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Happy New Year! Срећна Нова Година! Καλή Χρονιά!

Sunday, January 16 – 30th Sunday after Pentecost / The Sunday before Theophany / St Genevieve of Paris

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. Thanksgiving service for the New Year. **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.

Tuesday, January 18 – The Eve of Theophany / strict fast day / Navečerje Bogojavljenja / postan dan

Royal Hours and the Great Blessing of waters at 9 am

Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Wednesday, January 19 – Holy Theophany / Bogojavljenje

Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of waters at 9 am

Vigil / Confession at 6 pm

Thursday, January 20 – Synaxis of St John the Baptist / Sabor Sv Jovana Krstitelja

Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Pomens: +George, +Julia, +Michael, +Violet +George, +Joseph and +Stella Enich, +Jovo, +Jela, +Sam, +Iso and +Joe Plecas, +Iso Ciganovich, given by Bill/Jan Taylor

Saturday, January 22

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 23 – 31st Sunday after Pentecost / The Sunday after Theophany / Nedelja po Bogojavljenju

Epistle Eph 4:7-13 Gospel Matthew 4:12-17 tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 27 – St Sava of Serbia

30 – Parish celebration of St Sava and children's program. Plan to attend it!

February 6 – Kolo sestara annual meeting

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Pat Zakavec, Craig Verelote, 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): +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic; +Rosella Petrich, given by Dan/Vicki Dorsey; +John E Vaulato, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Mary Basarich, given by Dr Howard Grundy

Thank you! Mr & Mrs Joseph Orlovich Jr donated \$250 to the Fr Ned Scholarship fund in memory of John E Vaulato. God bless his soul. Mrs Barbara Konjevich donated \$100 to the Fr Ned Fund in memory of +Sam Konjevich. Many thanks!

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 Theophany season is God is Revealed and the reply is Indeed He is Revealed. In Serbian it is Bog se Javi and the reply is Voistinu se Javi

Theophany season is the usual time of the year to bless our homes and to obtain fresh holy water for family use throughout the year. For some people it is a still busy time of the year and they prefer to do it later. Some people bless their homes either a day before or on the day of their slava after the blessing of kolac and koljivo. Father will start blessing the homes after the Feast of St John the Baptist. Please reply to his phone call or email. If you would like to bless your home but not during this Theophany season, please let him know now. Thanks.

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.

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!