

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 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.

Please do your confession during Holy Week. There will be no confession on Pascha morning

Monday, April 26 -Holy Monday Bridegroom matins at 6 pm

Tuesday, April 27 – Holy Tuesday Bridegroom matins at 6 pm

Wednesday, April 21 Lenten hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified liturgy at 9 am

Thursday, April 29 – Holy Thursday Confession at 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 9 am, Matins/Readings of 12 gospel lessons

Friday, April 30 – Holy and Great Friday / Велики Петак

Royal Hours at 9 am

Vespers / Removal of the Body of Christ from the cross at 3 pm

Matins / Lamentations / burial at 6 pm

Saturday, May 1 – Holy and Great Saturday / Велика Субота

Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 9 am, confession at 8:15 am

Confession at 10:15 pm; Resurrection Matins at 11 pm

Sunday, May 2 – Holy Pascha / Васкрс

Epistle Acts 1:1-8 Gospel John 1:1-17

3rd & 6th hours at 9:50 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Easter egg hunt

Agape Vespers at 6 pm

Upcoming Feast days and events:

May 6 – St George's Day – Бурђевдан

16 – Church slava celebration

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, 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!

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.

The traditional blessing of homes during and after the feast of Theophany in 2021 will be postponed until June of 2021. Hopefully, by then the virus will be conquered and/or transmission will be greatly decreased and the priest can visit homes. The great blessing of water will be in church for the feast of Theophany and if you need Holy Water for your home, please let Fr Aleksandar know.

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.

Kolo will purchase Flowers for Christ's tomb using monies collected for the Flower Fund. If any parishioners would still like to bring flowers and take them home as in past years, feel free to do so.

Kolo sisters and parishioners, please bring colored eggs to the Church on Pascha to be blessed and distributed to those in attendance.

Coronavirus Prayer

O Lord our God enter not into judgment 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!