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Sunday, April 7 – Annunciation /Благовести / Sunday of St John the Climacus / St Justin of Ćelije
Epistle Heb. 6:13-20; Heb. 2:11-18; Gospel: Luke 1:24-38; Mark 8:34-9:1 Tone 4th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am. Church school, coffee hour.
Lenten Vespers in St George Serb Orth church in East Chicago at 6 p.m. Homilist Fr Marko Matic.
Lenten Vespers in St Nicholas Serb Orth church in Brookfield at 6 p.m. Homilist Fr. Radovan Jakovljevic.

Wednesday, April 10 - Lenten hours at 8 a.m.; Confession at 8:40 a.m.; Presanctified Liturgy at 9 a.m.
There will be no religious discussion. OCA Bishop Paul will serve an evening presanctified at 6:30 p.m. in St Nicholas in Joliet

Thursday, April 11 - Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos at 7 p.m. The Akathist should be served on fifth Friday of Lent, since Fr Aleksandar will be in Gracanica monastery on Friday, we will have it on Thursday night.

Sunday, April 14 – Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29 Gospel Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50 Tone 5th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 a.m.; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 a.m.. Church school. Luncheon sponsored by the church choir.
Lenten Vespers in Sts Peter & Paul Serb Orth church in South Bend, IN at 6 p.m. Homilist Fr Aleksandar Savic
Lenten Vespers in St Simeon Serb Orth church in So Chicago at 6 p.m. Homilist Fr. Aleksandar Novakovic.

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Dragan Krcmarevic, Slavka Novakovic, Dolly Book, Nicole and Kathy Petkovich, Judy Lockwood, Alysha Bojovic, George Cizmas, 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! Note: Please call the parish priest in case of sickness and hospitalization.

Pomens: +Delores Malinovich, given by Millie O'Leary; +Delores Malinovich and + Bertha O'Brian, given by Annette O'Leary; +Delores Malinovich and +Michael Kljaich, given by Sue Kljaich; +Delores Malinovich, given by Kirk Stapinski; +Delores Malinovich, given by Millie Stapinski; +Delores Malinovich, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts, +Delores Malinovich, given by Milorad and Deborah Stamenkovich; +Danica Belfield, given by Jean and Chuck Panella, Janet Belfield & Dennis Belter, Andrea, Jovana and Tijana and Jameson Popovich; +Anne Orlovich and +Delores Malinovich, given by Pat Mancke and family; Reminder: On Pascha Sunday there will be no pomens.

All parishioners should observe Great Lent by attending services, increasing prayers and strengthening relationship with God. Great Lent is not meant to be a "burden" for the faithful but rather a voluntary change of everyday routine and to be more attentive to one's spiritual life. The reason for serving Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday is to enable everyone to receive spiritual food more often and become closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Confess your sins and receive Holy Communion often, every week at least once. Suggested reading for Lent is the Old Testament, the first five books and the prophesy as well as appointed verses in the New Testament for every day. Spend more time with your prayer book instead of your cell phone and time on social media. Share your free time to help others.

Make this Great Lent a special and beneficial time for your soul and body. **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 and other services are not Eucharistic and Holy Communion is not offered in these services.

Please donate for the Good Friday and Pascha flowers. This year you may make your donation in memory of your reposed beloved ones or for the health and salvation of your family and or friends. Please write down the names on a piece of paper and give it with your donation to Nadine Paukstys, Kolo Treasurer.

Lazarus Saturday - Vrbica is on April 20. This is the beginning of Holy Week and Divine Liturgy will be at 9 am. Vespers with procession around the church will be at 5 pm. Parents, please remember to bring your children for the vespers as Vrbica is a children's event in our Serbian Tradition. On Palm Sunday, April 21, our Diocesan Bishop Longin will be with us for the Lenten Vespers at 5 pm which our parish will host for the part of Chicago Deanery. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Please visit our Bookstore downstairs to purchase your Pascha cards and other gifts for the Paschal. season.

Lenten Prayers of St. Ephraim of Syria

O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and idle talking give me not. *Prostration*
But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me Thy servant. *Prostration*
Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my own failings and not condemn my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. amen. *Prostration*

Врбица је у суботу Априла 20, вечерње са опходом око цркве ће почети у 17 ч. Родитељи доведите децу јер је ово више дечији празник.

Ваш прилог за цвеће за Велики Петак и Васкрс може бити намењен за покој душа упокојених или за здравље. Кад дате Ваш прилог Nadine Paukstys, благајници кола сестара, можете јој дати и списак имена за кога је намењен Ваш прилог и за њих ће бити упућене молитве у олтару.

Припремите се за исповест и причест у току Часнога Поста. Причестити се можете на Св Литургији недељом и средом на преосвећеној литургији.