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Sunday, February 16 – Sunday of Prodigal Son / St Simeon the God-receiver / Недеља Блуднога Сина
Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32 tone 2nd
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour. Culture class cooking class 2.

Friday, February 21 Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Saturday, February 22 – Memorial Saturday/ Покладске задушнице Divine Liturgy and general parastos at 9 am. Please bring the list with names of your departed ones. Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, February 23 – Sunday of the Last Judgement / Meat-fare Sunday / Месопусна недеља
Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 tone 3rd, 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour.

Upcoming feast days/events:

March 1 – Cheese-fare Sunday / Беле покладе / Sunday of forgiveness – vespers at the end of liturgy
8 – Sunday of Orthodoxy - Inter Orthodox vespers at St George Antiochian church in Cicero, IL

Pomens: +Dorothy Zeilinski, +Mavis and +Milos Konjevich, given by Steve Malinovich; +Kimball Mancke and +Milos Konjevich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Milos Konjevich, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family;

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, George Cizmas, Christopher, Paul Shimek, Milan Laketa, 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!

We are invited to the church slava celebration of St Simeon Serbian Orthodox church in South Chicago, IL. After the Liturgy, slava rite will be at 1 pm, banquet to follow.

Cheese-fare or Sunday of forgiveness, March 1, after the services will be Palačinka brunch in our hall. Please plan to attend and enjoy palačinkas and other meatless pastries before the Great Lent. Proceeds to Kolo Sestara. **Lenten Retreat in our parish** will be on Tuesday evening, March 10th. Guest Speaker is Fr Dr Milos Vesin, parish priest of St Archangel Michael Church in Lansing, IL. Lenten vespers will start at 6 pm. There will be a light dinner in the Social Center after the service. The presentation will begin around 7 pm followed by a Q and A session. Please plan to attend and invite your friends and family.

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.

The Forty Day Blessing of a mother and a new born baby takes place before the Divine Liturgy or any other time in the narthex and essentially consists of prayers of joyful thanks for the safe delivery of mother and child. The service blesses the mother who has been absent from the sacramental life of the Church for forty days and formally presents the newborn child to the Church family for the first time. During the 40 days between the birth of the child, the mother and newborn should refrain from regular sacramental life/attending church services. In imitation of Christ's forty-day blessing (Luke 2:22-38), the parents of the newborn bring the baby to the church in order for the child to be dedicated to the Lord.

This beautiful tradition is practiced throughout the Orthodox World. The parents become a symbol of the Virgin Mary and Joseph, while the priest symbolizes St. Symeon who held Christ in his arms at the time of the presentation.

When a baby is born the parents should inform the parish priest to come to the hospital to say prayers for the mother and baby a day after birth. Eight days after the birth special prayers of naming the baby should be said by the priest in the parent's home and finally the 40 days prayers are said in the parish church. Baptism of an infant can be done any time after the birth, but usually parents wait until after the 40 days so the mother can attend the service as well. Waiting for a long time to baptize the baby is not recommended. Every baptized baby should be brought to Holy Communion regularly and the preparation for confession will start as the child is 7 or 8 or at any time a parents thinks he/she is available to start preparation for fasting and confession.

Our Fish Fries will begin on western Ash Wednesday February 26 and following Fridays thru April 10. Please offer your help and invite your friends.

With the New Year beginning, please remember to pay your 2020 stewardship to the church and to all organizations you belong to. Remember to use your weekly envelopes for your donations, and commit this year more to the Orthodox way of life.

Недеља Март 1, Бела недеља или Покладе, после литургије у сали ће се служити палачике и друга јела без меса. Планирајте да останете на пучку после литургије.

У току Часнога Поста сваког петка у нашој сали ће бити печена риба вечера. Потрбна је помоћ око кувања, сервирања и чишћења. Јавите се о. Александру ако желите и можете помоћи.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!