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**Sunday, December 19 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost / St Nicholas the wonderworker / Св Никола**

Epistle Ephesians 5:8-19 Hebrews 13:17-21 Gospel Luke 12:16-21 Luke 6:17-23 tone 1st 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour. The Kolo will sponsor a Bake Sale on Sunday, December 19th in the Church lower level following the Liturgy. It will feature a variety of baked goods (posno/non posno) that can be used during the Nativity fast or saved for after the fasting season. Please stop by to support your Kolo while getting some pastries for your upcoming get togethers.

**Saturday, December 25 – St Spiridon / St Herman of Alaska /Св Спиридон и Св Герман Аљаски**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am  
Vigil / confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, December 26 – Sunday of holy Forefathers / Serbian Mother's Day / Materice**

Epistle Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel Luke 14:16-24 tone 2<sup>nd</sup> 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee Hour.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

January 2 – St Ignatius of Antioch /Св Игњатије / Serbian Father's Day / Očevi / ASSC annual meeting, parishioners are invited to attend

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Mary Basarich, Stevan Lunich, Pat Zakavec, Craig Vercelote, for all who are afflicted by coronavirus, 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!

**Pomens** (litany for departed) +Zorka Miller, given by Vivian Tadin; +Nicholas Ostoich, given by Genevieve Ostoich; +Anna, +George and +Delores Malinovich, +Michael O'Leary, given by Millie O'Leary; +Anna, +George and +Delores Malinovich, +Michael O'Leary, given by Annette O'Leary; +Anna, +George and +Delores Malinovich, +Michael O'Leary, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts; +Michael Sr, +Nicholas, +Mile, +Joseph, +Hazel Kljaich, +Michael Sr, +Alice and +Michael Jr Radakovich, +George, +Anna and +Delores Malinovich, +Michael O'Leary, +Judy Lockwood, +Paul Shimek and +Sam Konjevich, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez; +Milovan and +Gospava Kisich, given by Dave/Olga Deschamps; +Ellen Perrault, given by Dan/Vicki Dorsey; +Ellen Perrault, given by Fr Ned Lunich and family; +John and +Bertha O'Brian, +Paul Shimek, +Nicholas Ostoich, +Joyce Bauman, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic

**Two Sundays before Nativity is Serbian Mother's Day - Materice**, when children tie their mothers' and grandmothers' legs together, and in return they get symbolic presents. The same is done with fathers and grandfathers on the next Sunday. Tying the legs represents the bonds and love in the family before the Feast of the Birth of our Savior.

**The Kolo Christmas Luncheon** will be after Liturgy on January 16th at Syl's in Rockdale. All parishioners are welcome to attend and enjoy the lovely Sunday brunch at Syls. The cost is \$26 and includes coffee, tea or soda. Please RSVP by January 9th to Nadine Paukstys at 708-707-4963 or Danielle Serdar at 630-709-7437. You can pay in advance with cash or check payable to St George Circle of Serbian Sisters. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Please visit our St George Bookstore** which is located in the basement of our church to purchase your Orthodox Christmas cards and other gifts for the upcoming holidays. Please look for Nancy Cora to help you.

**All Orthodox Christians** are obligated to confess and at least once partake of Holy Communion during fasting seasons as well as on Holy Days and whenever they are spiritually prepared. Since we are still in a pandemic and if you are concerned about being in church on Sunday, you can attend weekday liturgies. There are fewer people at these services, and you can receive the Holy Mysteries. Also you can call Fr Alex at any time to come to church to pray and receive the saving Mysteries or he will gladly bring them to you at home. There is no reason for any Orthodox Christian not to confess or partake of the saving Mysteries.

**After the liturgy On Sunday, January 2, Feast of St Ignatius and Serbian Father's Day**, there will be an annual meeting of the American Serbian Social Club. Parishioners are invited to attend. Church school children will be decorating the badnjak - Yule Log in the upper hall, and the Culture Club will have a posno Palacinke (crepe) breakfast. You can eat inside or place an order to go, or both!!

**Small pocket size 2022 calendars are for sale by the candles.** Every family should get one and use it to follow the church holy days and fasting seasons, and use it when making plans and events. Major holy days are always marked in red ink, important holy days are in bold ink and every day of the year has at least one or two saints which are commemorated.

**Зидни календари за 2022 годину** се налазе у цркви и можете их узети за Вашу кућу. Уколико имате прошлогодишње славске свеће можете их донети и упалити у цркви. Венчиће од Духова, старе календаре са иконама, бадњак или палмове - врбове гране од Врбице, све остало што је освећено и донето из цркве, можете спалити у вашим каминима. Крај године долази и проверите да сте за 2021 годину дали ваше прилоге цркви. Хвала

**Мали џепни календари за 2022** су на продају и можете их наћи код свећа. Свака породица треба да има по један календар и да прати празнике и постове.

**Налазимо се у Божићном посту.** Молите се и постите, праштајте и конторлишите речи и понашање. Припремите се за исповест и причест да достојно и духовно припремљени дочекате Радосни Празник Христовог Рођења у Витлејему.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**