

Parish Bulletin

Župni Vjesnik

November 16, 2014 - 16. studenoga 2014.



St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish
Hrvatska katolička župa sv. Jeronima

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Croatian Franciscan Friars

Fr. Ivica Majstorović, OFM - Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM



Mass schedule • Raspored misa

Saturday • Subota

5:30 p.m. English

Sunday • Nedjelja

7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. English

11 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan

7:30 a.m. English

Posjeta bolesnicima – uvijek

Sick calls – at any time

Krštenja – po dogovoru

Baptisms – by appointment

Ispovijedi – pola sata prije mise

Confessions – before Masses

Vjenčanja – najaviti 6 mjeseci ranije

Weddings – arrange 6 months in advance

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Glas župe sv. Jeronima

Subotom od 10 do 11 sati (750 AM)

Croatian Catholic Radio

Voice of St. Jerome's

Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m. on 750 AM

Monday, November 17 - Ponedjeljak, 17. studenogaSt. Elizabeth of Hungary - sv. *Elizabeta Ugarska***7:30 a.m.**

- † Joe Bozich *wife and family*
 † Theresa Bujas *Marion Roti*

Tuesday, November 18 - Utorak, 18. studenoga**7:30 a.m.**

- † Paul Krstulovich (3rd Anniversary)..... *Anna and Matt Babich*
 † Bob Edwards..... *Cathi and Pete Wilkie*
 †† Jim and Ann Sutera..... *Mila Morić and family*

Wednesday, November 19 - Srijeda, 19. studenoga**7:30 a.m.**

- † Guardian Angel (Mary Grace) *Gen and family*
 †† Margaret and Rocco Loscalzo *Ellen O'Donnell*

Thursday, November 20 - Četvrtak, 20. studenoga**7:30 a.m.**

- † Ann Sutera *Fran Grybas*
 Na čast Gospe *obitelj Ignjatović*

8:05 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za župljane

7 – 9 p.m.Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje***Friday, November 21 - Petak, 21. studenoga**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
*Prikazanje BDM***7:30 a.m.**

- † Richard Cosentino *Catherine and Nick Perisin*
 † Jaka i Toma Šipić *Ante Šipić*
 Na nakanu obitelji Čorić..... *Jagoda Čorić*

Saturday, November 22 - Subota, 22. studenogaSt. Cecilia - sv. *Cecilija***7:30 a.m.**

- † Ann Contino *Fran Lucente*
 † Bobby Gallagher *Ellen O'Donnell*
 Na odluku *Josip i Iva Prša*

5:30 p.m.

- † Mike Burazin *St. Jerome Parish*
 † Mary Grace Zekich *Cannatello family*
 † Paul Mustari *Bob and Nancy Link*
 † Maria Gazzi *Gazzi family*
 † Dragica Mišura (20. Obljetnica) *Petar Žaper i obitelj*
 † Stanley Szatkowski *Szatkowski family*
 † Jean Stroncsek *Cannatellos*
 † Srđa Popović *Domagoj Paraga i obitelj*
 †† Frank and Anna Annerino *Gazzi family*

Sunday, November 23 - Nedjelja, 23. studenoga**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

ISUS KRIST – KRALJ SVEGA STVORENJA

7:30 a.m.

- † Lucy Matković *friend*
 † Angeline Reidl *Catherine and Nick Perisin*
 † John Basso *Vito Calace*
 †† Dominick and Lena Marino *Chris and Matt Pesce*
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

- † Charles Catino *Carm Parrilli*
 † Joseph Amato *wife Cathy*
 † Mary Grace Zekich *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 † Ann Sestito *Rose Marie*
 † Marilyn Scardino *Rose Marie Senese*
 † Ernest J. Basic *Cimaglia family*
 †† Dominick and Lena Marino *Sylvia Perisin*

11 a.m.

- † Anton Barun *Mijo i Zdenka Barun*
 † Karmila Knezović *Tomica Marušić*
 † Dragica Mišura *Jakov i Milenka Bilonić i obitelj*
 † Marko Perić *supruga Marija i obitelj*
 † Anto Tomić *Milan i Ankica Golub i obitelj*
 † Josip Armić *obitelj Armić*
 † Marija Galović *Suprug Ante*
 † Mare Žgela *Obitelj Šulentić*
 † John Pauletić *Ana Prendivoj*
 † Vinka Bradarić *Michael Vladovich*
 † Marko Šulentić *obitelj Šulentić*
 † Ivan Žužić *obitelj Žužić*
 † Sofija Pastuović *Marinko Krstulović*
 † Biserka Marušić *Tomica i djeca*
 † Fra Vilim Cecera *Bože Guvo i obitelj*
 † Luka Markotić *Ante i Anica Lončar*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 †† iz obitelji Stiglić *obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Glunčić *Vicko Glunčić*
 U zahvalu za uslišane molitve *Bože Guvo i obitelj*

LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Mary Fratto

7:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich; 9:30 a.m. – Sonia Antolec

11 a.m. – Darko Grgić, Damjan Karlović, Kristina Hrvojević

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro; 7:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich

9:30 a.m. – MaryBeth Insalaco; 11 a.m. – po dogovoru

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Lucas Mizera, Molly and Matthew McCormick

7:30 a.m. – Isabella and Olivia Wroblewski

9:30 a.m. – Kiara Luna, Robert Ruiz, John Zekich

11 a.m. – po dogovoru



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A talent in ancient times was a measure of something particularly weighty, usually silver or gold. A single talent might represent as much as 50 pounds of precious metal and, as such, was not something that one carried around in one's pocket. We might make a comparison between a talent and a unit of gold kept at Fort Knox, or an ingot of silver preserved in a safe deposit box.

What the contemporary reader will likely miss, and what the ancient Jewish reader would have caught immediately, is the connection to heaviness: a talent was weighty, and five talents was massively heavy. Heaviness would have brought to mind the heaviest weight of all, which was the kabod of Yahweh. That term was rendered in Greek as *doxa* and in Latin as *gloria*, both of which carry the connotation of luminosity, but the basic sense of the Hebrew word is heaviness, *gravitas*.

And this *kabod Yahweh* was to be found in the Jerusalem Temple, resting upon the mercy seat within the Holy of Holies. Therefore, what was heaviest (most glorious) of all was the mercy of God, which abided in infinite, inexhaustible abundance in the Holy Temple.

In light of these clarifications, we can read Jesus' parable with fresh eyes. The talents given to the three servants are not so much monetary gifts or personal capacities; they are a share in the mercy of God, a participation in the weightiness of the divine love. But since mercy is always directed to the other, these "talents" are designed to be shared. In point of fact, they will increase precisely in the measure that they are given away.

The problem with the timid servant who buried his talent is not that he was an ineffective venture capitalist but that he fundamentally misunderstood the nature of what he had been given. The divine mercy—received as a pure gift—is meant to be given to others as a pure gift. Buried in the ground, that is to say, hugged tightly to oneself as one's own possession, such a talent necessarily evanesces. And this is why the master's seemingly harsh words should not be read as the punishment of an angry God but as an expression of spiritual physics: the divine mercy will grow in you only inasmuch as you give it to others. To "have" the kabod Yahweh is precisely not to have it in the ordinary sense of the term.

What comes to mind here is the most famous of all of Jesus' parables, namely, the story of the Prodigal Son. The spiritual lesson is the same: the divine *ousia* is a gift and it can be "had" only inasmuch as it becomes a gift for others. When we try to cling to it as a possession, it disappears.



**An ancient Greek amphora
A talent was approximately
the mass of the water
required to fill an amphora.**

TRIDESET I TREĆA NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

Za evanđelje imamo prisposobu o talentima. Starozavjetna joj je podloga u današnjoj liturgiji pjesma o vrijednoj i urednoj domaćici iz Knjige izreka. Većinu slušatelja prisposobe o talentima smeta Isusova popratna izreka: "Onomu koji ima još će se dati, neka ima u izobilju, a od onoga koji nema oduzet će se i ono što ima" (r. 29). Gospodar iz prisposobe hvali prvu dvojicu slugu što su se zalagali, a kori trećega što je bio lijen. Prvom i drugom daje bitno istu nagradu: "Uđi u radost gospodara svoga!" (r. 21 i 23). Pripušta ih u svoje intimno zajedništvo. Na Istoku onog vremena sluge su bile beskrajno niže na socijalnoj ljestvici od svojih gospodara. Biti uzdignut na razinu intimnog zajedništva kod stola i time pravog prijatelja veliko je promaknuće. To Isus obećava onima koji ljudski i vjernički marljivo rade.

Oba čitanja prilika su da odgovorimo samima sebi na sljedeća pitanja: Kako radimo svoje ljudske i vjerničke poslove? Zalažemo li se kao pojedinci i kao zajednica za zbiljski napredak ljudske zajednice po odgovornom radu, ali i za napredak Božje stvari u svijetu? Ne zavidimo li drugima na njihovim sposobnostima i karijerama? Znademo li otkriti talente koje nam je Bog dao?

Ključan je pojam talenta. To je bio kovani novac od zlata ili srebra, težak po nekoliko desetaka kilograma. Nije bio isti u Grčkoj i Siriji Isusova vremena. Grčki talent vrijedio je 6.000 denara, a denar je bio plaća za jednu nadnicu. Tako gazda najsposobnijem slugi daje novac u vrijednosti od pet talenata ili 30.000 nadnica, onomu sa srednjim sposobnostima dva talenta ili vrijednost od 12.000 nadnica, a onomu s

najmanje sposobnosti "samo" jedan ili vrijednost od 6.000 nadnica. Novcem su mogli osobno raditi i tako zarađivati ili ga pozajmiti novčaru, čime bi dobili kamate od otprilike 14%. Propis za novac ili tuđe blago bio je ovaj: ako se sakrije u kući pa nestane, odgovoran je onaj koji je trebao čuvati; ako se zakopa u zemlju pa nestane, čuvar nije bio odgovoran.

Prva dvojica slugu stekla su dvostruku svotu i dobivaju istu nagradu: pripuštenje u intimno zajedništvo s gospodarom, koji je u ovoj prisposobi slika Boga. Treći sluga imao je iskrivljenu sliku o gazdi: smatrao ga je strogim i nemilosrdnim gospodarom pred kojim sluga može biti samo kriv. Zato zakopa gospodarov novac i ne poduzima nikakvu inicijativu. Taj sluga s iskrivljenom slikom o gospodaru poticaj nam je da se pitamo nismo li gdje ljude otjerali od Boga i Crkve osornim svjedočenjem Boga.

Prisposoba je postala sastavni dio evropske kulture, jer svi narodi govore o talentima koje imaju pojedinci. To su naravne sposobnosti s kojima se rađamo, a koje možemo i trebamo usavršavati. Zato se danas pitamo kako koristimo Božje talente. Nadalje, kako cijenimo rad domaćica i neznatnih? Pridonosimo li aktivno porastu Božje stvari u svijetu? Opravdavamo li povjerenje koje nam je Bog iskazao poslavši nas u život baš u ovo doba, među ovakve ljude, s ovakvim sposobnostima?

BAPTIZED

In our church were baptized:

- **Conor Michael Casey,**

Son of Terrence Casey Jr. and Jennifer (Caputo).

- **Aryanna Sun Eng**

Daughter of Kenmond B. Eng and Veronica (Meraz)

- **Cecilia Josephine Merida**

Daughter of Luisin Merida nad Elizabeth (Hatfield)

May God's abundant blessing be always with our newly baptized, their parents and sponsors.

HEALTH FAIR TODAY

Today we have a Health Fair in our Big Hall. After morning Masses (8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Mercy Hospital and Medical Center staff will be providing FREE health screenings including cholesterol, diabetes and blood pressure. Please, extend this invitation to everybody in need of medical attention.

MARIAN SOCIETY BAKE SALE

Next Sunday, November 23, after 9.30 and 11.00 Masses, St. Jerome Marian Society will have bake sale in our big hall. You will also be able to buy the whole cake that you can take home for Thanksgiving.

CLUB SINJ DINNER PARTY

1st Annual Ethnic Dinner Party organized by Club Sinj will take place on Saturday, November 22, at 6 p.m. at the Big Parish Hall. Entrance fee is \$30 per person which include music, dance, dinner and good time. Wine will be on table. Raffle tickets also available. For more info call Frano Marasovich at 708-839-1885.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS

On Sunday, November 23, at 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will have new Altar Servers commissioned for their ministry. To serve at the altar is an great honor but also a big responsibility. May they be diligent in their ministry of serving God though liturgy in our parish.

FOOD DRIVE FOR POOR

Please, bring your non-perishable food to the box at he church entrance or to the Parish Office before Thanksgiving Day. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR

If you would like to presents the gifts to the altar at any Mass, please, see one of our ushers before the Mass. It would be beautiful if we would have different families at each Mass, or to have you if a Mass is being celebrated for your personal intention.

THANK YOU FROM CROATIAN WOMAN

Croatian Woman Branch #1, Chicago thanks all who made this years 85th Anniversary and Annual Fashion show a great success. Thank you all for your support. The proceeds from this event will also help needy, both here and in Croatia.

KENNED AND CARL: A BROADWAY MUSIC CONCERT BENEFITING THE NEW ST. GABRIEL ORGAN

Carl DeSanti (Music Director) and Kenned Mac Iver (Youth Music Minister and Soloist) will be presenting a concert to help pay for the badly needed new organ for St. Gabriel Church. Tickets are \$20. The concert "Music of the Night - An Evening on Broadway" will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at 4510 S. Wallace.

PLEASE SAVE the DATE for our annual HSA sponsored **DINNER with SANTA!**

WHEN:: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

TIME: 4:00pm-8:00pm

More details to follow!

JOIN US IN OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

ZUMBA - Get in shape and have fun - join Zumba every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** in the Big Hall from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

CROATIAN SCHOOL FOR ADULTS - Learn Croatian - join Croatian School every **Tuesday** in the Upper Small Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info contact Miro at miromarcikic@gmail.com or at 224-436-0255.

AA - Meetings are held every **Wednesday** at 7:30 p.m. in Upper Small Hall.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every **Thursday** from 7 to 9 p.m. It is a time of prayer and reflection.

WEDDING BANNS NAJAVA VJENČANJA

III) Damir Špišić & Maja Bašić

Our Parishioners and former St. Jerome School students doing well in High School:**Queen of Peace High School**

High Honor Roll: Izabela Paraga

De La Salle Institute

Honor Roll:
Arcieri Dominique Maria
Arredia Joseph Anthony

Arredia Natalie Maria
Castillo III Maximino
Cianflone Kayla Nicole
Gazzi Joseph Gene
Gurgone Sam Anthony

Luce Matthew Joseph

Morial Damien J

Mulhearn Samantha Lynn

Nowacki Bernadette Mary

Platt Timothy Michael

Rubio Michael Anthony

Ruffolo Nicholas

Sego Kristina

Sego Marija

Sperando Andrew Perisin

Stegmiller Jordan E

CONGRATULATIONS!



ZDRAVSTVENI SAJAM

Danas ćemo u župnoj Velikoj dvorani imati osoblje Mercy bolnice koji će mjeriti tlak, kolesterol, dijabetes te biti na raspolaganju za sva vaša pitanja. Nakon sv. misa (od 8:30 sati ujutro do 1 sat poslije podne) dođite u dvoranu i saznajte više o svome zdravlju.

MINISTRANTI - POSLUŽITELJI KOD OLTARA

Svečano primanje novih ministranata bit će u nedjelju 23. studenoga na blagdan Krista Kralja.

PRODAJA KOLAČA - MARIJINO DRUŠTVO

U nedjelju 23. studenoga Marijino društvo organizira prodaju kolača u Velikoj dvorani. Moći ćete kupiti cijeli kolač koji možete ponijeti kući za Dan zahvalnosti.

ZABAVA KLUBA SINJ

Klub Sinj poziva sve članove i prijatelje na večeru i zabavu koji će se održati u našoj Velikoj dvorani u subotu 22. studenoga s početkom u 6 sati navečer. Ulaznica je \$30 u što su uključeni glazba, ples, večera i vino na stolu. Bit će i lutrija. Za više informacija nazovite Franu Marasovića na 708-839-1885.

HRVATSKA ŽENA ZAHVALJUJE

Srdačno zahvaljujemo svima koji su nas i ove godine podržali povodom 85. godišnjice društva i godišnje modne revije. Zahvaljujući svima vama i ovaj događaj je bio lijep i veoma uspješan. Kao i uvijek prihod od ovog događaja ide potrebnima u Domovini, ali i u našoj zajednici.

ČINIMO DOBRO U OVE HLADNE DANE

HRANA ZA SIROMAŠNE - Skupljamo konzerviranu i nepropadljivu hranu za siromašne. Svoj dar donesite u Župni ured ili ostavite u predvorju crkve.

PRINOS DAROVA NA OLTAR

Ukoliko želite prinijeti darove na oltar (kalež, vino i vodu, knjigu molitvenih nakana) javite se redarima prije početka sv. mise. Bilo bi lijepo da svake nedjelje imamo drugu obitelj ili pojedince koji će prinijeti euharistijske darove na oltar, osobito ako se sv. misa slavi za vaše pokojne ili na vašu osobnu nakanu.

NAŠE REDOVITE AKTIVNOSTI

HRVATSKA ŠKOLA KARDINAL STEPINAC - Nastava se održava subotom od 8:30 sati ujutro do 12:30 sati poslije podne. Molimo dovodite djecu redovito i na vrijeme.

HRVATSKA ŠKOLA ZA ODRASLE - Ako želite učiti hrvatski jezik a stariji ste od 18 godina pridružite se već osnovanoj grupi svakog utorka i petka u gornjoj maloj dvorani s početkom u 7:30 sati navečer. Za više detalja pošaljite upit na miromarcikic@gmail.com ili nazovite 224-436-0255.

VJERONAUČ - Vjeronauk se održava nedjeljom od 12 sati (podne) u prostorima škole. Dragi roditelji, molimo, svoju djecu redovito dovodite na sv. misu i vjeronauk.

Let me talk to you about how to avoid taxes and increase wealth. Catholic Financial Life products are private from everyone, including the IRS. No taxes on your earnings until you start withdrawing, unlike a CD that you are taxed on annually without even using the money. The best thing about an annuity is every morning when you wake up, you have more money than you did when you went to bed. GURANTEED. Snjezana Segó, Advisor, 773-387-3949



SAVE THE DATE

- Tuesday, **November 18**
Installation Mass of bishop Blase J. Cupich as new Archbishop of Chicago
- Friday, **November 21**
St. Jerome School Mothers club, Christmas party, small hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, **November 22**
Club Sinj Dinner Party
- Sunday, **November 24**
- Feast of the Christ the King
- Reception of the new altar servers
- Wednesday, **December 3**
Parish Council Meeting
- Saturday, **December 6**
Dinner with Santa
- Sunday, **December 7**
- Club Poljica Advent Lunch
- Croatian Mass in Rockford, IL

HELP NEEDED

I am a member of the Bridgeport community and am looking for 2 Mother's helpers to help a mom. I have small toddler children. If you are trustworthy, a hard worker, with an eye for detail and interested in helping with basic chores (laundry, kitchen clean up, basic meals and have previous childcare experience). Please contact me with 2 references. Chrissy 773.562.5520

APPARTMENT FOR RENT

3 Bedroom, 3rd Floor, Appliances included, No Pets. 510 W. 30th Street Tel. 312-842-1360

Congratulations and Welcome Archbishop Blase Cupich

Chicago's next Archbishop, Blase Cupich, arrived in Chicago Thursday, with his installation two days away.

Before leaving a Bishops Conference meeting in Baltimore, he told CBS 2 Chief Correspondent Jay Levine about his plans for the big day.

"I have all my nieces and nephews, great-nephews and nieces, my brothers and sisters, their spouses and then the extended family which is really not a family it's a tribe," said Archbishop Cupich.

Cupich says there will be more than a hundred and many more personal friends parishioners from past assignments. He'll also put his personal stamp on the installation eve tradition.

"Since a majority of people, a lot of people who are coming were not of the Catholic tradition, the Catholic faith, I wanted it to be a more ecumenical word service," he said.

The installation mass itself is hundreds of years old. Cardinal George, as the first Chicago Archbishop to retire, will be the first to join the papal nuncio in passing the torch, or crozier, to his successor.

"The nuncio and I will lead Archbishop Cupich to the chair and give him the crozier and when he sits in that chair he is



Archbishop Cupich's coat of arms

installed as the Archbishop of Chicago," said Cardinal George.

According to Rocco Palmo, who writes the blog, "Whispers In The Loggia," "There are going to be at least 150 bishops, which for these events is massive, probably around seven or eight cardinals, perhaps from outside the United States even, and the whole world will be watching."

Papal Nuncio Carlo Maria Viganò, who'll represent the Pope, told Levine about the speed of the

selection after Cardinal George had asked him to start the process.

"Certainly the health of Cardinal was a major preoccupation also of the Holy Father," he said.

Now, with just six days to go, Cardinal George, has already taken a kind of victory lap at the Bishops Congress, but he insists, he's not done yet.

Until Tuesday, if something comes in for the Archbishop of Chicago, it comes on my desk," Cardinal George said.

All of the Cardinal's auxiliary bishops were invited out to lunch in with their new boss, the transition clearly already underway.

SVETA CECILIJA

Mučenica, svetica - zaštitnica glazbenika (22. studenog)
Prema pučkoj legendi, Cecilija je bila kći rimskog patricija (III.st.) koji ju je odgajao kao kršćanku. Zaručena za plemića po imenu Valerijana, no nakon vjenčanja reče ona svome mužu da je položila zavjet djevičanstva, moleći ga da taj njezin zavjet poštuje. Valerijan pristade, uz uvjet da uzmogne vidjeti anđela za kojega ona kaže da nad njom bdije. Cecilija pošalje svoga muža k papi Urbanu koji se je s kršćanima krio u katakombama u Rimu. Ondje se i Valerijan obrati na kršćanstvo. Vraćajući se k Ceciliji, opazi anđela kako stoji do nje držeći dvije cvjetne krune. Anđeo položi krunu od ljiljana na glavu Ceciliji, a krunu od ruža na glavu Valerijanu. Uz pomoć anđelovu obrati se na kršćanstvo i Valerijanov brat Tiburcije, i braća počеше propovijedati Kristovo evanđelje. Doznajući zato rimski upravitelj, zapovijedi im da prestanu, no kad oni to ne htjede, dade ih pogubiti. Isprva Ceciliju poštedi, nadajući se zadobiti njezino veliko bogatstvo. Naredi joj da se žrtvuje bogovima. Kad ona to odbije, pokuša je udaviti. Čudom ostade ona nezlijeđena, pa upravitelj pošalje po krvnika da joj odrubi glavu. Krvnik triput pokuša ali joj svaki put samo izrani vrat. Cecilija na životu ostade još tri dana, i za to vrijeme razdijeli sve svoje imanje siromasima. Smatralo se da je Cecilija za svoga života bila tako bliska nebu te je mogla čuti anđeosko pjevanje. Zato se časti kao zaštitnica glazbe i glazbenika.

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and martyr, patroness of church music



Cultivated young patrician woman whose ancestors loomed large in Rome's history. She vowed her virginity to God, but her parents married her to Valerian of Trastevere. Cecilia told her new husband that she was accompanied by an angel, but in order to see it, he must be purified. He agreed to the purification, and was baptized; returning from the ceremony, he found her in prayer accompanied by a praying angel. The angel placed a crown on each of their heads, and offered Valerian a favor; the new convert asked that his brother be baptized. The two brothers developed a ministry of giving proper burial to martyred Christians. In their turn they were arrested and martyred for their faith. Cecilia buried them at her villa on the Appian Way, and was arrested for the action. She was ordered to sacrifice to false gods; when she refused, she was martyred in her turn. The Acta of Cecilia includes the following: "While the profane music of her wedding was heard, Cecilia was singing in her heart a hymn of love for Jesus, her true spouse." It was this phrase that led to her association with music, singers, musicians, etc.

Happy Feast Day to all our church choir members!

Čestitamo blagdan sv. Cecilije svim članova crkvenog zbora