

**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 18 – 5th Sunday of Lent / Пета недеља поста**

*Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29 Gospel Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50 Tone 4th* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am. Church school. Kolo sisters meeting in the church.

**Wednesday, April 21** Lenten hours at 5 pm; Confession at 5:40 pm; Presanctified liturgy at 6 pm

**Friday, April 23** Vespers/confession at 6 pm

**Saturday, April 24 – Lazarus Saturday /Лазарева субота – Врбица / Holy Week starts**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am, confession at 8:15 am

Vigil / confession at 5 pm, blessing of palm brunches

**Sunday, April 25 – The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem / Цвети**

*Epistle Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel John 12:1-18* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Procession with palms around the church. Church school.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

May 2 – Pascha / Ускрс

6 – St George's Day - Ђурђевдан

**Pomens (Litany for departed):** +Mary Book, +Chuck Anderson, +Milos, +Mavis, +Sam, +Nannette, +Joan, +Milan, +Nicholas, +Danny, +Milos, +Martha Konjevich, +Katie Martin, +Millie Suca, +Sophie Roberts, given by Barbara Konjevich family; +Joanne Bok, given by Will/Kathy Harper; Please be advised that there will be no pomens on Palm Sunday and Pascha.

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Sandy Grundy, Sheila and Alysha 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!

**His Grace Bishop Longin** will visit us on Palm Sunday and will serve the Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendar. Prepare to partake of holy communion from the hand of our Bishop.

**In order to be a member in good standing of an Orthodox church** as stated by the Rules and Regulations of the Serbian Orthodox Church, an Orthodox Christian must be in good standing with their Sacramental and Liturgical obligations plus fulfill the financial obligations. Sacraments/Liturgical obligation means the Holy Sacraments must be received in their parish church.

The Sacraments were never stopped during the pandemic. If any of you don't feel completely comfortable confessing and partaking of Holy Communion on a Sunday or Feast Day, you can call Fr Aleksandar at any time to either receive it in your home or in the church at any time when no one else is there.

**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.

**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.

**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!**