у последњи дан (Јн. 6, 54).

У хришћанству је свагда било главно, и "једино од потребе": задобити "уместо земаљског-небеско; уместо привременог-вечно; уместо трулежног-нетрулежно". Све привремено, телесно долази у други план. Зато се у молитвама све три Литургије свагда налазе прозбе о вечном, а о телесним потребама, здрављу и другом ретко.

Може звучати парадоксално ако сада, после свега онога што смо изнели, кажемо да се у Цркви свагда знало да Свето причешће заиста може бити узрок слабости и болести, па чак и смрти. Говорећи о приступању телу и крви Христовој, Свети апостол Павле вели: "Зато су међу вама многи болесни и доста их је умрло..." (1 Кор. 11, 30). Но ту он не говори о зарази од бацила, бактерија и вируса, добијених преко причешћа, него о опасности за онога који "недо-стојно једе хлеб и пије чашу Господњу".

У молитви Литургије Светог Василија Великог "Боже наш, Боже спасати... ниже немошчна душсју и тјелом от јеже недостојње сих прича-чатија". Тумачећи ово место 1 Коринћанима, Свети Јован Златоуст вели: "Многи у недоумици питају један другог: Откуд настају превремени смртни случајеви, откуд дуготрајне болести? Узрок многих, говори он (Павле), од ових изненадних невоља налази се у гресима". Зато све своје старање хришћанин и данас треба да упути у правцу избегавања греха. Здравље душе дејствоваће онда на здравље тела.

Вековно искуство, дакле, и пракса Православне цркве не даје за право схватању архимандрита Петронија Грбојевића и оних свештеника који, из бојазни од заразе, траже увођење више кашичица, или брисање једне после причешћа сваког верног.

На крају указаћу на један случај за који сматрам да има места да се изнимно поступи друкчије. Мислим, наиме, да треба узети у обзир постојање света преосетљивог, у већој мери гадљивог, код кога долази лако до повраћања и коме би пастир-духовник требало на неки начин да снисходи и олакша приступање Светом причешћу. Но и то би се могло извести без прибегавања неким ванредним мерама. Док такав верник не ојача и не савлада у себи ову слабост, мислим да би му се, изузетно, могло допустити да се причести на почетку, пре свих, или сасвим на крају, после дељење антидора, кад је путир већ пренесен на проскомидију и кашичица по причешћу отрвена. На тај би се начин њему изашло у сусрет, колико је могуће, без непотребног изазивања питања и уношења недоумице код осталих верних.

На Српском, Молитва у време епидемије. да се чита ујутру код куће:

Господе Боже наш, Ти си богат милосрђем и премудрим Промислом Својим управљаш животом нашим; Ти Сâм, Човекољупче, услиши молитве наше, прими покајање наше за грехе, смилуј се на нас као што си се смисловао на Народ Свој у дане цара Давида и заустави ширење заразе новојављеном опаком болешћу. Лекару душа и тела наших, подари исцељење и опоравак оболелима, а здраве сачувај од ове и сваке друге болести, да бисмо сви једним устима и једним срцем хвалили, славили и благосиљали пречасно и величанствено име Твоје. Благослови, Господе Своблаги, и благодаћу

Својом заштити и укрепи слуге и слушкиње Твоје које се са љубављу самопрегорно старају за исцељење и опоравак браће своје и сестара својих у болницама или у домовима њиховим. Уклони болести и патње међу људима и научи нас да ценимо живот и здравље као дарове љубави Твоје. У свакој тузи и невољи нашој Ти нам буди утеха, нада, ослонац, укрепљење и исцељење. Даруј нам, Господе Боже наш, мир Свој и испуни срца наша чврстом вером у Тебе, надом у доброту и заштиту Твоју и љубављу према Теби. Заштити, спаси, помилуј и сачувај нас, Боже, благодаћу Својом и молитвама Пресвете Богородице, светих анђела Твојих и свих светих који Ти од памтивека угодише.

Јер си Ти добри и човекољубиви Бог наш, Бог Који нас милује и спасава, и Теби славу уносимо, Оцу и Сину и Светоме Духу, сада и увек и у векове векова. Амин!

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### *Prayers of Protection from the Corona Virus*

Lord our God, You who are rich in mercy and with careful wisdom direct our lives, listen to our prayer, receive our repentance for our sins, bring an end to this new infectious disease, this new epidemic, just as you averted the punishment of your people in the time of David the King. You who are the Physician of our Souls and Bodies, grant restored health to those who have been seized by this illness, raising them from their bed of suffering, so that they might glorify You, O merciful Savior, and preserve in health those who have not been infected. By your grace, Lord, bless, strengthen, and preserve, all those who out of love and sacrifice care for the sick, either in their homes or in the hospitals. Remove all sickness and suffering from your people, and teach us to value life and health as gifts from You. Give us Your peace, O God, and fill our hearts with unflinching faith in Your protection, hope in Your help, and love for You and our neighbor. For yours is to have mercy on us and save us, O our God, and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.