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**AKATHIST -ANTHEM**  
**SECOND VIGIL SERVICE**

Will be held here at St. Elijah Serbian  
Orthodox Church  
THIS Friday, March 19, 2009 at 6:00 pm  
Responses sung by the St. Elijah Choir  
If you have never done so, please attend this  
beautiful service.  
Make it a part of your Lenten Journey!

**BIBLE READING —JOEL 2:12-17**

I don't think that the hesitation in my car engine and that little yellow "check engine" light on my dashboard really needed my immediate attention. I sang it away, saying that I would get to it tomorrow. However, the next morning when I turned the key to start my car, it wouldn't start. My first reaction was frustration, knowing that this would mean money, time, and inconvenience. My second thought was more of a resolution: I need to pay attention to warning lights that are trying to get my attention—they can mean something is wrong.

In Joel 2:12-17, we read that God used the prophet Joel to encourage His people to pay attention to the warning light on their spiritual dashboard. Prosperity had caused them to become complacent and negligent in their commitment to the Lord. Their faith had degenerated into empty formalism and their lives into moral bankruptcy. So God sent a locust plague to ruin crops in order to get His people's attention, causing them to change their behavior and turn to Him with their whole heart.

What warning lights are flashing in your life? What needs to be tuned up or repaired through confession and repentance? —Marvin Williams —RBC

**VISITS**

- March 8<sup>th</sup> Sewickley Hospital: Dolores Maravich  
Rochester Manor: Dorothy Polovina
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Sewickley Hospital: Seya Mabee, Delores Maravich
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Sewickley Hospital: Seya Mabee, Dolores Maravich

**LENTEN VESPER SERVICE- Will be held today at 5:30 pm at Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church, Steubenville.**

**THE LITURGIES OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS** will be served on Friday, March 19, 2010. The Service of Hours will begin at 9:00 a.m. Holy Confession will be heard at 9:30 a.m. and the Presanctified Liturgy will follow at 10:00 a.m.

**~~~~FROM THE CHURCH EXECUTIVE BOARD~~~~**

**IMPORTANT 1/4 INFORMATIONAL MEETING/TASK FORCE MEETING (OPEN FORUM AND DISCUSSION)**

**TODAY immediately following Divine Liturgy in the CENTER.**

You all should have received your report in the mail last week and should have reviewed it in preparation for today's meeting. We are informing you today that there will be two more important meetings that we are requesting everyone to attend. They are scheduled immediately following Divine Liturgy in the center. The dates are as follows, Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (open forum and discussion) and Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (voting meeting). We cannot overemphasize the importance of these meetings and the decisions that will be rendered for the future of our parish. Please attend.

**FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE MEETING-** This Thursday we will have a fundraiser meeting at 7:00 pm in the bottom of the church hall. We have scheduled the following Fundraisers so far 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 the **64<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament** Friday, Saturday and Sunday October 8-10, 2010. As you can see we have a very busy year ahead of us. We are asking for anyone who would like to volunteer to work on any of these fundraisers to please come to this very important meeting. See you there.



**EASTER FLOWERS**-will adorn the church during the Easter Holiday. If you would like to donate a flower in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, please see Mickey Belas following Divine Liturgy.

