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Hristos Voskrese Christ is Risen Hristos Anesti

Sunday, May 16 – Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers / Church slava celebration/ Прослава црквене славе

Epistle Acts 6:1-7; Gospel Mark 15:43-16:8 tone 2nd 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Procession around the church and a pomen for all deceased parishioners and clergy. Slava rite in church. Pick up lunch in lower hall.

Friday, May 21 – St John the Theologian, the evangelist /Св Јован Богослов

Saturday, May 22 – Translation of relics of St Nicholas / Пренос моштију Св Николе Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, May 23 – Sunday of the Paralytic / Church school graduation /Недеља Раслабљеног *Epistle Acts 9:32-42 Gospel John 5:1-15 tone 3rd* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Thanksgiving at the end of church school

Upcoming Feast days and events:

May 24 – Sts Cyril & Methodius / Св Ћирило и Методије

31 – Memorial Day, the blessing of graves starting at 8 am at Woodlawn cemetery

Pomens: May 13 - +Michael Kljaich, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez

+Rada Albu, given by Joana Albu, +Rada Albu, given by Dan/Radoica Albu; +Misa Rakic, +Stanislav Bugarski, +Dusica Jurisic, +Milan Milutinov, given by Steva/Druginja Lukin; +Michael Kljaich, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez; +Nicholas and +Beda Nikolich, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich;

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!

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."

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It is important to periodically remind ourselves about the proper way of entering and behaving in church during worship services.

The church is the House of God and even before we enter, we must prepare ourselves and realize where we are entering. All loud talking and laughing should stay outside. Please take candy or gum out of your mouth since it is inappropriate to chew in church. Immediately after you make your entrance into the church, you are in the church and you should cross yourself with a bow and say "Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner" and venerate ikons which are in the narthex. The faithful should always make two small metanias, bows, before an ikon, kiss the ikon either the hands or feet of the Saint who is depicted in the ikon and the third bow. Proceed to the nave of the church and venerate the ikon in the middle aisle and other ikons in front of the altar. After this, purchase and light your candles and go to your place and piously wait for the beginning of the service. Please read all prayers before the Liturgy. Loud conversations and congregating in the back is not appropriate in church. If you come to church you should be participating in the worship with all the faithful and not socializing in the back. **Please come to church on time** and before the service starts.

During the service, you should follow the Liturgy book, if it is a liturgy or other booklets which are usually available on the warden table for vespers and other services. Try to sing responses and actively participate in the worship. In the Divine Liturgy book, it is marked when you should stand and when you may sit down. If you have health issues and/or children and the elderly, you may sit down at any time. When the deacon/priest senses you, you should bow down and cross yourself. When the priest turns and gives blessing to the faithful, they should bow down **and not cross themselves**. If you are late for the service, please don't purchase or light your candles nor walk through the church during the small or great entrance and during the reading of Scriptures and during the homily.

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

Ако желите да направите помен за ваше упокојене или молитву за здравље недељом, назовите о Александра и дајте му имена.

Христос Воскресе Воистину Воскресе

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!