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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

May His Holiness Patriarch Irinej memory be eternal! Vječnaja Pamjat!

Sunday, November 29 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost / Apostle Matthew the evangelist/ Св ап и јев Матеј
Epistle Eph. 4:1-6; I Cor. 4:9-16 Gospel Luke 10:25-37; Matt. 9:9-13 Tone 8th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Thursday, December 3 Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Friday, December 4 – The Entry of the Theotokos into Temple / Vavedenije / Ваведеније
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, December 5 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, December 6 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost / St Alexander of Neva /Св Александар Невски *Epistle Eph. 5:8-19 Gospel Luke 12:16-21 Tone 1st 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.*

Upcoming Feast days and events:

December 9 – St Alypius the Stylite / Св Алимпије столпник
12 – St Mardarije of Libertyville

Pomens (Litany for departed): +Patriarch Irinej; +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek; +Milovan Kisich, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Milovan Kisich, given by Pete Grubisich; +Milovan Kisich, given by Dr Howard Grundy; +George Enich, given by Ely Grubisich;

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Iacsin, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Milorad Ristich, Michael, 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!

Wishing you a blessed and spiritually beneficial Nativity Fast which started on Saturday, November 28, and will last until Christmas, January 7. During this time of preparation for the joyous Holy Day of the Christian Church, let us all fast, repent, cleanse our hearts from all spiritual impurity and sin and anticipate the joyous Nativity. This season of anticipation for us Orthodox Christians is the time to confess our sins and partake of Holy Communion at least once. The Sacraments have never been stopped in our church, not even during this Pandemic. Confession can be done in the church at any time. If Saturday evening after the vigil does not work for you, please let Fr Aleksandar know which day you can come to church to make your confession. Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Liturgy. Please check the bulletins regularly for the schedule of services in our church. Holy Communion can also be received at any time during the week. Please let Fr Aleksandar know the day and time you want to come. Fr Aleksandar can also bring communion to your home if you prefer to take communion that way. There is no reason to deny yourself Holy Confession and Communion.

Due to increased Coronavirus infections in our area and seasonal flu which will come with cold weather, and out of Christian love and care for the safety and health of our faithful and people around them, our Bishop requires all who come to church for worship to wear a mask. The old instructions including social distancing in church are still in effect. If any of our faithful do not feel safe and/or are not healthy, please stay home. During the service singers, chanters and clergy are not required to wear a mask all the time. If any of the faithful feel that wearing a mask is causing difficulty with breathing, he/she can take it off during the service and put it back on when leaving the church. Hand sanitizer is available in several areas in our church. Any faithful who feel it is not safe to attend Sunday worship, please attend one of the weekday or Saturday evening services which are attended by much fewer people. You may also call Fr Aleksandar to open the church for you to come and pray, light candles, and receive the Holy Mysteries at any time!

Reminder: The end of the year is coming up. Please make sure you are up to date with your financial obligations to St George Church. Since March and because of Coronavirus we are unable to rent our Social Center although utility and other bills still have to be paid. Please consider, if you are able to, an extra donation toward the church this year. Orthodox Christian stewardship is a way of life that acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. How much you are involved in Church life and donate, returning to God what He has blessed you with, will be the sign of how spiritual and strong an Orthodox Christian you are.

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. Thine 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!