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

*Epistle Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel Matthew 6:14-21 tone 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am, forgiveness vespers. Church school. Parents of church school students and priest short meeting in church after the services Palaćinke and other meatless food in hall.*

**From your priest:** As we are about to begin Great Lent, I would like to ask all for forgiveness and wish you a blessed and spiritually beneficial journey to Pascha. The best way to experience Great Lent is to attend the services and try to change your everyday routine and modify it according to the Lenten practices.

**Forgiveness vespers of our deanery** in Holy Resurrection (Redwood Dr) in Chicago at 6 pm

**Monday, March 2 – Beginning of Great Lent / Clean Monday / Почетак Поста**

Vespers and Canon of St Andrew at 6 pm, religious discussion to follow

**Wednesday, March 4**

Lenten hours at 5:30 pm; confession at 6:10 pm; Presanctified Liturgy at 6:30 pm

Priests from all three Orthodox churches in Joliet will serve and all parishioners attend. Light refreshments and discussion to follow in coffee room

**Saturday, March 7 – Theodore Saturday / Теодорова Субота Vigil / confession at 5 pm**

**Sunday, March 8 – Sunday of Orthodoxy / Feast of the First and Second Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist / Недеља Православља**

*Epistle Heb. 11:24-26;32-12:2; II Cor. 4:6-15 Gospel John 1:43-51; Matt. 11:2-15 tone 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School and coffee hour.*

**Inter Orthodox vespers** for all Orthodox in St George Antiochian Orth church in Cicero, IL at 6 pm

**Upcoming feast days/events:** March 15 – Kolo anniversary / potluck

**Pomens:** +Jeffery Lockwood, given by Judy and Scoot Lockwood; +Paul Shimek, given by Sue Kljaich; +Paul Shimek, given by Millie O'Leary; +Paul Shimek, given by Annette O'Leary; +Paul Shimek, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts; +Paul Shimek, given by Ely Grubisich; +Michael, +Violet, +George and +Julia Enich, +Jovo, +Jeka, + Joe, +Sam and +Barbara Plecas, +Frank, +Mary and +William Sr Taylor, given by M/M William Taylor, III; +Paul Shimek, given by Bob Orlovich; +Paul Shimek, +Michael, +Violet, +George, +Julia, +Stevan, +Joseph, +Stella, +Joseph, +Lynn Enich, +Walter and +Sarah Barrows, given by M/M George Enich; +Paul Shimek, given by Pat Mancke and 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, Milan Laketa, Kathy Petkovich, 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!

**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.

**Wednesday pre-sanctified liturgies schedule, all services start at 6:30 p.m.:**

- **March 4 - St George**
- **March 11 – All Saints**
- **March 18 – St Nicholas**
- **March 25 - St George**
- **April 1 - St Nicholas**
- **April 8 - All Saints**

**The presanctified Liturgy was created by St. Gregory the Dialogist** in the 7th century as a Lenten Vesperal Liturgy without the Eucharistic prayer. The Communion - Body and Blood of Christ, is consecrated in a previous Liturgy. These Liturgies are served to enable Orthodox Christians to partake of Communion more often during the Great Lent. For preparation for the evening communion, please consult Fr Aleksandar.

**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 Fry's** will begin on western Ash Wednesday February 26 and following Fridays thru April 10. Please offer your help and invite your friends.

**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.  
**Нека је свима благословен и души користан Часни Пост!**

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