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**Sunday, March 27 – Veneration of Holy Cross / Poklonjenje Časnome Krstu**

*Epistle Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1 tone 7<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Wednesday, March 30 – St Patrick and Ven Alexis the Man of God**

Lenten hours at 5 pm, confession at 5:30 pm, Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm. Religious discussion after

**Friday, April 1** Fish Fry from 4 – 7 pm Deanery Presanctified liturgy at St Simeon church in South Chicago at 6 pm, Homilist Fr Marko Matić

**Saturday, April 2** Vespers / confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, April 3 – Sunday of St John the Climacus / Nedelja Sv Jovana Lestvičnika**

*Epistle Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19 Gospel Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12 tone 8<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. Deanery Lenten vespers at St George church in East Chicago, IN at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Aleksandar Bugarin.*

**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 Vercolote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, Gayle Shimek, George Cizmas, Donna Laketa Catan, Steven Pyevich, 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): +Jeffrey Lockwood, +Judy Lockwood and +Anka Orlovich, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Stevan Petrich and +Nikola Pervan, given by Dan/Vicki Dorsey; +Eva Grubisich, +Betty Grubisich, +Rose Kupresin, given by Ely Grubisich;

Thank you note: Mr and Mrs Joseph Orlovich Jr have donated \$250 to Fr Ned Scholarship Fund in memory of their dear friend +John L Pissionis. God bless his soul! Our gratitude to Joseph Jr and Josephine Orlovich.

Our Church sponsored Fish Fry's continue every Friday through April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:rdaniel.dorsey901@gmail.com) or 815-274-8331.

**Please let Fr Aleksandar know** to bring Holy Communion to your home if you are unable to attend worship services. Divine and Presanctified Liturgies during Lent are the worship services when you may receive Holy Communion. Vespers, Vigil, Hours, Akathist, and other services are not Eucharistic and Holy Communion is not offered in these services.

**The presanctified Liturgy was created by St. Gregory the Dialogist** in the 7th century as a Lenten Vespersal 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.

**ВЕЛИКОПОСНА МОЛИТВА ЈЕФРЕМА СИРИНА**

Господе и Владико живота мога, дух лењости мрзовоље, властољубља и празнословља, не дај ми. **(земни поклон)**  
Дух целомудрености, смиреноумља, трпљења и љубави, даруј мени служи Твоме. **(земни поклон)**  
О Господе Царе, даруј ми да видим грехе своје и да не осуђујем брата свога, јер си благослоен у векове векова.  
Амин. **(земни поклон)**

**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!**