

**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, May 2 – Holy Pascha / Вакрсе Hristos Voskrese Christos Anesti**

*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

*Fast free week / Не пости се ове недеље*

**Monday, May 3 – St Nikolaj of Zica** Divine Liturgy at 9 am, Vespers at 6 pm

**Tuesday, May 4** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Wednesday, May 5** Vigil at 6 pm

**Thursday, May 6 – St George the Great Martyr and Trophy-bearer / Ђурђевдан**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am, blessing of slava kolačes after the liturgy

**Sunday, May 9 – 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.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

May 12 – St Basil of Ostrog / Св Василије Острошки

16 – Church slava celebration

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

**Bright Week is celebrated as Paschal Week** and is fast free. Liturgies will be on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday - St George's Day, all at 9 am. The faithful should try to partake of holy communion at every liturgy.

**The celebration of our Church Slava St George** will be on Sunday, May 16. Blessing of kolač and koljivo in church. Procession around the church. Pick up lunch in Social Center after the services.

**CELEBRATE ST GEORGE'S DAY & HELP YOUR CHURCH**

*Pre-Order A Chicken Dinner for Curbside Pickup on May 16th. Call or text your orders to Tana at 815-207-0737 by Thursday, May 13th. Include your name and number of dinners.*

The dinner features a roasted half chicken, stuffing, green beans, salad, bread & butter, and dessert.

Pick up on Sunday, May 16th from 12:00pm - 1:30pm at the lower level (west side) of the Social Center. Pay an at-will donation which will apply toward your stewardship. Cash or Check payable at pick up.

**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.

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Ако се нисте исповедили и причестили у току поста, можете то учинити у току Васкршњих Празника.

Проеслава црквене славе је у недељу 16 маја, Славски обред у цркви а после ручак можете покупити из доње сале. Морате звати раније Тану Петрић, само на енглеском на 815-207-0737 да наручите ручак.

**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!**