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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

Tuesday, December 7 – The Greatmartyr Catherine / Св мученица Катарина

Wednesday, December 8 – St Clement the hieromartyr / Св Климент свештеномученик Vespers at 6 pm

Thursday, December 9 – Venerable Alypius / Преподобни Алимпије Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, December 11 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, December 12 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost / St Mardarije of Libertyville

Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel Luke 10:25-37 tone 8th

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

Upcoming Feast days and events:

December 17 – Greatmartyr Barbara /Св Варвара

19- St Nicholas the wonderworker /Kolo bake sale / Св Никола

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, Stevan Lunich, Pat Zakavec, 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) +Lazo Susich and + Ruth Wright, given by Anka Laketa and family; +Sam Orlovich, given by Bill/Kathy Harper and family; +Ann Malinovich, given by Millie O’Leary, +Ann Malinovich, given by Nadine O’Leary and Josh Potts, Ann Malinovich, given by Annette O’Leary; +Jeffrey Lockwood, given by Pat Mancke and family;

Parishioners, if you would like to get your parish newsletter the Serb in the mail – hard copy, please pay \$20 for your yearly subscription for 2022.

The 2022 wall calendars are available in the narthex, one per family for free. Every calendar has a nice Orthodox ikon on it and if you like it, you can frame it at the end of year, if not you can burn it in your fireplace together with your last year's badnjak branch, old bulletins, Pentecost wreath or any other sacred item which you have in your home, rather than just throw it in the trash. You can bring old slava candles to church and burn them. Theophany water should be prayerfully used during the year and not just saved. By the time new Theophany water comes, you can mix it with the last year's.

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.

The Kolo will sponsor a Bake Sale on Sunday, December 19th in the Social Center following the Liturgy. It will feature a variety of baked goods (posno/non-posno) that can be used during the Nativity fast or saved for after the fasting season. Please stop by to support your Kolo while getting some pastries for your upcoming get togethers.

Парохијани, ако желите да добијете парохијске новине поштом уместо преко имејл, платите \$20 годишњу претплату за 2022. Само назначите да је то за претплату за Срб новине кад платите да се не помеша.

Зидни календари за 2022 годину се налазе у цркви и можете их узети за Вашу кућу. Уколико имате прошлогодишње славске свеће можете их донети и упалити у цркви. Венчиће од Духова, старе календаре са иконама, бадњак или палмове - врбове гране од Врбице, све остало што је освећено и донето из цркве, можете спалити у вашим каминима. Крај године долази и проверите да сте за 2021 годину дали ваше прилоге цркви. Хвала

Налазимо се у Божићном посту. Молите се и постите, праштајте и конторлишите речи и понашање. Припремите се за исповест и причест да достојно и духовно припремљени дочекате Радосни Празник Христовог рођења у Витлејему.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!