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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 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

Monday, January 13 Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, January 14 – St Basil the Great / Old Calendar New Year / Circumcision of our Lord

Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 9 am

Saturday, January 18 – Eve of Theophany / fast day / Крстовдан – постан дан

Royal Hours and **Great blessing of water** at 9 am

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 19 – Holy Theophany / Богојављење

Epistle Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

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

Upcoming feast days/events:

January 20 – St John the Baptist / Св Јован

26 – St Sava celebration / Прослава Св Саве у парохји

Pomens: +Fr John Kuchta, given by Steve Malinovich; +Fr John Kuchta, given by Sue Kljaich; +David, +Richard and +Julia Jovanovich, given by Nancy Jovanovich; +Michael, +Violet, +Joseph and +Stella Enich, +Alexander and +Danica Grabavoy, +Deborah Harris, given by Dr Janice Taylor; +Fr John Kuchta, +Joseph Gioannini, +Bessie Hrechko, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Violet, +Michael, +Joseph Sr, + Stella, +Julia Enich, +Danica and +Alexander Grabavoy, +Jovo, +Sam and +Jela Plecas, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Iso Ciganovich, +Joann Orlovich, given by Nadine Keer;

There will be no pomens on Sunday, January 19 – Theophany because it is a Major Holy day

Prayer before Partaking Holy Water

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints. Amen.

The priest will start blessing homes in our parish after the Theophany and bring the grace of Theophany to every house. For the blessing of your home you will need: a bowl with fresh water half filled, church candle, Orthodox Icon, either to be on wall near the table or on the table and a list of living members of your family. In the bowl you pour fresh water and not the Theophany water from last year. If you still have Theophany water in your home, please keep it in a special container and just add the new holy water to the same container and use it throughout the year with faith. Candle can be previously used either for slava or other occasions, as long as it came from church. If you have home censer and would like the priest to cense your house, please leave it by the bowl. Let the priest know if you want him to sprinkle the entire house or just the area around the table. Fr Aleksandar will contact you before he comes to bless your home.

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, Milorad Ristich, 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!

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.

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.

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!