

### 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 3 – Sunday of Myrrh-bearers / Недеља Мирносоцица / Transfer of relics of St Nikolai of Žiča**

*Epistle Acts 6:1-7 Gospel Mark 15:43-16:8, John 10:9-16, Tone 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am*

**Tuesday, May 5** Vigil / confession at 6 pm

**Wednesday, May 6 – St George the Great Martyr / Св Великомученик Георгије - Ђурђевдан**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am, blessing of slava kolač's and koljivo after the liturgy

**Friday, May 8 – St Mark the apostle and evangelist / Св апостол и јеванђелист Марко**

**Saturday, May 9** Vigil / confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, May 10 – Sunday of Paralytic / Недеља Раслабљенога / Mother's Day**

*Epistle Acts 9:32-42 Gospel John 5:1-15 Tone 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church Fundraiser – Chicken dinner, curbside pick up from 12 pm – 2 pm Lower hall entrance.*

**Upcoming Feast days and events:** May 12 – St Basil of Ostrog / Св Василије острошки  
24 – Sts Cyril and Methodius / Св Кирило и Методије словенски

**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, Snezana Djordjevic, 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 Jurisic, given by M/M Steva Lukin; +Zorka Pavlovic, given by Milinka Pavlovic and family; +Loisann Orlovich, given by M/M Bill Harper; +Violet, +Michael, Enich, +Alexander and +Danica Grabavoy, +Jovo, +Jeka, +Joseph and +Sam Plecas, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Iso Ciganovich, +Paul Shimek, given by George Enich; +Vlado Blagojevic, given by Milenka Cvjetkovic; +Mara Cvjetkovic, given by Dusan Cvjetkovic; +George and +Ann Malinovich, given by M/M Nick Malinovich; +Loiseann Orlovich and +Lillian Boneczek, given by Pat Mancke; +Loisann Orlovich, given by Bob Orlovich; +Dusan and +Anica Lunic, given by Fr Nedeljko Lunich family; +Fr John Kuchta and +Milan Laketa, given by Sue Kljaich.

**Celebrate Mother's Day and St. George's Day while helping your church!** Pre-order a chicken dinner by May 7th for safe curbside pickup on May 10th between noon and 2 p.m. Dinner Includes: Roasted Half Chicken, Stuffing, Buttered Green Beans, Salad w/ Italian Dressing, Piece of Marbled Sheet Cake. Pay an at-will donation with cash or check when you pick your order up. Pick up on Sunday, May 10th from noon until 2 pm from the West side (lower level) of the Social Center. Your name will be checked off a list of pre-orders. Pre order today by calling or texting Tana at (815) 207-0737. If texting, be sure to include your name and the number of dinners you'd like.

Given the current shopping situation, we need to know the exact number of meals to make. Therefore, we cannot provide same day orders.

**During this pandemic our services in church** are conducted by the clergy and chanters, and up to 10 people in church with social distancing. Many of our parishioners are truly missing worshiping in church and being in the House of God. In order to give an opportunity to more parishioners who are healthy and feel safe, I would like to help by making a schedule for each Sunday in May of who will attend the services, both Sunday's liturgies and other worship. This also came as a suggestion from some of our parishioners.

Please call, email or text Fr Alex which of the services in May you would like to attend.

**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.

**Parishioners who celebrate St George- Djurdjevdan as their slava** have the option to attend Vigil at 6 pm on the Eve of the Feast and Liturgy on May 6 at 9 am. Slava kolach's can be blessed after the Vigil or after the Liturgy, so we don't have too many in church at one time.

Because of the pandemic, people will remember their slava this year without open house. If you cannot come for either service for George's Feast, you can contact Fr Alex and ask him to light candles for your family and deceased family members. You also can have a pomen for your deceased family members and make a church donation for your slava. Please send your checks to church address.

**Blessing of graves at Woodlawn cemetery** will be on May 25, Memorial Day starting at 8 am. If some of you don't feel safe or healthy enough to get out, we can have another blessing of graves at Woodlawn and other cemeteries on Orthodox Memorial Saturday - zadusnice on June 6th. If you want, you can let Fr Alex know which one you prefer.

#### 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.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**