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Sunday, March 10 - Cheese-fare /Forgiveness Sunday /Беле Покладе и Недеља Праштања

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Tone: 8th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.. Forgiveness vespers right after liturgy. Church School. Kolo sestara anniversary potluck.

“Forgive me, a sinner.” The response is, “God forgives.”

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. - Fr. Aleksandar

Monday, March 11: Beginning of Great Lent / Clean Week / Почетак Часнога поста – Чиста недеља

Vespers and cannon of St Andrew of Crete at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Lenten hours at 8 a.m.; Confession at 8:40 a.m.; Presanctified Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Religious discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 16: Theodore Saturday / Теодорова субота

Vespers / confession at 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 17: Triumph of Orthodoxy / Недеља Православља

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26;32-12:2 Gospel John 1:43-51 Tone 1st

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.. Church school, coffee hour

Lenten Vespers in Holy Resurrection Serb Orth church in Chicago at 6 p.m.. Homilist Fr. Archimandrite Serafim Baltich

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Dragan Krcmarevic, Slavka Novakovic, Dolly Book, Nicole and Kathy Petkovich, Judy Lockwood, Alysha Bojovic, 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!

Upcoming holy days / events:

April 2 – Lenten Retreat in our Church on April 2. Guest speaker Fr Alexii. Topic: Spiritual Exercise. Plan to attend!

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays: March 8 through April 19, from 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.. Please bring your family and friends.

Pomens: +Gino Ciccotelli, +Cathrine Ciccotelli, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family;

Our deepest condolences to Anka Laketa and family upon the repose of her sister +Louise Resanovich in Ohio. Vjecnaja Pamjat

Every Wednesday evening during Great Lent, we will have religious discussions in one of the classrooms beneath the church. If the liturgy is in the evening, the discussion will be after the liturgy at approximately 7 p.m.. When the liturgy is in the morning, a religious discussion will start at 6:30 p.m.. If you have any questions about the Bible, our practices, Orthodox faith, prayer, or other topics, please tell Fr Aleksandar, and we will have it as a topic of our discussion. If you wish you may bring fruit, pastry and/or other posno snacks especially after evening Liturgy.

When the Presanctified Liturgy is served in the evening, those who will partake of Holy Communion should fast from 12 p.m. (noon) until receiving communion. For those who can physically endure an all-day total fast, please do so.

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 can not 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, take a copy of the post-communion prayers which are in the reader's stand 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.

Just a friendly reminder to our retired parishioners to make an effort to attend Lenten Services during the weekdays, especially if you reside in Joliet or not too far from the church.

Orthodox boys who are 7 years or older should serve in the altar. Before sending their child to serve in the altar, it is important for parents to explain the position, and that it is an honor to serve and help the clergy during the service. Parents should also remember to bring them on time.

Lenten Prayers of St. Ephraim of Syria

O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and idle talking give me not. *Prostration*
But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me Thy servant. *Prostration*
Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my own failings and not condemn my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages.
amen. *Prostration*