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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.

****Fast free week, Ова седмица се не пости****

Monday, April 29 - Bright Monday: Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30 – Bright Tuesday: Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Friday, May 3 – Bright Friday / Transfer of relics of St Nikolaj of Žiča/ Источни Петак: Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 4: Vigil / confession at 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 5 – Thomas Sunday / Church slava celebration: Epistle Acts 5:12-20 Gospel John 20:19-31 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.. Church school, coffee hour.

We are praying especially for: Mary 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.

Celebration of our Church Slava - St George the Great Martyr will be on Sunday, May 5. Divine Liturgy will be at 10 a.m.. The Slava Rite will be in the hall and Slava Dinner will be at 12:30 pm. Please plan to come and bring your family and friends. The feast of St George is on May 6 and the Divine Liturgy will be at 9 a.m.

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.

New liturgy books are in the pews for people to follow the liturgy. Hopefully they are useful to all to assist in following the liturgy. One side is in English and the other in Serbian in the Latin Alphabet to be easier for all to follow. The books are graciously donated by the Dauer family. Many thanks to them. At the end of the book are the prayers to be said after communion.

Fr Aleksandar will be out of the Country from May 7 through 28. Divine Liturgy will be every Sunday served by Fr Tom Kazich from the New Gracanica monastery. There will be no vespers on Saturdays. Please call Fr Ned for all parish emergencies.

With the celebration of Pascha, our spiritual and liturgical lives are not done for the year! Even though Bright Week is fast free and we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days, we should continue to live an Orthodox way of life, be vigilant and prepare to receive the Mysteries. Every Liturgy the priest invites the faithful, "With fear of God and faith and love, come near."

After the Divine Liturgy and after receiving the prosphora is the time to solemnly leave the House of God. Any type of loud conversation and laughter in church is forbidden especially when people who are reading the prayers after communion are trying to concentrate and pray. We are all happy to see each other and like to visit, and the perfect place for that is after church during coffee hour or outside. Loud conversations in church before the liturgy starts and/or after the liturgy should never happen.

Thank you to all parishioners who donated money for the Good Friday and Pascha flowers in memory of their reposed and for the health and salvation. Their names are commemorated at Proskomidia. Also, thank you to all who brought the flowers.

Many thanks to Steva Lukin and Steva Iacsin who made new sand boxes for candles, they are beautiful. During the work on sand boxes Steva Iacsin suffered serious stroke and currently he is in rehabilitation and we pray for his recovery! May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch him with His Healing Hand!

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

Идуће недеље 5 маја је прослава црквене славе. После литургије ће бити славски обред и ручак у сали. Сви сте позвани.