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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 served by His Grace Bishop Longin at 10 am. Church school, coffee hour. Deanery Lenten vespers in our church at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Nikolaj Kostur.

Holy or Passion Week Velika ili Strasna Nedelja

Monday, April 18 Bridegroom matins at 6 pm

Tuesday, April 19 Bridegroom matins at 6 pm

Wednesday, April 20 Lenten hours at 8 am, confession at 8:30 am, Presanctified Liturgy at 9 am. Religious discussion

Thursday, April 21 – Holy Thursday Confession at 8:30 am, Vespers at 9 am, Matins and reading of 12 passion gospel lessons at 6 pm

Friday, April 22 – Good Friday / Veliki Petak

Royal Hours at 9 am, Vespers and unnauling of Christ Body from the Cross and placement of His Body in the Tomb at 4 pm
Matins, Lamentation and Burial of Christ at 6 pm

Saturday, April 23 – Holy and Blessed Sabbath / Velika Subota Confession at 8:30 am, Vespers at 9 am, Resurrection matins at 11 pm

Sunday, April 24 – Holy Pascha / Vaskrsenje Gospodnje Hristos Voskrese!

Epistle Acts 1:1-8 Gospel John 1:1-17 3rd & 6th hours at 9:50 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. **Children Easter egg hunt**

Upcoming Feast days and events:

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!

Weather and grass conditions permitting, Culture Club will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for our church school students and young guests in attendance on 04.24.22. All children must come downstairs after Liturgy to get a bag and to be grouped by age/size and then all will come upstairs together and proceed to the area of the lawn for their age group. We are seeking donations of Pre-Stuffed Plastic Eggs for this event. Eggs can be stuffed with candy, coins, favors, stickers, etc. Items may be on sale now, through and after Western Easter. Donations can be brought to any of the classroom's downstairs, left near the teacher/desk area. Thank you in advance for your support of Culture Club and our St. George children and young visitors!

Blessing of Pascha food baskets and colored eggs will be on Pascha after the prayer before the ambo, towards the end of Liturgy, and we will share the colored eggs. Traditionally eggs for Pascha are boiled and colored red, but other colors are also fine. In other Slavic traditions, it is a practice to bless the Pascha Food Baskets after the Resurrection Matins and Liturgy which is right after the Matins. This is around midnight when the fast and the Resurrection Services are finished. Then parishioners can enjoy the Pascha Food. However, Orthodox Serbs have Resurrection Matins - Vaskrsno jutrenje late on Holy Saturday and the Divine Liturgy is served on Pascha Morning like other Sunday Liturgies, therefore, we do not break the fast after the Matins but wait the next day after the Paschal Liturgy to break the fast. This is the reason we bring Pascha baskets and colored eggs on Sunday's Liturgy and enjoy the food after.

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.

Налазимо се у Великој Недељи. Пост и појачане молитве, избегвање сваке забаве а посета богослужењима је обавезна за све вернике. Ако се нисте исповедили учините то. За Васкрс после литургије деца ће тражити шарена јаја напољу ако време дозволи. Сетите се ваше цркве овог Васкрса са вашим великодушним прилогом! Донесите црвено офарбана јаја у недељу да се освете и поделе вернима на крају литургије.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!