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"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

Sunday, January 5 – 29th Sunday after Pentecost/ Sunday of Holy Fathers / Serbian Father's Day/Очеви

Epistle Hebrew 11:9-10, 17-23; 32-40 Gospel Matthew 1:1-25 tone 4th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Oath of officers. Church school. Posno lunch in hall, organization meeting. Badnjak decoration

Monday, January 6 - Badnje večer / Rozhdestvensky Sochel'nik / Nativity Eve

Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 9 am

Nativity Vigil at 6 pm; Blessing of badnjak (Yule Log) in social hall and refreshments.

Tuesday, January 7 – The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ / Божић

Confession at 9:15 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Fast free until the Eve of Theophany

Wednesday, January 8 – Synaxis of the Theotokos / Сабор Пресвете Богородице

Divine Liturgy at 9 am, Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Thursday, January 9 – St Stephen the First Martyr and Archdeacon / Св Стефан Архиђакон

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, January 11 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 12 – Sunday after Nativity / Недеља по Рождеству

Epistle Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel Matthew 2:13-23 tone 5th

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

Upcoming feast days/events:

January 14 – St Basil the Great/ New Year /Св Василије – Нова Година January 20 – St John the Baptist
19 – Theophany / Богојављење January 26 – St Sava celebration

Pomens: +Fr John Kuchta, given by Fr Alex Bugarin family; +Rosella Petrich, given by Tana Petrich and family; +Mildred Radakovich, +Fr John Kuchta, given by Ely Grubisich;

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, George Cizmas, George, Christopher, Slavka Novakovic, 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!

Prepare to partake of holy communion on Christmas Divine Liturgy. It is requested and is a very beneficial for all to receive communion on all Major Holy Days

The traditional Serbian Orthodox greeting for the Nativity season is Christ is Born and the reply is Indeed He is Born or Truly He is Born. In Serbian it is Hristos se rodi and the reply is Voistinu se rodi

Many Slavic people such as Russians and Ukrainians say Christ is Born, Glorify Him! Either all together or One person would say Christ is Born and another Glorify Him. The Christmas greeting in Greek is Christ is Born, give glory! Again, either just one person or two with Christ is Born and reply Give glory. The Christmas greeting is used from the day of the Nativity of Christ until the Apodosis or Leave-taking of the Feast which is January 13.

On January 6 after the Vigil Service in church, we will have a blessing of the badnjak (Yule Log) in the social hall and refreshments for all who attend. Please encourage your family and friends to come even if they don't belong to our church. This is a chance for us to invite and bring a non-Orthodox to our church services and show them how we celebrate the Birth of our Savior. **The Culture Club and children will decorate the badnjak on Sunday, January 5** after the services. Fr Alex and John Dauer cut the badnjak on John's property. Badnje Vece is a church event and we would appreciate if you can bring a posno snack, salad, or dessert to the hall to share for the evening celebration. Please bring your food in a disposable container or one you can take home with you. This can be dropped off at the hall prior to the 6pm Vigil Service. We will also need help with setup and ask that EVERYONE help with cleanup after the event. Please see Sue Kljaich to offer your help.

Pomens (litany for the reposed) are given for the reposed on any Divine Liturgy, Sundays or any Holy Day except on the Major Holy Days. If a family would like to remember their reposed on a Sunday or any Holy Day, they should contact the priest and give him the name/s of the reposed a few days before the Liturgy and the pomens will be printed in Sunday's bulletin. Names can also be given to the wardens when coming to church for the pomens on following Sundays/Holy Days if they want it to be printed in the bulletins. The church fee is \$5 per name which should be paid to the wardens.

For the 40-day parastos and any other parastos, the family should schedule it with the priest. The church fee of a parastos is \$10 which the family should pay to the warden and give a donation to the priest for his services and time.

За Бадње вече донесите посне колаче за послужење после свећења бадњака. Колаче можете оставити у кухињи пре вечерњег богослужења. Прослава Св Саве је у недељу 26 јануара после литургије.

From Nativity on Jan. 7 until the eve of Theophany, Jan. 18 is a fast-free period. The Church lets us enjoy the feast and eat all the food we love. Remember this isn't the time for us to neglect our spiritual life. On the Feast of Theophany, Jan. 19, which is a major holy day, we are invited to partake of the Holy Mystery of Communion. Some might say, "I did not fast, I cannot take communion." If the Church tells us not to physically fast then why would we question it? We have enough time of the year when we should physically fast, but we all ought practice spiritual fasting

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!