Companion Study Guide

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I Shall Remember Thy Holy Name From

Generation To Generation

A Serbian-American Woman Awakens To Christ's Call...

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"It's my faith-filled life story, but you have one too!"

These stories meet from Generation to Generation.

Answer these thought-provoking questions and use this guide to reflect upon your own story. Remember to perserve your special memories and introspective thoughts on the pages that follow.

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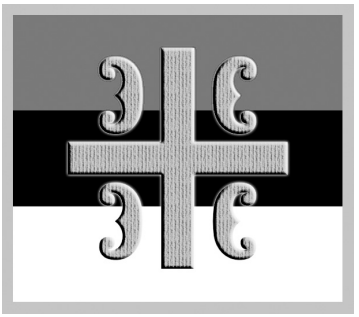

God: The Fabric of Our Lives

> ❝*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*❞
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> Matthew 7:7 (KJV)

Study Questions:

- What is the "smallest thread" that keeps you believing in God — even when you doubt His presence in your life?
- What are the things in your life that have inadvertently become more important than pursuing God?

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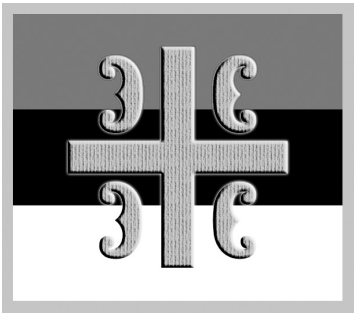

Tapestry of Childhood Memories

❝*And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.…And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.*❞
Genesis 28: 10-12; 16-17 (KJV)

Study Questions:

- Describe a moment from your childhood that made you feel the presence of God.

- Think about a person from your childhood that inspired you to learn more about God.

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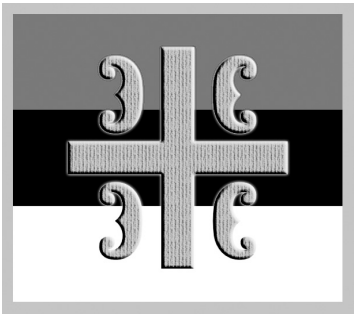

Seek God First and His Will (Not Yours) for Your Life

> ❝*…for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*❞
>
> Matthew 6:32-33 (KJV)

Study Questions:

- Describe the ways that people attempt to control their lives and the subsequent outcomes of events instead of putting their faith and hope in God.

- Describe some school experiences or people in particular that tempted you away from worshipping God.

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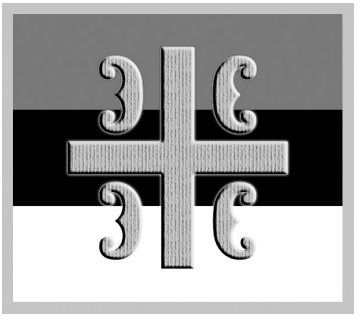

God Caught Me in His Threads

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17 (KJV)

Study Questions:

- Recall ways that God has tried to pursue you and capture your attention.
- What is one example you can name that has helped you grow significantly in your faith?

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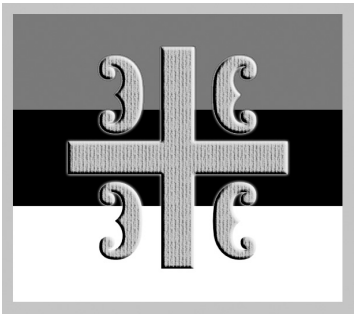

From the Threads of the Old World, Come the New

> ❝*And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*❞
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> Revelation 21:5 (KJV)

Study Questions:

- How has devotion to your Church increased your faith?
- How has the Church invited us to be faithful to the True Faith?

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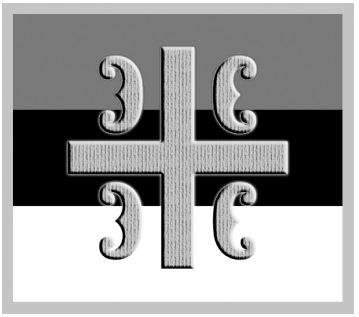

The Blessing of My People

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."
1 Corinthians 11:1 (KJV)

Study Questions:

- What lessons can we all learn from the Serbian Saint Sava and Saint Tsar Lazar?
- Describe in detail a few examples of guidance you have received from certain Saints and their lives.

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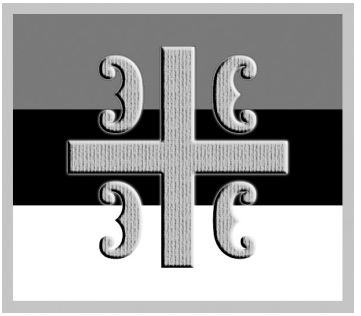

A Cloud of Witnesses

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

Study Questions:

- Which Saints have been instrumental in your spiritual growth?
- How can you make room in your life to include the Saints?

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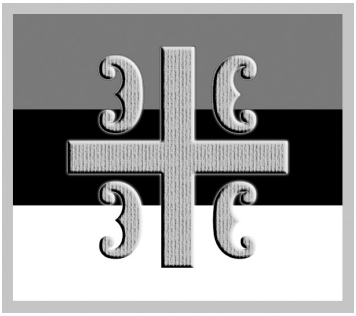
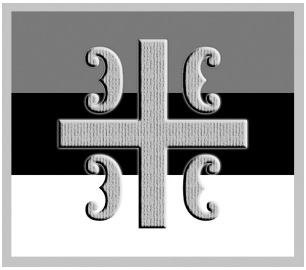


Weaving My Way Back to God

❝*Rasti, rasti moj zeleni bore. (Grow, grow my green pine.).*❞
Serbian folk song

Study Questions:

- What specific steps can you take to make your faith a natural part of your daily life and routine?
- How has your devotion to God changed you?



Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

I hope that my book and the companion study guide (which you are now reading) have made you deeply ponder the depth and richness of your own beautiful life. We live in joyful sorrow everyday. God has prepared so much for us — only if we can remember to follow Him. This is our lifelong struggle. We must remember to put Him first above everything else in our lives. Not only all things, but also all people. We strive our entire lives to remember to do this.

God has given us consolation and hope along the way in His Saints. There are so many incredible Saints from around the world to befriend. In my Serbian spiritual heritage, I have been sustained by many, including Saint Nikolai Velimirović who reminds us that the Saints of God are our greatest friends. We all have an opportunity in our ancient faith to become a Saint. Let us all remember this as we strive and struggle towards our salvation. Let us all love each other as Christ loves us!

I hope my book is a spiritual blessing for you only in that *YOU* see our great Lord God operating in your own precious blessed life!

Love in Christ,
Ariane Trifunovic Montemuro

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