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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.**

**"Do not fear, only believe" Mark 5:36**

**Sunday, March 28 – 2nd Sunday of Lent / of St Gregory Palamas / Друга недеља поста** Epistle Heb. 1:10-2:3; Heb. 7:26-8:2 Gospel Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16 Tone 1st 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. ASSC annual meeting

**Tuesday, March 30 – Ven Alexis, the Man of God / St Patrick of Ireland**

**Wednesday, March 31** Lenten hours at 8 am, confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified liturgy at 9 am

**Saturday, April 3** Vigil / confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, April 4 – 3rd Sunday of Lent / Ven of the Cross / Трећа недеља поста, поклоњење крсту**

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6, Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1, Tone 2nd, 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:** April 7 – Annunciation / Благовести

**Pomens (Litany for departed):** +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek, Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic; +Mary Book, given by Sue Kljaich; +Mary Book, given by Ely Grubisich; +Mary Book, given by Art/Olga Schumann; +George Enich, given by Dr's Michael/Nada Keer; +Debra Stoll, given by Kirk/Jackie Stapinski; +Mihajlo, +Draginja and +Dusica Jurisic, given by Steva/Draginja Lukin; +Jeffrey and +Judy Lockwood, +Anne Orlovich and +Mary Book, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Delores Malinovich, give by Anka Laketa and family; +Neven Stanisich, a young Serb man killed in mass shooting in Boulder, CO

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Milorad Ristich, Sandy Grundy, Nick Malinovich, Sheila Bojovic, Sam Starcevich, 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!

**Lenten hours readers are needed on Wednesdays before Presanctified liturgy during the Great Lent.** Lenten hours in the morning will start at 8 am and in the evening at 5 pm. Please sign up for the Wednesday you would like to read. The Sign-up sheet is on the warden table.

**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 Divine 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.

**Fish Fry Help Needed.** Since many hands make for light work, please look at the sign-up sheet to see if there is a day or time that will work for you. If you cannot work, please remember us on our fish fry days and place an order. We will have them starting on Ash Wednesday (2/17/21) and run until the week before our Holy Friday (4/23/21). Serving time from 4 pm to 7 pm. Of course, all of this is subject to change.

Thank you! *Bonnie Dauer*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4FA4AE23AB9-fish1>

**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. 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.

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**Coronavirus Prayer:** O Lord our God enter not into judgement with Thy servants, and protect us from the pestilence coming onto us. Spare us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, who in repentance, with a warm faith and contrition of the heart, are falling down before Thee, our merciful and beneficent God, and trusting in Thy mercy. Thine is mercy and salvation, our God. Glory to Thee, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**