

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**

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**Lord of the Powers be with us, for in times of distress we have no other help but You.**

**Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.**

**“Do not fear, only believe” Mark 5:36**

**Sunday, February 14 – Zaccheus Sunday / Закејева недеља / St Tryphon the martyr /Св Трифун**

*Epistle I Tim. 4:9-15 Gospel Luke 19:1-10 Tone 3rd*

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Parastos for +Paul Shimek. Church school

**Monday, February 15 – The Meeting of our Lord in temple /Сретеније Господње**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Vespers/confession at 6 pm

**Tuesday, February 16 – St Simeon the God-receiver / Св Симеон Богопримац**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Saturday, February 20 Vigil / confession at 5 pm**

**Sunday, February 21 -Sunday of Publican and Pharisee / Недеља Митара и Фарисеја**

*Epistle II Tim. 3:10-15 Gospel Luke 18:10-14 Tone 4th*

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

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

March 6 – Memorial Saturday /Покладске задушнице

14 – Forgiveness Sunday /Недеља праштања

15 – Beginning of Great Lent / Почетак Часнога Поста

**Pomens (Litany for departed):** +Rada Albu, given by Radoica/Dan Kilgore and family, +Rada Albu, given by Joana Albu; +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek, Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic; +Chuck Anderson, given by Art/Olga Schumann; +Kimball Mancke and +Paul Shimek, given by John/Bonnie Dauer; +George Malinovich and +Michael O’Leary, given by Millie O’Leary, +George Malinovich and +Michael O’Leary, given by Nadine O’Leary & Josh Potts; +George Malinovich and +Michael O’Leary, given by Annette O’Leary; +Trifun Eror, given by Dr Howard Grundy; +Judy Lockwood and +Kimball Mancke, given by Eric/Wendy Mancke and family; +Paul Shimek, given by Ely Grubisich; +Paul Shimek, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family;

**We are praying especially for:** Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Milorad Ristich, Sandy Grundy, Nick Malinovich, 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!

**The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period** prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for Orthodox Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is also on this day that the Triodion is introduced, a liturgical book that contains the services from this Sunday, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), to Great and Holy Saturday. The Church eases us into the Lenten [fasting](#) discipline during this period. The week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is fast-free. The week following the Prodigal Son is a normal week -- we fast as usual on Wednesday and Friday. In the week following Meat fare Sunday, no meat is eaten; eggs, fish, and dairy are permitted on any day.

**Fish Fry Help Needed.** It's that time of year again! At this time, we will only be offering curbside carry out orders. Therefore, waitresses and table setters have been replaced with car runners. Masks will be required for all workers.

Since many hands make for light work, please look at the sign-up sheet to see if there is a day or time that will work for you. If you cannot work, please remember us on our fish fry days and place an order. We will have them starting on Ash Wednesday (2/17/21) and run until the week before our Holy Friday (4/23/21). Serving time from 4 pm to 7 pm. Of course, all of this is subject to change.

Thank you! Bonnie Dauer

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**Due to Coronavirus** and seasonal flu which come with cold weather, and out of Christian love and care for the safety and health of our faithful and people around them, our Bishop requires all who come to church for worship to wear a mask. The old instructions including social distancing in church are still in effect. **If any of our faithful do not feel safe and/or are not healthy, please stay home.** During the service singers, chanters and clergy are not required to wear a mask all the time. If any of the faithful feel that wearing a mask is causing difficulty with breathing, he/she can take it off during the service and put it back on when leaving the church. Hand sanitizer is available in several areas in our church. **Any faithful who feel it is not safe to attend Sunday worship, please attend one of the weekday or Saturday evening services which are attended by much fewer people.** You may also call Fr Aleksandar to open the church for you at any time to come and pray, light candles, and receive the Holy Mysteries at any time!

**У среду и петак који долазе а после само петком**, све до петка пред наш Велики Петак, у нашој сали ће се продавати печена риба од 16 до 19 часова. Због пандемије, вечере ће се само покупити. Потребна је помоћ свих парохијана око припремања вечере. Притисните на овај линк <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4FA4AE23AB9-fish1> и забележите кад можете доћи и помоћи.

**Coronavirus Prayer**

O Lord our God enter not into judgement with Thy servants, and protect us from the pestilence coming onto us. Spare us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, who in repentance, with a warm faith and contrition of the heart, are falling down before Thee, our merciful and beneficent God, and trusting in Thy mercy. Thine is mercy and salvation, our God. Glory to Thee, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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