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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 26 – Thomas Sunday / Томина Недеља

Epistle Acts 5:12-20 Gospel John 20:19-31 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday, April 27 – Memorial Day after Pascha / Ružičalo, Vaskršnje zadušnice

Saturday, May 2 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, May 3 – Sunday of Myrrh-bearers / Недеља Мирносица *Epistle Acts 6:1-7 Gospel Mark 15:43-16:8* *Tone 2nd* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Upcoming Feast days and events:

May 6 – St George the Greatmartyr / Ђурђевдан

12 – St Basil of Ostrog / Св Василије остршки

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, Ely Grubisich, Don and Diane Grubisich, Donald Laketa, 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!

Pomens (litany for departed) +Dusica Jurisin, given by M/M Steva Lukin; +Paul Shimek, given by Bob Orlovich; +Joseph and +Lena Gioannicini, +Paul and +Marion Batrucci, +Joseph, +Mildred and +JoAnn Orlovich, +Nicholas Ostoich, +Paul Shimek, +Rada Albu, +Lisa Maffeo, +Loisann Orlovich, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Zorka Pavlovic, given by Milinka Pavlovic and family; +Loisann Orlovich, given by M/M Bill Harper; +Violet, +Michael, +Joseph Sr, +Stella, +Julia Enich, +Alexander and +Danica Grabavoy, +Jovo, +Jeka and +Sam Plecas, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Iso Ciganovich and +JoAnn Orlovich, given by Nadine Keer; +Michael Kranovich, given by Fr Alex Bugarin; +Vlado Blagojevic, given by Milenka Cvjetkovic; +Mara Cvjetkovic, given by Dusan Cvjetkovic;

Please continue to send your weekly and Pascha donations to the church address. Our church slava celebration will be cancelled for May 3. Please be generous with your church slava donation.

Holy water in bottles remain available in church narthex for our parishioners. If needed, please take home and use it with prayers.

Prayer before Partaking Holy Water

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints. Amen.

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, altar server and chanters, not more than 10 with social distance.**

Paschal greeting Christ is Risen or Hristos Voskrese is used among the Orthodox Christians from the Feast of Resurrection until Ascension. Fifty days after Resurrection is another Major Holy Day - Holy Trinity Sunday or Pentecost. This year Pentecost falls on June 7th and it is always on Sunday, for 50 days after Resurrection is always on Sunday. Saturday before Pentecost is always Memorial Saturday.

Pobusani ponedeljak or Ružičalo in the Serbian Orthodox Church is a commemoration of the departed observed on the second Monday of Pascha. The faithful visit the graves of their beloved ones and plant new spring flowers and announce the Resurrection to the deceased. They bring colored eggs to the graves and tapping the egg against the head stone they say Hristos Voskrese, and an egg is usually left by the grave. When visiting the graves, Orthodox faithful should bring a candle and light it at the grave in memory of deceased. Fresh and/or artificial flowers are also appropriate to bring and leave by the graves in a vase. In some area of former Yugoslavia, people would bring food to the graves and have a few bites and the rest would be left by the graves for the poor people who would walk through the cemetery after Memorial Days and collect the food. It is not really appropriate to leave food by the graves in the US. Russian Orthodox Christians visit the graves on the second Tuesday after Pascha and they call the day – Radonitsa.

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.

Благословен Васкрс свим парохијанима и пријатељима! Христос Воскресе! И ако физички нисмо заједно, у молитвама смо сви заједно.

Ако славите Ђурђевдан договорите се са свештеником како да се то најбље уради ове године

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.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!