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Remember your St George church this Christmas with your generous Christmas Gift!
Hristos se rodi Christ is Born καλά Χριστούγεννα

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

Thursday, January 13 – Leave-taking of Nativity / Odanije Božića
Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Friday, January 14 – The Circumcision of our Lord / St Basil the Great / Old Calendar New Year
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday, January 15 – St Serafim of Sarov / Sv Serafim Sarovski
Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 16 – 30th Sunday after Pentecost / The Sunday before Theophany
Epistle II Tim. 4:5-8 Gospel Mark 1:1-8 tone 5th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. We will have the oath of office for the church board and other newly elected board members of the church groups after the Divine Liturgy. Please make sure you are in church. Church school. Coffee hour.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 19 – Holy Theophany / Bogojavljenje
20 – St John the Baptist / Sv Jovan Krstitelj

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): +Violet, +Michael, +George, +Julia, +Joseph and +Stella Enich, +Jovo, +Jela, +Sam Plecas, +Iso Ciganovich, +Alexander and +Danica Grebavoy, +JoAnn Orlovich, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, given by Dr's Mike/Nada Keer; +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic; +Rosella Petrich, given by Tana Petrich; +Vaso, +Eva and +Betty Grubisich, +Mary Schroeder, given by Ely Grubisich;

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!

From Nativity on Jan. 7 until the eve of Theophany, Jan. 18 is a fast-free period. The Church lets us enjoy the feast and eat all the food we love. Remember this isn't the time for us to neglect our spiritual life. On the Feast of Theophany, Jan. 19, which is a major holy day, we are invited to partake of the Holy Mystery of Communion. Some might say, "I did not fast, I cannot take communion." If the Church tells us not to physically fast then why would we question it? We have enough time of the year when we should physically fast, but we all ought practice spiritual fasting.

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.

Holy (Theophany) water that you have in your home should be used throughout the year with faith and prayer when ill, tempted and other various infirmities. 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.

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.

Од Божића до Крстовдана се не пости. Богојављење је 19 јануара и то је велики Празник и корисно је да се верници причесте. Свећење кућа биће после Богојављења. Ако нисте оветили кућу за славу, отац Александар ће вас позвати и договорити се о датуму који вама одговара.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!