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Sunday, September 15 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost / Synaxis of the Serbian Saints

Epistle I Cor. 16:13-24 Gospel Matt. 21:33-42 tone 4th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school in hall. ASSC/Culture club lunch. Culture club meeting. All church school parents are automatically members of the club and are invited to attend the meeting.

Wednesday, September 18 Choir practice at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 20 – St Cassiane the hymnographer Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Saturday, September 21 – Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina / Мала Госпојина

Divine Liturgy at 9 am; Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, September 22– 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Sts Joachim and Ana / Св Јоаким и Ана

Epistle Gal. 6:11-18; II Cor. 1:21-2:4; Gal. 4:22-31 Gospel John 3:13-17; Matt. 22:2-14; Luke 8:16-21 tone 5th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Upcoming feast days/events:

September 27 – The Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross / fast day/ Krstovdan/ постан дан

29 – Choir slava St Cassiane celebration, refreshments will be in lower level, all are invited.

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, Mirjana Lecic, 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: +Mildred Stapinski, given by M/M Kirk Stapinski; +Mildred Stapinski, given by M/M Art Schumann; +Mildred Stapinski, given by M/M Tom Burcenski; +Mildred Stapinski, given by M/M Roger Trizna; +Mildred Stapinski, given by Ely Grubisich; +Ray Meader, given by M/M Bill Harper; +Helen Sebastian, given by Nadine & Vyts Paukstys; +Helen Sebastian, given by Zoe & Zach Evans, +Helen Sebastian, given by Katrina Paukstys; +Delores Malinovich, +Michael Kljaich, +Mildred Stapinski, +Michael O'Leary, given by M/M Phil Rowe; +Helen Sebastian and +Mildred Stapinski, given by Annette O'Leary; +Helen Sebastian and +Mildred Stapinski, given by Millie O'Leary; +Helen Sebastian, given by Sue Kljaich, +Helen Sebastian, given by Kolo sestara; +Mildred Stapinski, given by M/M George Enich; +Delores Malinovich, +Mildred Stapinski, +Jeffrey Lockwood, +Joan Orlovich, given by Marlo Perry;

September 27 is the Major Holy Day of the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross or Krstovdan as we call it in Serbian. The day is always a fast day. On the eve of Krstovdan, there will be a vigil with a procession of the Holy Cross. Please make all efforts to attend the vigil. If you have any fresh basil or any type of fresh flowers in your garden, please bring it to church either before the vigil or earlier that day. Plan to attend the liturgy on Krstovdan and partake of Holy Communion.

Coming to church services late after the service has begun is not spiritually beneficial for many reasons. First you are missing many important prayers and especially if a person is not on time for the epistle or gospel message. If you come late you might disturb others in their prayers and finally it can become a very bad habit for you and your family who will learn from you that it is ok to come to church late and miss half of the service.

Orthodox boys who are 7 years or older should serve in the altar. Before sending their child to serve in the altar, it is important for parents to explain the position, and that it is an honor to serve and help the clergy during the service. Parents should also remember to bring them on time!

Orthodox children who have been baptized should partake of Communion regularly. Younger children may take Communion without Confession. Confession and preparation should start when they can understand preparation and the meaning of sin usually at the age of 7 or 8. Parents as the child's first teachers of the faith, should explain to their children the importance of proper preparation and the true meaning of Confession and Holy Communion and monitor their spiritual as well as their physical development.

We invite all to join us at our coffee hour/lunches after Sunday Divine Liturgy. This is an integral part of our fellowship and allows parishioners to meet and know each other.

У црквеној сали је увек потребна помоћ око постављања, сервирања и помоћ у кухињи. Ови послови су плаћени кад се сала издаје. За више информација јавите се Олги или Тани.

Увече Крстовдана, септембар 26 у 18 ч служиће се бденије са износом крста и поклоњење. Планирајте да дођете. Крстовдан је постан дан. Уколико имате свежег босиљка или каквог цвећа у башти, донесите у цркву навече Крстовдана да се окити крст и црква на овај велики празник.

У недељу 15 септембра америчко српски клуб приређује ручак после литургије. Планирајте да останете. Доводите вашу децу у цркву недељом на време и да буду на часовима веронауке.

Сиромаштво није кад немаш у џепу него кад ти фали у срцу!

A new slava candle is lit every year in the home. The host lights the candle before the lunch or before the slava rite and it stays lit until the guests are gone. It is a Serbian tradition to extinguish the candle with red wine. Throughout the year the slava candle can be lit for certain holy days and memorial Saturdays. Before the next year's slava you can bring the old candle to church and light it, which is better than throwing it away.

Did you know?

St Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria is the Parton Saint of the Cooks. He lived in the Palestinian monastery and his obedience was to work in the kitchen as a cook. There is an ikon of this wonderful saint in our kitchen on the west wall above the door. Kitchen workers, please say a prayer before you start your task in the kitchen and ask St Ephrosynus to intercede for you. Read the life of the Saint <https://oca.org/saints/lives/>