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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.

Saturday, February 29 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 1 – Sunday of Forgiveness / Cheese-fare Sunday / Сиропусна недеља

Epistle Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel Matthew 6:14-21 tone 4th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am, forgiveness vespers. Church school. Palachinke brunch in hall

Upcoming feast days/events:

March 8 – Sunday of Orthodoxy - Inter Orthodox vespers at St George Antiochian church in Cicero, IL

15 – Kolo anniversary / potluck

Pomens: +Paul Shimek, given by Steve Malinovich, +Paul Shimek, given by Sue Kljaich; +Paul Shimek, given by Ely Grubisich; +Paul Shimek, given by kolo sestara; +Paul Shimek, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Stojka Markovich, given by protinica Gordana Bugarin;

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

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. **Three Orthodox churches in Joliet, All Saints, St Nicholas and St George** will participate in Wednesday pre-sanctified liturgies during this Great Lent. The first liturgy will be at St George on Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm, Lenten Hours at 5:30 pm, and confession at 6:10 pm. Coffee and snacks and discussion to follow in the coffee room. All three priests and faithful from all churches will attend.

Lenten hours readers are needed on following Wednesdays during the Great Lent. March 4 and 25, both at 5:30 pm. Please let Fr Alex if you would like to read. We can have more than one reader per Wednesday.

Wednesdays pre-sanctified liturgies schedule: March 4 - St George, March 11 – All Saints, March 18 – St Nicholas; March 25 - St George; April 1 - St Nicholas; April 8 - All Saints. All services start at 6:30 pm.

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.

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.

The best time for confession is on the eve of the Liturgy, after vespers, on Saturday evening or on the eve of a Holy Day since the celebration of the Christian Sabbath and the Holy Days start in the evening. All faithful, and especially if a person wants to commune, should attend the evening service and the Holy Liturgy. Confession on Sunday Morning is only if you have family needs, job, distance, health or other important reason. Confessions on a Sunday and/or Holy Day Morning will start at least 30 minutes prior to the Liturgy. Please do not come to confession 5 minutes before the Liturgy begins! If the eve before you prepare to commune does not work for you and you cannot make it early enough before the Liturgy, you can always make an appointment with your priest for your confession at another time.

Before communion, please make sure you spiritually and physically prepare, make peace in your heart and read all your pre-communion prayers from your prayer book. Prayers should be read by all who communed after the Liturgy. Remain in church after you receive blessed bread, the prayers after communion are at the end of the Divine Liturgy book, and wait until everyone in the church has received blessed bread, prosphora. Wait until the priest says, "Glory to Thee our God, Glory to Thee" 3 times. After this everyone who communed should read the prayers together and loudly. It would be best if one person leads the prayers.

During the celebration of certain feast days during the year, you can bring cut flowers to make our church even more beautiful. If you choose to bring flowers, please contact Fr Alex a day or two before. Vases are available in the church.

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!