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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 5– 5th Sunday of Lent / of St Mary of Egypt / Св Марија Египћанка

Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29 Gospel Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50 tone 1st
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am.

Monday, April 6 Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, April 7 – Annunciation / Благовести Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Wednesday, April 8 Lenten hours at 5 pm confession at 5:40 pm; Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm

Friday, April 10 Vespers at 6 pm

Saturday, April 11 – Lazarus Saturday / Beginning of Holy Week/ Vrbica / Лазарева Субота- Велика Недеља Divine Liturgy at 9 am, Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, April 12 – Entrance of our Lord in Jerusalem / Palm Sunday / Цветна Недеља

Epistle Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel John 12:1-18, 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Upcoming feast days/events:

April 19 – Holy Pascha / Vaskrs

Pomens (litany): +Danica Belfied, given by Jean and Chuck Panella, Janet Belfield & Denis Belter, Andrea & Marwen Popovich – Maachaoui, Jovana, Tijana and Jameson Popovich; +Kimball Mancke, +Anka Orlovich, +Delores Malinovich, +Paul Shimek, +Jeffery Lockwood, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Kimball Mancke, +Anka Orlovich, +Delores Malinovich, Jeffrey Lockwood, given by Bob Orlovich; +Dusica Jurisic, given by M/M Steva Lukin; +Daniel Petrich, given by M/M John Dauer and family, M/M Joey Eric and family, M/M Ryan Dorsey and family. M/M Danilo Dorsey; **There will be no pomens on Palm Sunday and Pascha.**

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

Holy Week and Pascha are coming up. Our Church calls upon all of us to please follow the directions of medical and civil officials to stay at home. **All services in church are being conducted by clergy and chanters.** This is the first time in our lives, and we hope the last, that together we are not allowed to attend the services and celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Holiest Day in our Church. We all know how we feel about it and that there is nothing we can do. We already miss seeing each other in our church worship.

Our prayers are offered for the health and salvation of all, and for the repose of the souls who passed away because of coronavirus. I know we will get through this with the help of God and hopefully with stronger faith. Please stay home as much as you can and even if you have to go out to a store or finish your errands, let it be quickly.

We are ordered to be careful, protect ourselves, stay home and to use common sense. Let fear never be part of our life. Knowing that God is with us, we shouldn't fear. If we have fear and don't deal with it, the next level is panic and hysteria. The scientists and physicians have proved that fear lowers your immune system and can cause us to get ill more quickly. After panic usually comes madness and total dysfunction.

Let's try to get rid of our fear and embrace God's love and dedicate ourselves to Him. If you have any questions and/or spiritual needs, please call Fr Aleksandar at any time.

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 Thou, our merciful and beneficent God, and trusting in Thy mercy. Yours is mercy and salvation, our God. Glory to Thou, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Coronavirus Prayer in church services

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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!