

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 22 – 3rd Sunday of Lent / Ven of holy cross / Holy 40 martyrs of Sebaste - Младенци

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.

Wednesday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 28

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 29 – 4th Sunday of Lent / of St John Climacus / Недеља Св Јована Лествичника

Epistle Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19 Gospel Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12 tone 8th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am.

Upcoming feast days/events:

April 7 - Annunciation / Blagovesti

12- Entrance of our Lord in Jerusalem / Palm Sunday/ Cvetna nedelja

Pomens (litany): +Paul Shimek, +Delores Malinovich, +Mavis and + Milos Konjevich, given by Millie O'Leary; +Paul Shimek and +Delores Malinovich, given by Fr Ned Lunich; +Delores Malinovich, given by Annette O'Leary; +Delores Malinovich, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts; +Milan Laketa, +Delores Malinovich, +Paul Shimek, given by M/M Nick Malinovich; +Delores Malinovich, given by Anka Laketa; + Milan Laketa, +Delores Malinovich, +Paul Shimek, given by Genevieve Ostich; +Delores Malinovich, given by kolo sestara; +Paul Shimek, +Milan Laketa and +Delores Malinovich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Milan Laketa, +Paul Shimek, +Delores Malinovich, +Michael Kljaich and +Michael O'Leary, given by M/M Phil Rowe; +Michael Kljaich, +Delores Malinovich, +Michael O'Leary, +George and +Ann Malinovich, given by Sue Kljaic and the same pomens from her mom Frances Juarez.

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, George Cizmas, Christopher, 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!

Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, we have the following instructions to announce in our church:

Increase our prayers and fasting in your home for all who are afflicted, their families, repose of souls who died from it and the safety and salvation of all.

If you are not healthy and/or afraid, please stay home.

Our church has been disinfected and is wiped and cleaned regularly. If you choose to come to church and not to kiss ikons/cross, please bow down in front of them.

Use Holy Water daily with prayers. If you need more, please let Fr Alex know.

Mysteries are offered at every Divine Liturgy. When receiving communion, please put your head back and open your mouth wide so the spoon does not touch your mouth. Have faith in God and His everlasting love for us!

There will be no coffee hours on Sunday or at any time after services. Church School has been canceled until April 5.

We are getting low on disinfecting liquid, hand sanitizers and wipes, so if you have enough and can share, please bring them to church.

All of our services are on schedule so far, unless we get different instructions from our Diocese.

Chicago Deanery Lenten Services have been cancelled.

If you do not come to church, please remember to send your weekly and other donations. We still have to pay our bills and the life of our church is ongoing.

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.

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*

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!