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Sunday, February 6 – 33rd Sunday after Pentecost / St Xenia of Rome / St Xenia of St Petersburg

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

Friday, February 11 Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Saturday, February 12 – Holy Three Hierarchs / Sveta Tri Jerarha Divine Liturgy at 9 am, Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, February 13– Sunday of Publican and Pharisee / Nedelja Mitara I Fariseja

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel Luke 18:10-14 tone 1st 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour.

Upcoming Feast days and events: February 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 Vercolote, 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; +Lilly Voulgaris, +Milka Grubisich, +Mary Ann Skoryi, and +Nina Vujovich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Ljubomir Dmitrov, given by Steva/Draginja Lukin; +Joyce Bauman, +Peter Petkovich and +George Enich, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich; +Beverly Douglas, given by Fr Alex and family;

Our church will sponsor Fish Fry's again this year with indoor dining and carryout available. The dates for the fish frys begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and continue every Friday through April 15th for a total of 8 fish frys. You can use the online system called SignUp Genius that was used in the past to volunteer. The link for this is at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4fa4ae23ab9-fish> If you're uncomfortable with using this online system, please talk to someone on the church board and let them know when and how would like to help. This is a major source of income for our church and we need everyone's involvement.

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, the school, in the work place, and in the home.

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is the first preparatory Sunday for the Great Lent (Fast). Let us start preparing for the blessed journey which God has prepared for us of cleansing and purifying ourselves in anticipation of the Highest Christian Holy Day - Holy Pascha. In addition to Saturday Vespers and Sunday Holy Liturgy, please arrange your schedule now to attend as many Lenten Services as you can. Presanctified Liturgies of St Gregory Dialogist will be served every Wednesday. The first week of Lent in the morning at 9 am, Lenten hours will start at 8 am, confession at 8:30 am and the next week in the evening at 6 pm when Lenten hours will start at 5 pm and confession at 5:30 pm. Serving the Presanctified Liturgy in the morning and in the evening offers an opportunity to all parishioners to attend either the morning Liturgy or experience the special Lenten Evening Liturgy. Please check the church website, FB, Sunday bulletin and bulletin boards in the church for all Lenten Services.

Lenten hours readers are needed on Wednesdays during the Great Lent. Lenten hours in the morning will start at 8 am and in the evening at 5 pm. Please sign up for the Wednesday you would like to read. The Sign-up sheet is on the warden table.

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.

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 Твојем, 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.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!