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Sunday, March 20 – Sunday of St Gregory Palama / Nedelja Sv Grigorija Palame *Epistle Hebrews 1:10 - 2:3 and 7:26 - 8:2 Gospel Mark 2:1-12 John 10:9-16 tone 6th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Fr Alex will have class with students, teachers, parents and parishioners in church after the services. Coffee hour. Deanery Lenten vespers at St Arch Michael church in Lansing, IL at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Vladimir Lange*

Tuesday, March 22 – The holy 40 martyrs of Sebaste / Mladenci

Wednesday, March 23 Lenten hours at 8 am, confession at 8:30 am, Presanctified Liturgy at 9 am.

Friday, March 25 Fish Fry from 4 – 7 pm Deanery Presanctified liturgy at St Sava in Merrillville at 6 pm, Homilist Fr Srdjan Veselinovich

Saturday, March 26 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 27 – Veneration of holy cross / Poklonjenje Časnome Krstu
Epistle Gospel tone 7th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Kolo sestara anniversary, potluck luncheon in lower level of Social Center and everyone is invited! Deanery Lenten vespers at St Elijah church in Merrillville, IN at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Dobrivoje Milunović.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

April 7 – Holy Annunciation / Blagovesti

10 – Lenten luncheon after the services sponsored by the choir

17 – Palm Sunday, our Diocesan Bishop, His Grace Bishop Longin will be with us, plan to attend the Hierarchal Liturgy

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Pat Zakavec, Craig Vercelote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, Gayle Shimek, Donna Laketa Catan, Steven Pyevich, 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!

Pomens (litany for departed): +Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich, + Delores Malinovich, given by Annette O'Leary; +Delores Malinovich, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts; +Delores Malinovich, given by Millie O'Leary; +Akilas Tolios, +Agnes Tolios, +Michael Kljaich, +Michael O'Leary and +Delores Malinovich, given by Susan Kljaich; +Akilas Tolios, +Agnes Tolios, +Michael Kljaich, +Michael O'Leary and +Delores Malinovich, given by Frances Juarez; +Dragica Petrovic, given by protinica Gordana Bugarin; +Rosa Kovac Perry, +Marie Basarich, given by Dr Howard Grundy & Sofija Peters;

Our Church sponsored Fish Fry's continue every Friday through April 15th. We always need volunteers so feel free to join the fun and help. We have an online system called SignUp Genius where you can find an area to work and sign up for a particular week(s). You can access SignUp Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4fa4ae23ab9-fish> If you don't want to use the online system, just talk to someone on the church board and let them know when and how you would like to help. This is a major source of income for our church and we need everyone's involvement.

The church board is currently seeking candidates for a new paying position of Hall Maintenance Superintendent. Interested candidates should contact Dan Dorsey at rdaniel.dorsey901@gmail.com or 815-274-8331.

After the liturgy, all who received Holy Communion should remain in church to read the required prayers after receiving Holy Communion. The prayers are at the end of liturgy book. After you receive prosphora please return to the pew until everyone receives the blessed bread, prosphora. The priest will then start the prayers loudly with "Glory to Thee, O God, Glory to Thee" three times. Then everyone will read the prayers aloud. It is best if one person starts and the rest follow.

You are welcome to take one of the Orthodox books from our library home to read during Great Lent and return it when you are done reading it. Please see Fr Aleksandar if you need a recommendation for the book.

Ко се причестио, треба да остане у цркви после литургије да се прочитају молитве после причести. Ово је обавезно за све.

Владика Лонгин ће служити литургију у нашој цркви на Цвети, планирајте сад да дођете тога дана.

Of all Lenten hymns and prayers, one short prayer can be termed the Lenten prayer. Tradition ascribes it to one of the great teachers of spiritual life - St. Ephrem the Syrian. Here is its text:

*O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. Prostration
But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Prostration
Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother; For Thou art blessed unto ages of ages.
Amen Prostration*

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!