

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, 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 of St Basil the Great at 10 am. Church school.

Tuesday, April 6 Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Wednesday, April 7 – Annunciation / Благовести Confession at 8:30 am; Vespers Liturgy of St John Chrysostom at 9 am

Sunday, April 11 – 4th Sunday of Lent / Четврта недеља поста *Epistle Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19 Gospel Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12 Tone 3rd* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am. Church school.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

April 18 – Kolo sestara meeting after the liturgy /Седница кола сестара после литургије

April 25 – Palm Sunday /Holy Week /Цветна недеља

Pomens (Litany for departed): +Mary Book, given by Art/Olga Schumann; +Danica Belfield, given by Jean/Chuck Panella, Janet Belfield and Denis Belter, Andrea/Merwin Popovich – Maachaoui and Jovana, Tijana, Jameson and Talon Popovich; +Anne Orlovich, +Judy and +Jeffrey Lockwood, +Chuck Anderson and +Mary Book, given by Bob Orlovich; +Betty and +Eva Grubisich, +John Skoryi Sr, given by Ely Grubisich; +Michael Kljaich, +Michael O'Leary and +Delores Malinovich, given by Phil/Millie Rowe; +Mile, +Sara, +Joseph, +Hazel, +Michael Sr and +Nick Kljaich, given by Sandy Burcensky and family; +Mile, +Sara, +Joseph, +Michael Sr and +Nich Kljaich, +Michael, +Alice and +Michael E Radakovich, +Denis Grachan Sr, +Michael O'Leary, +George, +Anne and+ Delores Malinovich, +Mary Lou Suitca, +Judy Lockwood, +Paul Shimek, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez;

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

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

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

Our parish is in need of a person/s to bake prosphora. Prosphora, holy bread for the Eucharist, is a special bread that should be made and baked prayerfully, with great respect and solemnity. In our Serbian tradition, only older ladies/men will bake the prosphoras, and we should continue to practice this tradition. If we do not have any volunteers, then the task will be offered to any parishioner. Fr Alex is planning to offer classes/instructions in our hall kitchen for all who would like to learn to bake prosphoras. Please let him know if you are interested. Since early fall of 2020, Fr Alex has been baking the prosphoras for all liturgies.

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

Orthodox boys who are 7 years or older should serve in the altar. Before sending their child to serve in the altar, it is important for parents to explain the position, and that it is an honor to serve and help the clergy during the service. Parents should also remember to bring them on time.

Црква је увек отворена за све који се осећају здраво и безопасно да дођу. Ставите маску на лице кад уђете у цркву, ако желите скините је у цркви за време молитве и опет ставите кад излазите. Света причест се није никада прекидала за све духовно припремљене вернике. Мало забаците главу и отворите уста тако да вам кашичица не додорује усне. Уколико желите доћи у цркву преко недеље и Богу се помолити и свеће упалити или се причестити, јавите свештенику да вам отвори цркву.

Coming to church services late after the service has begun is not spiritually beneficial for many reasons. First you are missing many important prayers and especially if a person is not on time for the epistle or gospel message. If you come late you might disturb others in their prayers and finally it can become a very bad habit for you and your family who will learn from you that it is ok to come to church late and miss half of the service.

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!