

**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.**

**“Do not fear, only believe” Mark 5:36**

**Sunday, May 17 – Sunday of Samaritan Woman / Недеља Самарјанке** *Epistle Acts 11:19-26,29-30 Gospel John 4:5-42* Tone 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

**Thursday, May 21 – St John the Theologian /Св Јован Богослов**

**Friday, May 22 – Translation of relics of St Nicholas / Пренос моштију Св Николе**

**Saturday, May 23** Vigil / confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, May 24 – Sunday of the Blind Man / Sts Cyril & Methodius / Св Ћирило и Методије** *Epistle Acts 16:16-34; Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Gospel John 9:1-38; Matthew 5:14-19* Tone 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

May 25 – Memorial Day

28 – Holy Ascension / Спасовдан

June 3 – Sts Constantine & Helena / Св цар Константин и царица Јелена

**We are praying especially for:** Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, George Cizmas, Sandy Grundy, Christopher, George, Donald Laketa, 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! +Ceba (Bjekich) Severns 96, entered into her rest on Friday, May 15, 2020. Memory Eternal!

**Pomens (litany for departed)** +Dušica Jurišić, given by M/M Steva Lukin; +Zorka Pavlović, given by Milinka Pavlović and family; +Loisann Orlovich, given by M/M Bill Harper; +Vlado Blagojević, given by Milenka Cvjetković; +Mara Cvjetković, given by Dušan Cvjetković; +George, +Julia, +Michael and +Violet Enich, +Jovo and +Jeka Plečaš, +Mary Gerty, given by Wm & Janice Taylor; +Eva and +Betty Grubisich, +Rosie Kupresin, given by Ely Grubisich; +Mike Kljaich, given by Nadine O’Leary and Josh Potts; +Mike Kljaich, given by Annette O’Leary; +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Stephanie Jakovljevic.

**From Don and Diane Grubisich:** *We would like to thank everyone who thought of us as we were sick with covid-19. The prayers, texts, FB messages, calls, and cards were many, and touched us greatly. We are blessed to have such caring friends and family, we are almost well, and we hope to see you all in person soon!*

**The church will sell frozen cod fish and shrimp** which was not used for our annual fish fries during Great Lent on **Monday, May 18 from 4 pm to 7 pm** in our Social Center. If you would like to purchase some cod and/or shrimp, please come on Monday. If you cannot come on Monday and would like to buy some, please contact either Vicki Dorsey or Olga Blagojevic.

- Harbor Bank 6 Ounce Raw Skinless Cod Loins – 10 lb. Box
- Gordon Food Service Wild Caught North Atlantic Cod Loins – 10 lb. Box, both \$50 per box
- Gordon’s Choice Panko Style Breaded Butterfly Shrimp – 3 lb. Box, \$15 per box

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 - zadušnice on June 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**When we clean our bookshelves and closets**, we often find many items we don't need anymore. If you find an Orthodox book, prayer book, ikon and other Orthodox items and don't have anyone else to give to, please bring it to church. For non-Orthodox items, books and magazines, please share them with your family and friends.

**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!***