

**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 28 -Sunday of Prodigal Son / Недеља Блуднога Сина** *Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32 Tone 5th* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school

**Friday, March 5** Vespers / confession at 6 pm

**Saturday, March 6 – Memorial Saturday / Покладске Задушнице** Divine Liturgy & parastos for all reposed Orth Christians at 9 am / Литургија и парастос за све упокојене Vigil / confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, March 7 -Meat-fare Sunday / Месопусна недеља - покладе** *Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Tone 6th* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Parastos for +Milan Laketa.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

March 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; +Michael, +Violet, + George, + Joseph Jr, and +Lynn Enich, +Paul Shimek, +Judy Lockwood, given by Wm/Jan Taylor; +Paul Shimek and +Nicholas Ostoich, given by Genevieve Ostoich; +Milorad and +Ruzica Dmitrov, given by Steva/Druginja Lukin; +Angelo Barney and +Joseph Bertino, 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, Ilija, 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!

**What a Deal!!!** New tables were ordered for the hall and we are now selling the existing 60" round folding tables for \$10 to interested parishioners. Contact Tana at 815-207-0737 to arrange a time for pickup in the next few weeks. In March, any remaining tables will be advertised for sale to the public.

**Here are great opportunities to help your church.** St George has two management positions that remain open. These are 2-year positions at the Social Center: 1) Hall Manager and 2) Bar Manager. If interested, send a letter to Father or the Church Board indicating your interest and qualifications. Should you have any questions about these positions, feel free to contact Bonnie Dauer at 815-715-2189.

**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 Vigil and Sunday Divine 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.

**On each of the three Sundays before Lent,** the church brings before us a plea for repentance, set to sacred music. Here are the words of that prayer. *From the Matins of Publican and Pharisee, Lenten Triodion*

Glory..., The gates of repentance, do Thou open unto me, O Giver of Life, \* for early in the morning my spirit seeketh Thy holy temple, \* bearing the temple of my body all defiled. \* But as One who art compassionate \*\* cleanse it by Thy loving-kindness and mercy.

Both now..., Guide me on the paths of salvation, O Theotokos: \* for I have polluted my soul with shameful deeds \* and wasted all my life in slothfulness. \*\* but by thine intercessions \* do thou deliver me from all impurity.

In Tone VI: Have mercy upon me, O God, \* according to Thy great mercy: \* and according to the multitude of Thy compassion \* blot out my transgressions.

As I the wretched one ponder the multitude of evil deeds I have done, \* I tremble for fear of the dread day of judgment. \* But trusting in Thy compassionate mercy, \* like David do I cry unto Thee: \*\* 'Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy'.

**Часни Пост почиње у понедељак, марта 15.** Сваке среду у току поста служиће се преосвећена литургија на којој се може причестити. Прве среде почиње у 9 ам, исповест у 8 и 30 а следеће увече у 18 ч, исповест у 17 и 30. Ако се желите причестити увече, немојте јести ни пити после 12, подне.

**У суботу марта 6 су задушнице.** Литургија и парастос за све упокојене ће бити у 9 ам.

**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!**