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**Sunday, January 30 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / St Anthony the Great / St Sava Parish celebration / Svetosavska Proslava**  
*Epistle: I Tim. 1:15-17, Gospel: Luke 18:35-43, tone 7<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of kolac and koljivo, kumovi Steva & Draginja Lukin. Children's program in church, refreshments in the lower level of church.*

**Saturday, February 5 Vigil / confession at 5 pm**

**Sunday, February 6 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / St Xenia of Rome / St Xenia of St Petersburg**

*Epistle I Tim 4:9-15 Gospel Luke 19:1-10 tone 8<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour. Kolo annual meeting.*

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

February 12 – Holy Three Hierarchs / Sveta Tri Jerarha  
15 – The Meeting of Lord in the temple / Sretenije

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Pat Zakavec, Craig Vercelote, Millie Skoryi, Ioana (Kathy) Albu, Peter Petkovich, 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; +Marie Basarich, given by Sofija Komadina Peters; +Gloria Dilorenzo, +Joseph and +Lena Gioannini, +Paul and +Marion Bertucci, +Joseph, +Milka and +JoAnn Orlovich, +Stevan Zagorac, +Sam and +Louise Orlovich, +Kimball Mancke, +Nicholas Ostoich, +Paul and +James Shimek, +Helen Olson, +Angelo Barney, +Joseph Bertino, +John and +Bessie Hrechko and +John Vaulato, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Mike, +Violet, +George, +Julia, +Joseph, +Stella Enich, given by Dr's Michael/Nadine Keer; +Toni Suchy, given by Anka Laketa family; +Lilly Voulgaris, given by Ely Grubisich; +Steve Petrich, given by Dan/Vicki Dorsey;

**Fr Aleks started the blessing of homes in our parish.** For the blessing of your home you should have a church candle and a bowl half filled with water placed on a table. If you have a hand censer and would like the priest to use it, place it on the table. A list of the names of the living members of the family may be placed by the bowl. You can also light your vigil lamp - kandilo during the service. After the blessing of your home, please save the water and you can mix it with your last year holy water if you still have some. Use Theophany water during the year; it is a spiritual medicine when you use it with faith. Before you consume the Theophany water, please say a prayer.

**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.

**The presence of children in worship is a gift from our Lord** and a reminder that our Church is growing. Any noise that children may make during the Divine Liturgy is pleasing to God's ears. In fact, one American Orthodox theologian, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, referred to the activity of children during Liturgy as "holy noise." Please greet our children and young families with smiles and encouragement. Remember that the way we welcome children in the Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are welcome and at home in our parish. At the same time parents have a sacred duty to teach their children about the House of God, proper prayerful behavior and the way we Orthodox should act and not just in the House of God but outside as well. The attitude of one in church should be reflected in one's attitude outside of the church, in the social hall, school, in the workplace, and the home.

**Some of our sick and elderly parishioners** have not been to church for a while, and they would love to receive a call or a card. They are in our thoughts and prayers, but if we give them a call or send them a nice card, we know it would make their day.

**If you have a book** you were given by the priest to read at your confession, please return to the church if you are finished with it.

**We are in need of more readers** for the hours on Sunday morning before the Divine Liturgy. If you like to read, please see Fr Alex.

**Молитва пре узимања св воде**

Господе, Боже мој, нека ми буде дар твоја света вода Твоја – на опроштење грехова, на просветљење ума мога, на укрељење душевних и телесних снага мојих, на здравље душе и тела мога, на савладавање страсти и болести мојих по безграничном милосрђу Твоме, молитвама Пречисте Твоје Мајке и свих Светих Твојих. Амин!

**Ако сте закаснили на почетак литургије** и ушли сте у цркву за време читања апостола или јеванђеља или других важних делова литургије, молите се да побожно сачекате кад то прође и онда тихо и у миру купите ваше свеће и упалите их. Парохијска прослава Св Саве је у недељу 30 јануара после литургије. Планирајте да дођете!

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