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Sunday, April 21 – The Entry of our Lord Jesus Christ in Jerusalem / Цветна недеља: Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; Gospel: John 12:1-18; 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Hierarchal Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour; Lenten Vespers in our church at 6 pm.; Homilist: Fr. Dr. Milos Vesin. Dinner in the hall.

Thursday, April 25 – Holy and Great Thursday

Confession at 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 9 a.m.; Matins and reading of 12 Gospel lessons at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 26 – Holy and Great Friday / Велики Петак; Royal Hours at 10 a.m. ;Vespers and placing of Holy Shroud / Plaštanica at 4 p.m. Lamentations and Burial of Christ, procession with Plaštanica around the church at 6 p.m. Refreshments beneath the church. Please bring some posno dessert, pogača, fruit, juice, and leave it downstairs before the service starts. Please offer your help to clean up afterwards.

Saturday, April 27 – Holy and Great Saturday / Велика Субота; Confession at 9:30 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 9 a.m.; Resurrection Matins at 11 p.m.

Sunday, April 28 – Great and Holy Pascha / Васкрс; Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; Gospel: John 1:1-17; 3rd & 6th hours at 9:50 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Dragan Krcmarevic, Dolly Book, Kathy Petkovich, Judy Lockwood, Alysha Bojovic, George Cizmas, Martha Seemann, Krstan Mijatovic, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, 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! Prayers are offered for Michael Goodale for his safety and salvation on deployment.

Pomens: +Delores Malinovich and +Michael Kljaich, given by Sue Kljaich; +Delores Malinovich, given by M/M Art Schumann; +Darlene Malinovich, given by M/M Pete Honiotis; +Delores Malinovich, given by Fr Ned Lunich; +Delores Malinovich, given by M/M Roger Trizna; +Delores Malinovich, given by M/M Phil Rowe; +Delores Malinovich, given by Pete Grubisich, +Delores Malinovich, given by Don Yovetich; +Delores Malinovich, given by M/M Jerry Kinney; +Delores Malinovich, given by the Burcenski family; +Delores Malinovich, given by M/M Kirk Stapinski; +John Skoryi Sr, given by Ely Grubisich. Remember, on Pascha Sunday there will be no pomens.

Please sign up for one or more, if you wish, reading from the Old Testament during the Liturgy on Good and Holy Saturday which will begin at 9 am. The sign-up sheet is on the Tutor's table.

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.

On Good Friday - Veliki Petak there will be three services. The first is the Royal Hours at 10 am. Second is the Vespers - Placing the Plaštanica (Holy Shroud) in the Tomb at 4 pm, and the last will be at 6 pm which is the Lamentation and burial of Christ - Matins with the procession of Holy Shroud around the Church. After the last service there will be refreshments beneath the church. Please bring some posno dessert, pogača, fruit, juice, and leave it downstairs before the service starts. Please offer your help to clean up afterwards. Try to attend all Good Friday Services or at least the last two services.

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.

Велика или страсна седмица у којој се налазимо се проводи у строгом посту, посети богослужењима у цркви и доживљавању, страдања, распећа и смрти наше Спаситеља Господа Исуса Христа. Планирајте да дођете у цркву на што више богослужења и да се причестите на Велику Среду, Четвртак или Суботу. Исповедите се ове седмице ако нисте до сада. Причест на Васкрс је препоручен свим православцима као кулминација свих догађаја и богослужења и Васкрсења Исуса Христа и нашег васкрсења у Христу.

На Велики Петак су следећа богослужења: Царски Часови у 10, Вечерње са износом плаштанице у 16 ч и Јутрење са опходом плаштанице око цркве и сахраном у 18 часова. После ће бити мало послужење у сали испод цркве. Донесите нето посно за послужење, колаче, погачу, сок и слично.

Васкрсно јутрење ће почети у 23 часа на Велику Суботу и Васкршња Литургија у недељу у 10 часова

На Васкршњој литургији ће се светити корпе са храном и обојена јаја које ћемо делити. Донесите обојена јаја у цркву на Васкрс.