

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

Epistle Acts 9:32-42 Gospel John 5:1-15 Tone 3rd

3rd & 6th 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.

Monday, May 11 Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, May 12 – St Basil of Ostrog / Св Василије Острошки Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Wednesday, May 13 – Mid-Pentecost

Saturday, May 16 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, May 17 – Sunday of Samaritan Woman / Недеља Самарјанке

Epistle Acts 11:19-26,29-30 Gospel John 4:5-42 Tone 4th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

May 24 – Sts Cyril and Methodius / Св Кирило и Методије словенски
25 – Memorial Day
28 – Holy Ascension / Спасовдан

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, 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; +Vlado Blagojevic, given by Milenka Cvjetkovic; +Mara Cvjetkovic, given by Dusan Cvjetkovic; +George and +Anna Malinovich, +Andrew and +Martha Elich, +Mike O'Leary, +Mike Kljaich, +Delores Malinovich, given by Millie O'Leary; +Dragica Susich, +Mary Laketa, given by Anka Laketa and family; +Bertha O'Brian, +Sophie Ostoich, +Mary Shimek and +Helen Petkovich, given by Gayle Shimek, Deacon and Mrs Nenad Jakovljevic; +Draga Vuicich, +Stoja Prica, +Tanja Starcevic, +Andrew Pavich and +Mary Jovanovich, given by M/M Radovan Jovanovich;

Paschal greeting Christ is Risen or Hristos Voskrese is used among the Orthodox Christians from the Feast of Resurrection until Ascension. Fifty days after Resurrection is another Major Holy Day - Holy Trinity Sunday or Pentecost. This year Pentecost falls on June 7th and it is always on Sunday, for 50 days after Resurrection is always on Sunday. Saturday before Pentecost is always Memorial Saturday.

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.

Please use this time while at home to increase your personal prayers. Use Holy Water daily with prayers and please let the priest know if you need more.

Give a call to your friends, relatives and parishioners of our church to make sure they are healthy and offer to help if you are able to do so. These times of restrictions can be very useful for our spiritual life and to show our love of Christ.

Though we are not permitted to congregate, if you feel safe and healthy and wish to come to church, say a prayer or light candles, it can be done. Just call Fr Alex and he will be glad to open the church for you.

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.

During the celebration of certain feast days during the year, you can bring cut flowers to make our church even more beautiful. If you choose to bring flowers, please contact the priest a day or two before. Vases are available in the church.

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. Yours 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!