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**Remember your St George church this Christmas with your generous Christmas Gift!**

**Sunday, January 2 – Sunday before Nativity / St Ignatius of Antioch/ St John of Kronstadt/ Serb Father's Day**

Epistle Hebrews 11:9-10;17-23; 32-40; 1 John 4:7-11 Gospel Matthew 1:1-25 Luke 6:31-36 tone 3rd  
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Soup/palaćinke brunch in upper level bar of the social center.

**Thursday, January 6 – The Nativity Eve / Badnje Veće**

Confession at 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 9 am  
Compline and Matins at 6 pm. Blessing of Badnjak and refreshments after the services in upper level of the Social Center

**Friday, January 7 – The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ / Božić**

Divine Liturgy at 10 am  
From the Nativity until the Eve of Theophany is fast fee / Nema posta od Božića do Krstovadana

**Saturday, January 8 – Synaxis of the Theotokos / Sabor Presvete Bogorodice**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am  
Vigil / confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, January 9 – 29th Sunday after Pentecost / The Sunday after Nativity / St Stephen the First Martyr**

Epistle Gal. 1:11-19; Eph 6:10-17 Gospel Matthew 2:13-23 tone 4th  
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee Hour. ASSC Annual meeting

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 14 – St Basil the Great / Old Calendar New Year  
16 – Kolo Christmas Lunch at Syls in Rockdale

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Mary Basarich, Stevan Lunich, Pat Zakavec, Craig Vercelote, Millie Skoryi, Ioana (Kathy) Albu, 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; +Julie and +David Jovanovich, +Joyce Bauman, +Paul Shimek, given by Nancy Jovanovich; +Milorad and +Ružica Dmitrov, +Miša, +Draginja and +Dušica Jurišić, given by Steva/Draginja Lukin; +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic;

**Thank you!** Mr & Mrs Joseph Orlovich Jr made donations \$150 to Fr Ned Scholarship fund in memory of +Lazo Susich and +Ruth Write, Anka Laketa's brother and sister-in-law. May good Lord bless their souls. Hvala !

**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!

**The traditional Serbian Orthodox greeting** for the Nativity season is Christ is Born and the reply is Indeed He is Born or Truly He is Born. In Serbian it is Hristos se rodi and the reply is Voistinu se rodi

The Christmas greeting is used from the day of the Nativity of Christ until the Apodosis or Leave-taking of the Feast which is January 13.

During the liturgy, all type of conversation in the church is not permitted. During the liturgy and other services, everyone should be in the sanctuary taking part in the worship and never congregating in the back, around the candles, or downstairs!

At the end of the liturgy, remember to venerate all ikons, and before you approach the priest place your right hand over left and receive the blessed bread. You can either kiss or bow down in front of the cross.

**Leave the church piously and quietly**, but before leaving the church turn toward the altar and bow down saying a small prayer or just "O Lord, Jesus Christ, thank you for today's service".

**After the liturgy**, all who received Holy Communion should remain in church to read the required prayers after receiving Holy Communion which are at the end of your Divine Liturgy book. The priest will then start the prayers loudly with "Glory to Thee, O God, Glory to Thee" three times. Then everyone will read the prayers aloud. It is best if one person starts and the rest follow.

**We will get more out of the services if we pray rather than merely attend them.** Allow the hymns to enter your heart, and make their words your own. Remember that the services are not a time for private prayers but for sharing in the common worship of the Church.

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.

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