

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, December 15 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost / St Uroš of Serbia / St Joanikius of Devič (Kosovo)

Epistle Ephesians 5:9-19 Gospel Luke 12:16-21 1st 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Annual meeting of ASSC. Cooking class, held in the kitchen.

Tuesday, December 17 – St Barbara / Св Варвара

Religious discussion at 11 am. This is an opportunity for our retired parishioners to attend the discussion and learn more about their faith and Bible.

Wednesday, December 18 – St Sava the Sanctified / Св Сава Освећени

Vespers / confession at 6 pm Choir meeting and practice at 7 pm

Thursday, December 19 – St Nicholas the wonderworker / Св Никола Чудотворац

Divine Liturgy at 9 am, blessings of slava kolač's and koljivo's after the liturgy

Saturday, December 21 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, December 22 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Ephesians 6:10-17 Gospel Luke 13:10-17 2nd 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Teachers meeting.

Upcoming feast days/events:

December 19 – St Nicholas the wonderworker / Св Никола
29 – Serbian Mother's Day – Materice, Kolo sestara annual Christmas lunch

Pomens: + Millie Stapinski, given by Kirk Stapinski; +Sam Konjevich, given by Peter Grubisich; +Sam Konjevich, given by Sue Kljaich and Frances Juarez; +Sam Konjevich, given by M/M Mike Cora; +Zorka Miller, given by Vivian Tadin; +Mike, +Violet, +Stella, +Joseph Sr Enich, +Danica and +Alexander Grabavoy, given by Mike and Nadine Keer & family;

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, George Cizmas, George, Christopher, Slavka Novakovic, Rada Albu, 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!

The 2020 wall calendars are available in the narthex. Every calendar has a nice Orthodox ikon on it and if you like it, you can frame it at the end of year, if not you can burn it in your fireplace together with your last year's badnjak branch, old bulletins, Pentecost wreath or any other sacred item which you have in your home, rather than just throw it in the trash. You can bring old slava candles to church and burn them. Theophany water should be prayerfully used during the year and not just saved. By the time new Theophany water comes, you can mix it with the last years.

In preparation for a joyous Nativity, some Orthodox Serbs plant wheat in a pot on the Feast of St. Barbara, and eat the cooked and sweetened wheat together with other cooked grains like barley and corn. In some areas this is the tradition on St, Nicholas. 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.

After the Divine Liturgy and after receiving the prosphora is the time to solemnly leave the House of God. Any type of loud conversation and laughter in church is forbidden especially when people who are reading the prayers after communion are trying to concentrate and pray. We are all happy to see each other and like to visit, and the perfect place for that is after church during coffee hour. Loud conversations in church before the liturgy starts and/or after the liturgy should never happen.

Our St. George Cultural Club will sponsor a Serbian Cooking class on Sunday, December 15th, following Divine Liturgy in our Social Center. Protinica Gordana and Draginja Lukin will graciously serve as our teachers, along with Father Aleks. This class will highlight lenten specialties, and our teachers will demonstrate and teach the art of making **lenten palačinke** and **lenten kiflice**. Parishioners who pre-paid for the cooking class in November that was cancelled are welcome to attend our December class. We are also planning another Serbian Cooking class in February, which will highlight the items that had been planned for our November class. Anyone is able and encouraged to attend our Lenten Serbian Cooking class in December. Cost for the class is \$10 per person, which can be paid on the day of the class. A delicious Serbian-style bean soup and homemade Serbian-style bread will be served to all class participants.

Thank you to all who support our efforts to promote our rich and flavorful Serbian traditions!

На Св Варвару поједини Срби посеју пшеницу у малу саксију за Божић и кувају пшеницу заједно са другим житарицама и једу је заслађену. Негде је то обичај за Св Николу да се пшеница посеје.

Зидни православни календар можете узети у цркви код свећа и користити га током године, да се подсетите за празнике и пост и да прочитате део из Св Писма за сваки дан.

Сви сте позвани после литургије доле у подрум цркве на кафу да попричате са осталим верницима и свештеником.

Припремите се молитвом и постом за исповест и причест у току поста. Причест на Божић и остале велике празнике је од велике важности за душу и живот у Христу.