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Sunday, April 10 – Sunday of St Mary of Egypt / Nedelja Sv Marije Egipćanke

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 at 10 am. Fr Alex will teach the church school after the liturgy. Teachers, parents and parishioners are welcome to stay. Coffee hour. Deanery Lenten vespers at Sts Peter and Paul church in South Bend, IN at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Radovan Jakovljevic

Wednesday, April 13 Lenten hours at 5 pm, confession at 5:30 pm, Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm. Religious discussion

Friday, April 15 Fish Fry from 4 – 7 pm

Saturday, April 16 – Lazarus Saturday / Beginning of Holy Week / Početak strasne sedmice

Confession at 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy at 9 am, Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, April 17 – Entrance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Jerusalem / Cvetna Nedelja

Epistle Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel John 12:1-18 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school, coffee hour, Deanery Lenten vespers in our church at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Nikolaj Kostur

Upcoming Feast days and events:

April 24 – Holy Pascha / Uskrs

May 1 - Church slava celebration

6 – Feast of St George / Djurdjevdan

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Pat Zakavec, Craig Vercelote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, 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!

Please be advised that there will be no pomens on Palm Sunday and Pascha.

Holy Week is observed by strict fasting, attending all services and reliving the Passion, Crucifixion and Death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please try to attend as many services as you can and partake of Holy Communion on Holy Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. You should confess, if you have not done so during Lent. The end of Holy Week is the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior after three days in the tomb. Receiving Holy Communion on Pascha and on Bright Week Services is required of all Orthodox Christians as the culmination of the Holy Week Services, Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection in Him. Please be advised there will be no confession on Pascha before the liturgy, so please make time for confession before.

After the liturgy, all who received Holy Communion should remain in church to read the required prayers after receiving Holy Communion.

Thank you note; Dan and Vicky Dorsey donated \$100 to the Fr Ned Scholarship Fund in memory of their prijatelj, daughter in law Connor's grandfather +John Peterson. Memory eternal! We are grateful to Dan and Vicky for their contribution!

Pomens (litany for departed): +Lynn and +Joseph Enich Jr, +Dorn and +Helen Johnston Jr, +Michael and +Mary Bjekich, +George Tesla and +Danica Belfield, given by Bill/Marty Seemann; +Vaso, +Dusan, +Mike Grubisich, +Emil, +Sam and +Nicholas Kupresin, given by Ely Grubisich;

Please let Fr Aleksandar know to bring Holy Communion to your home if you are unable to attend worship services.

Holy Week begins on Lazarus Saturday, April 16, and will continue until Holy Saturday, April 23. On Palm Sunday our Diocesan Bishop, His Grace Bishop Longin will serve the hierarchal liturgy in our church. Please plan now to attend and prepare to partake holy communion. In the evening at 6 pm our church is hosting the last Deanery Lenten Vespers and dinner for all after the services. Plan to attend!

Сви које се причесте треба да остану у цркви после литургије да заједно прочитамо молитве после причести. На Цвети нам долази Владика Лонгин и било би лепо да се исповедите, ако нисте овога поста и причестите. На Лазареву суботу или Врбица почиње Страсна или Велика Недеља. Планирајте да дођете на што више богослужења у којима доживљавамо страдања, распеће и смрт нашег Спаситеља Исуса Христа за нас грешне. Пост и молитве се појачавају

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!