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Sunday, February 10 – Sunday of Zacchaeus / Ven Ephraim the Syrian / Св Јефрем сиријски

Epistle I Tim. 4:9-15 Gospel Luke 19:1-10 Tone 4th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School and coffee hour.

Monday, February 11

Vespers / confessions at 6 pm

Tuesday, February 12 – Holy Three Hierarchs / Света Три Јерарха

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Thursday, February 14 – Martyr Tryphon / Мученик Трифун

Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Friday, February 15 – The Meeting of our Lord in the temple / Сретеније Господње

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, February 16 – Righteous Simeon and Prophetess Anna / Св Симеон Богопримац

Vespers / confessions at 5 pm

Sunday, February 17 – Sunday of Publican and Pharisee / Недеља Митара и Фарисеја

Epistle II Tim. 3:10-15 Gospel Luke 18:10-14 Tone 5th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School and coffee hour.

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceiba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Dragan Kremarevic, Slavka Novakovic, Dolly Book, Nicole and Kathy Petkovich, July Lockwood, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

Upcoming holy days / events:

February 24 – Palaćinke Bar organized by culture club

March 2 – Memorial Saturday / Zadušnice

3 - Bowling Party organized by culture club

Pomens: +Kimball Mancke, given by Bob Orlovich; +Kimball Mancke, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Kimball Mancke, given by Judy and Scott Lockwood.; +Mark Davilo, given by Sue Kljaich; +George Malinovich, given by Annette O'Leary, +George Malinovich, given by Millie O'Leary; +George Malinovich, given by Nadine O'Leary; +Daniel Mahar and + Angelo Barney, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Milorad, +Nicholas, +Dan, +Martha, +Milos Konjevich, +Millie Suca, +Sophia Roberts, +Rose Kovacevich, +Richard Jovanovich, +Sam Starcevich Sr, given by Sam and Barbara Konjevich. +Mary Schroder, +Milka Grubisich and +Mary Ann Skoryi, given by Ely Grubisich.

Prayer before Partaking Holy Water

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints. Amen.

Coming to church services late after the service has begun is not spiritually beneficial for many reasons. First you are missing many important prayers and especially if a person is not on time for the epistle or gospel message. If you come late you might disturb others in their prayers and finally it can become a very bad habit for you and your family who will learn from you that it is ok to come to church late and miss half of the service.

Try to get up earlier on Sunday, get yourself ready and come to church on time. During the service, be actively involved by singing with the choir and praying with the church prayers. Then you will not be bored and think the service was 10 minutes longer, we had more Serbian or English, or that the sermon was long and/or think about unimportant and irrelevant issues when you are in church to worship.

In our church we have at least 4 bulletin boards. One is in the Narthex and the rest are downstairs. Bulletin Boards are important because all parochial and news from Serbian and other Orthodox churches are posted there for us to get information and to learn about the upcoming events in our church community. Please stop by a Bulletin Board and read the fliers on it. All church groups, please post your fliers on the Bulletin Boards.

Next Sunday is the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee and this is the first preparatory Sunday for the Great Lent (Fast). Let us start preparing for the blessed journey which God has prepared for us of cleansing and purifying ourselves in anticipation of the Highest Christian Holy Day - Holy Pascha. In addition to Saturday Vespers and Sunday Holy Liturgy, please arrange your schedule now to attend as many Lenten Services as you can. Presanctified Liturgies of St Gregory Dialogist will be served every Wednesday. The first week of Lent in the morning at 9 am, Lenten hours will start at 8 am, confession at 8:30 am and the next week in the evening at 6 pm when Lenten hours will start at 5 pm and confession at 5:30 pm. Serving the Presanctified Liturgy in the morning and in the evening offers an opportunity to all parishioners to attend either the morning Liturgy or experience the special Lenten Evening Liturgy. Please check the church website, FB, Sunday bulletin and bulletin boards in the church for all Lenten Services.