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Sunday, November 28 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost / Beginning of the Nativity Fast/Почетак Божићног поста

Epistle Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel Luke 8:26-39 tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Monday, November 29 – Holy apostle and evangelist Matthew /Св апостол и евангелист Матеј

Friday, December 3 Vigil / Confession at 6 pm

Saturday, December 4 - Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple / Ваведеније

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, December 5 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel Luke 8:41-56 tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Lunch in the hall and annual assembly at 1 pm

Upcoming Feast days and events:

December 9 – St Alypius / Св Алимпије

12 – St Mardarije of Libertyville / Св Мардарије либертивилски

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.”

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Mary Basarich, Maggie Enich, Stevan Lunich, Pat Zakavec, Mirjana, 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): +George Enich, given by Wm/Jan Taylor; +Chris Cooper, given by Mike/Deb Stamenkovich; +Michael, +Violet, +George, +Julia, +Joseph, +Stella Enich, +Jovo, +Jeka, +Sam and +Joseph Plecas, +Alexander and +Danica Grbavoy, given by Wm/Jan Taylor; +Ruth Wright, given by Anka Laketa and family;

We are entering busy holiday season and also our Orthodox Nativity fast. Let us observe our fast and prepare to confess and at least once partake the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us find a way to combine our busy life and our faith and continue to be good Orthodox faithful during the month of December/January. We can do this but we need a strong will and obedience. Your priest asks and recommend you to please get one of the Orthodox religious books and finish it during the Nativity Fast.

Forms are now available at the wardens stand for members interested in serving on the 2022 Church-School Board. Hall Manager position for 2022, please submit your interest in an email or letter to Bonnie Dauer or Fr Alex before December 5.

On Sunday, December 5 after the services, the annual assembly of St George Serbian Orthodox Church - school congregation will be held. All members in good sacramental, liturgical and financial standing are obligated to attend and take an active part in this yearly meeting.

The 2022 weekly envelopes are available for all stewards and some parishioners in narthex. Please before you go home, stop by and take your box of envelopes. Please use the envelopes for your Sunday and other donations. If any of our parishioners would like to get a box of envelopes for their donations, please see John Dauer.

The end of the 2021 calendar year is coming soon and let us examine our conscience: did we did everything we could to improve our spiritual life in this year, strive to become more Christ-like, and did we support our parish church, home of St George, truly and wholeheartedly. And how strong has our love, time, talents and treasure towards St George been so far and should we improve it? Now is the time if you wish to complete all your church donations for the year of 2021.

Prayer Upon Entering a Church

I will come into Your house in the greatness of Your mercy: and in fear I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify You forever, One Divine Power worshiped in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer Upon Leaving a Church

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all people; a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. *Please memorize these prayers*

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!