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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 31 – Sunday of the holy fathers / Недеља Светих Отаца првог васељенског сабора
Epistle Acts 20:16-18,28-36 Gospel John 17:1-13 Tone 6th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Tuesday, June 2
Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Wednesday, June 3 – Sts Constantine and Helen /Св цар Константин и царица Јелена
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, June 6 – Memorial Saturday / Духовске задушнице
Fr Alex will be at Woodlawn cemetery at 8 am in case some parishioners didn't come on Memorial Day to bless graves of their deceased family members
Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, June 7 – The Sunday of Holy Pentecost /Света Педесетница - Духови
Epistle Acts 2:1-11 Gospel John 7:37-52; 8:12
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Pentecost Vespers after the Liturgy

Upcoming Feast days and events:
June 15 – Beginning of Apostolic Fast / Почетак апостолског поста
28 – Vidovdan

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, 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) +Zorka Pavlović, given by Milinka Pavlović and family; +Vlado Blagojević, given by Milenka Cvjetković; +Mara Cvjetković, given by Dušan Cvjetković; +Ceba Severns, given by Jack and Dolly Book; +Eli and +Anka Orlovich, +Božidar, +Milka, +George and +Rose Radeka, +Kimball Mancke and +Jeffery Lockwood, given by Bob Orlovich; +John Gura Jr, given by Sandy Fenili.

There will be no pomens on Pentecost Sunday, June 7

Kolo will have a Cevap Dinner Fundraiser on June 14th from 11:30 to 1:30. Your meal(s) will be delivered curbside and must be preordered by Thursday, June 11th. Call or text Helen Malinovich at 312-914-6053 or Danielle Serdar at 630-709-7437 with your name and number of meals. Meals will be \$15 and include 9 Cevaps, Serbian Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Green Onions, Bread, Kaymak and Dessert.

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. We can use some cut flowers on Pentecost.

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."

Next Sunday, June 7 is a Major Feast Day of Holy Trinity Sunday or Pentecost. This Feast Day is celebrated on three days and there will be liturgy on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Since this is a Major Feast Day, if you desire to confess and/or partake of Holy Communion at either of the liturgies, please prepare yourself. If you choose to wear a mask during confession, you may do so. Just before you partake of Holy Communion, please lower your mask, put your head back and open your mouth wide. If you still feel unsafe and/or not healthy, it is your decision whether or not to go to confession or receive Holy Communion.

A special booklet for the preparation and the service of confession can be found on the warden's table. Before confession, please take one and read the prayers and the questions to help you with your confession. In the same booklet you will find a service of confession which will be conducted before you go to make your personal confession with the priest. One of the faithful should read the prayers and everyone should read the Creed together. If you want, you may take the booklet home and get more familiar with it. Please return it back to the warden's table on the next Sunday

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!