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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, August 9 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / St Panteleimon the healer and Great martyr / Св Пантелија**

*Epistle I Cor. 3:9-17; II Tim. 2:1-10 Gospel Matt. 14:22-34; John 15:17-16:2 tone 8<sup>th</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Shish-Kabob curb side pick-up lunch from 11:30 to 1 pm. Preorders only.

**Thursday, August 13** Vespers at 6 pm, adult religious meeting after.

**Friday, August 14 – Beginning of Dormition Fast / Почетак Госпојинског поста**

**Saturday, August 15 – Translation of relics of St Stephen the First Martyr**

Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, August 16 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle I Cor. 4:9-16 Gospel Matt. 17:14-23 tone 1<sup>st</sup>* 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

August 19 – Holy Transfiguration / Преображење

23 – Blessing of grapes and other fruits in church / Благослов грожђа и другог новог воћа

**We are praying especially for:** Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Iacsin, George Cizmas, Christopher, George, Richard Kovacevich, 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)** +Judy Lockwood, given by Ely Grubisich; +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Art Schumann; +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Jack Book Sr; +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Mike Cora; +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Bill Taylor; +Judy Lockwood and +Paul Shimek, given by Gen Ostoich; +Delores Malinovich, given by Millie O'Leary, +Delores Malinovich, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts, +Delores Malinovich, given by Annette O'Leary; +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Roger Trizna; +Orville Belfield, given by Jean and Chuck Panella, Janet Belfield and Denis Belter, Marwin and Andrea Popovich Maachaoit, Jovana, Tijana and Jameson Popovich; +Dusan and +Mila Grubisich, given by Ely Grubisich;

**Kolo will celebrate their Slava, Velika Gospojina on August 30<sup>th</sup>.** There will be curbside pickup or eat in at the Social Center.

This year, parishioners will need to place their orders in advance with Tana Patrich. You'll need to let Tana know the number of meals and whether you'd prefer to pick up your food or eat at the hall. More detailed info to follow.

**The Christian Sabbath- Sunday, the Day of Resurrection,** begins on Saturday evening with the service of Vigil. This is the combination of vespers, matins and first hour which is served together according to Slavic Tradition. All the hymns, gospel lesson on matins and readings are in commemoration of Christ's resurrection. The faithful should participate in this service as they are preparing for the Divine Liturgy and the Mystery of the Eucharist. After the vigil, usually the prayers before the Mystery of Confession are read and the faithful have time to confess their sins. Please plan to participate in Vigil on Saturday evening. When was the last time you confessed your sins?

Before the Divine Liturgy, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> hours are read and confession is available for the elderly, the faithful who had to work on Saturday, those who have a long drive to church and/or other family issues who could not come to confession on Saturday evening. Please let the priest know if you are unable to come on Saturday evening for confession. Please do not come to confession on Sunday just 10 minutes before 10 am.

Upon entering the church, we Orthodox Christians immediately cross ourselves and say a prayer or just simply, "Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner". Veneration of ikons in church are required, starting from ikons in the Narthex and continue to every ikon in church. Please light your candles and quickly take care of your donations without making a loud noise.

We always should come to church before the service starts and allow ourselves to do all such as lighting candles, etc before the service starts. Before the liturgy starts the hours are read. During the hours there should not be any loud conversation which will take others away from their listening and praying. You can sit or stand during the hours. Active participation during the services is necessary for all faithful. Please sing and follow the Liturgy Book.

Offering Holy Communion to all prepared faithful has never been stopped for any reason. Before Holy Communion, everyone should read the prayer and with arms crossed on their chest approach the chalice. Please put your head back and open your mouth wide so the spoon does not touch your lips. Cross yourself after communion and piously return to your place.

At the end of services, the faithful should piously leave the House of God. The faithful who partook of Holy Communion will read their prayers and there should not be any conversations in church. Before leaving the church, all ikons should be venerated and you should solemnly bow toward the altar before you exit.

During the pandemic you can wear your mask and choose either to bow down in front of ikons/cross or venerate them. Social distance in church is required. If you do not feel healthy and safe, please stay home.

**The Dormition fast** was established as preceding the great feasts of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Dormition of the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks—from August 14–August 27. The Dormition fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was “blessed among the women”, and she was chosen to “bear the Savior of our souls”. Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels.

**Rejoice! O Virgin Theotokos! Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls! (Memorize it)**

The essence of the fast is expressed in the following Church hymn: “If you fast from food, my soul, but are not purified of the passions, in vain do we comfort ourselves by not eating. For if the fast does not bring correction, then it will be hateful to God as false, and you will be like unto the evil demons, who never eat.”

**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!**