

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.

Sunday, March 15 – Sunday of St Gregory Palamas / Недеља Св Григорија Паламе

Epistle Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Gospel Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16 tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am. Church School. **Kolo sestara anniversary – potluck.**

Lenten vespers at St Arch Michael Church in Lansing, IL (Chicago deanery) at 6 pm. Homilist: Fr Vladimir Lange.

Wednesday, March 18 Presanctified Liturgy at 6:30 pm at St Nicholas Orth church in Joliet / Priests from all three Orthodox churches in Joliet will serve and all parishioners attend. // **Friday, March 20** Presanctified liturgy (Chicago deanery) 6 pm at St. Sava in Merrillville, IN, Homilist Fr Ilija Balach // **Saturday, March 21** Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 22 – 3rd Sunday of Lent / Ven of holy cross / Holy 40 martyrs of Sebaste

Epistle Hebrews 4:14-5:6 & Hebrews 12:1-10 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1 & Matthew 20:1-16 tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am. Church School. Coffee hour

Lenten vespers at St Ilija in Merrillville, IN (Chicago deanery) at 6 pm. Homilist: Fr Dobrivoje Milunovic

Upcoming feast days/events: April 7 - Annunciation / Blagovesti; **April 12**- Entrance of our Lord in Jerusalem / Palm Sunday/ Cvetna nedelja.

Note: Please call the parish priest in case of sickness and hospitalization. **Pomens:** +Paul Shimek, given by Sue Kljaich; +Paul Shimek, given by Ely Grubisich; +Paul Shimek, given by M/M Peter Katic; +Milan Laketa, given by Steve Malinovich; +Milan Laketa, 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, baby Milan Narancich, 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!

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.

Please be sure you make your confession this Great Lent and receive Holy Communion often. The main reason for serving Presanctified Liturgies during Great Lent is to offer Holy Communion to the faithful often during the spiritual journey of Great Lent. This coming Wednesday we will be in St Nicholas Orthodox Church in Joliet at 6 pm serving the presanctified liturgy for all Orthodox in our area. Last Wednesday it was served in our church as a joint service and it was nicely attended. Keep it up. **Try to attend as many Lenten Services organized by our Chicago deanery as possible.** Please check the bulletin board and your Sunday bulletin for all schedules. **Again, this year, Kolo will collect money for flowers needed on Good Friday and Pascha.** If you would like to contribute, you may give your donation to Nadine Paukstys. Kolo will then use these funds to make the floral purchases for our church.

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian:

Lord and Master of my life, deliver me from the spirit of laziness, meddling, ambition and gossip. Prostration

Give me, Your servant, the spirit of prudence, humility, patience and love. Prostration

Lord and King, grant that I may see my sins and faults and not judge my brother, for You are blessed forever and ever. Amen. Prostration

Нека је свима благословен и души користан Часни Пост! Исповедите се и причестите у току поста. Дођите на сва посна богослужеља.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!