

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**

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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 26 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / St Sava parish celebration**

*Epistle Hebrew 4:7-13 Gospel Matthew 4:12-17 tone 7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.*  
40<sup>th</sup> day parastos for +Rada Albu. Blessing of kolac and children's program, dinner in Social Hall.

**Monday, January 27 – St Sava of Serbia** Divine Liturgy at 9 am.

**Saturday, February 1** Vigil / confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, February 2 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *Epistle / Tim. 4:9-15 Gospel Luke 19:1-10 tone 8<sup>th</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Annual assembly of kolo sestara, Super Bowl Sunday at 4 pm, fellowship/game watching

**Upcoming feast days/events:**

February 12 – Holy Three Hierarchs / Св Три Јерарха  
15 – Meeting of the Lord in temple / Valentine Party  
22 – Memorial Saturday / Покладске задушнице

**Pomens:** +Eva Grubisich, given by Ely Grubisich;

**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 started 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.

**With the New Year beginning**, please remember to pay your 2020 stewardship to the church and to all organizations you belong to. Remember to use your weekly/other envelopes for your donations, and commit this year more to the Orthodox way of life.

**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, Paul Shimek, Milan Laketa, 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!

**As voted at the 2019 Annual Assembly**, St. George publishes a list of donors, listed in \$1,000 increment tiers. Contact John Dauer to be listed as "Anonymous" within the respective tier. Contact John at [Jd1901@me.com](mailto:Jd1901@me.com) or call/text 847-420-4055.

**Almost every year since 2002**, Fr Aleksandar has organized pilgrimages to the old country for American Serbs who do not speak Serbian and have never been there but would love to visit the country of their ancestors and especially the villages where their ancestors came from. Upon request, Father Aleksandar will organize a pilgrimage this fall leaving the US on Monday, September 28 and returning October 11. If you would like to visit the country of your ancestors, visit the most important middle age monasteries that you have heard about all your life, see the towns and museums and a beautiful early fall landscape, and visit the village from which your family came, please let Fr Aleksandar know by the middle of April. If you need more information about the trip, prices, accommodations, places to be visited, etc, please talk to or give a call to Fr Aleksandar.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUPERBOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2020:** FELLOWSHIP/PARTY AT ST. GEORGE HALL: Come and watch the big game with us, and check out our new technology and giant TV screen with superb clarity! Food and Drink will be available, Doors open at 4:00 pm, Game starts at 5:30, hope to see you there!

**У недељу 2 фебруара** после литургије ће бити годишња седница кола српских сестара. Позивамо све парохијанке да се укључе у коло сестара. Дођите на седницу и постаните чланице ове важне парохијске групе жена.

**Субота, 15 фебруар** увече приређујемо Valentine Party у нађој сали. Биће вечера, музика и дружење. Нарочито позивамо наше млађе парохијане у двадесетим годинама да дођу. Можете повести ваше пријатеље или момка – девојку.

**Помозите вашу цркву ове године** вашим радом и активношћу и дођите на богослужења редовно. Ако нисте члан парохије, поразговарајте са о. Александром.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**