

**ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**HE NEVER SLEEPS- READ PSALM 121**

The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. Giraffes have the shortest sleep cycle of any mammal. They sleep only between 10 minutes and 2 hours in a 24-hour period and average just 1.9 hours of sleep per day. Seemingly always awake, the giraffe has nothing much in common with most humans in that regard. If we had so little sleep, it would probably mean we had some form of insomnia. But for giraffes, it is not a sleep disorder that keeps them awake. It is just the way God has made them.

If you think 1.9 hours a day is not much sleep, consider this fact about the Creator of our tall animal friends; OUR HEAVENLY FATHER NEVER SLEEPS!

Describe God’s continual concern for us, the psalmist declares, “He who keeps you will not slumber’ (Ps. 121:3). In the contest of this psalm, the writer makes it clear that God’s sleepless vigilance is for our good. Verse 5 says, “The Lord is your keeper.” God keeps us, protects us, and cares for us —with no need for refreshing. Our protector is constantly seeking our good. As one song puts it: “He never sleeps, He never slumbers. He watches me both day and night.”

Are you facing difficulties? Turn to the One who never sleeps. Each second of each day, let Him “preserve your going out and your coming in’ ( v.8) Bill Cowder

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**VISITS**

- April 11: Allegheny: Frances Kozlina, George Geregach
- April 13: Medical Center: Mildred Arbutina, Charles Jasper, John Nairn
- April 14: St. Margaret, Pittsbrigh: Diane Caler  
Allegheny: Francis Kozlina
- April 15: Rochester Manor: Dolores Maravich  
Sewickley: Mildred Marovich and Lucille Musolin
- April 16; West Hills: Mary Jovovich, Mildred Manojolovich, Helen “Yetsie” Medich, Radmila Mrkalj, Milka Vucetich, and Eli Zeljak

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**The Konevets Quartet**, a professional group from St. Petersburg, Russia, will sing a concert of Russian church and folk music on **Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm at St. Mark Church 326 Munson Ave. Mc Kees Rocks, PA.** Also appearing will be the **Tsar Lazar Serbian Male Chorus** of the tri-state area. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$10 for students and can be purchased at the door. Proceeds benefit the St. Mark Project of St Nicholas Orthodox church of Mc Kees Rocks, providing housing for the elderly. For additional information you may go to: [info@stnicholas-org.org](mailto:info@stnicholas-org.org)

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**MEETING**

***TODAY Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> we will have an (open forum and discussion) TASK FORCE MEETING immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Center. Coffee and donuts will be served. Please attend!***

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**FUNDRAISER ANNOUNCEMENT-** we have scheduled the following Fundraisers for 2010:

- \* **Dan Ralich Memorial Golf Tournament**, Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>,
- \* **Election Day Breakfast/Dinners** Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- \* **One Day FOOD FESTIVAL** Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>,
- \* **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Festival-** Saturday and Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and
- \* **64<sup>th</sup> Annual SNF Bowling Tournament** Fri., Sat. and Sun., October 8-10, 2010.

**FOOD PREPARATION DAYS** -. On Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6:30 pm until completed we will make STRUDELS once again. We are asking for volunteers to come and help, please call the church center office 724-375-9894 if you are available. This will allow us to know how may helpers we will have and make a work schedule accordingly.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK THE TIME TO BE THERE FOR THE LAST TWO SESSIONS!**

