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**Sunday, September 12 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost /St Alexander of Neva / Св Александар Невски**

*Epistle I Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel Matt. 19:16-26 tone 3<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.* Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the teacher and students. Beginning of church school, introduction class. Lunch sponsored by the culture club and ASSC to kick off the start of church school in the upper bar room of the social center. All parishioners are invited!

**Tuesday, September 14 – Ven Simeon the Stylite / Ecclesiastical/church New Year / Црквена Нова Година**

**Saturday, September 18**

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, September 19 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Miracle of Arch Michael / Чудо Св Арх Михајла**

*Epistle I Cor. 16:13-24 Gospel Matt. 21:33-42 tone 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.* Lunch in lower hall. Plan to spend some time with your fellow brother and sisters

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

September 21 – Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina

26 – Celebration of St Casiana / choir slava

27 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross / posno day

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Odena Harper, Mary Basarich, 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): +Richard Kovacevich, given by Bill/Marty Seeman; +Alexander Kesich and +Dmitar Kovacevich, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Dorn and +Helen Johnston, + Richard Dorsey, +Peter Laketa and +Danica Belfield, given by Bill/Marty Seeman; +Richard "Musky" Dorsey, given by Fr Ned Lunich; +David Jovanovich, given by Nancy Jovanovich.

Joseph Jr and Josephine Orlovich donated \$250 to the Fr Ned Lunich Scholarship Fund in memory of +Dmitar Kovacevich. Many thanks!

**About once a month**, Fr Alex will have a catechism meeting with church school students, parents, and all who are interested, on a Sunday after the liturgy. On that Sunday there will be no church school class. The reason for this is to include our parents and parishioners who also want and/or need to increase their knowledge regarding their Orthodox faith. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 26 after the liturgy. After receiving the prosphora, please remain in church. This will not be a classical church school class but rather a discussion and dialogue. Next month we may have a meeting either on Saturday or on any other weekday evening to make Koljivo or Zito to demonstrate how we make it and explain the reason we make it. Again, parents and other parishioners are welcome.

**The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction.** The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

**Every Wednesday and Friday is to be observed with fasting** unless some important Feast takes precedence over the fast. The Fast on Wednesday is in memory of the betrayal of the Lord, and the Fast on Friday in remembrance of His Passion and Death upon the Cross.

**Remember the eve of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross Vigil** and procession of the decorated cross and veneration this year is on Sunday, September 26 at 5 pm. Mark your calendar to attend and bring your family.

**The Nativity of Mother of God** (September 21) and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (posno day, September 27) are Major Holy Days in the Orthodox Church calendar. Since both fall on a workday this year, please try to attend the vigil on the eve if you are unable to come to the liturgy. Orthodox Christians are encouraged to prepare for Holy Communion.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**