

**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, February 2 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of Zacchaeus**

*Epistle I 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

**Sunday, February 9 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee /**

*Epistle II Tim. 3:10-15 Gospel Luke 18:10-14 tone 1<sup>st</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour.

**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:** +Vidosava Stamenkovich, given by M/M Miodrag Stamenkovich and family; +Dorothy (Dolly) Zielinski, given by M/M Kirk Stapinski;

**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, Milos Konjevich, 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.

**Our Valentine Party will be in the church Social Center on Saturday, February 15.** All parishioners and friends are welcome to come and enjoy the socializing, good food and music. This is an opportunity for each one of us to bring a friend and encourage our children and family members to come and support our church and enjoy fellowship. We are especially inviting our young parishioners in their 20's to come and meet with other parishioners and particularly the ones of their own or close age. As a church family, we realize how important it is to stay connected with our young generations and help them to be involved in church life. Hopefully, Ako Bog da, we will see many of our young parishioners and their friends and sweethearts on February 15.

**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee** is the first preparatory Sunday for the Great Lent (Fast). Let us start preparing for the blessed journey which God has prepared for us of cleansing and purifying ourselves in anticipation of the Highest Christian Holy Day - Holy Pascha. In addition to Saturday Vespers and Sunday Holy Liturgy, please arrange your schedule now to attend as many Lenten Services as you can. Presanctified Liturgies of St Gregory Dialogist will be served every Wednesday. The first week of Lent in the morning at 9 am, Lenten hours will start at 8 am, confession at 8:30 am and the next week in the evening at 6 pm when Lenten hours will start at 5 pm and confession at 5:30 pm. Serving the Presanctified Liturgy in the morning and in the evening offers an opportunity to all parishioners to attend either the morning Liturgy or experience the special Lenten Evening Liturgy. Please check the church website, FB, Sunday bulletin and bulletin boards in the church for all Lenten Services.

**Lenten hours readers are needed on Wednesdays during the Great Lent.** Lenten hours in the morning will start at 8 am and in the evening at 5 pm. Please sign up for the Wednesday you would like to read. The Sign-up sheet is on the warden table.

**Субота, 15 фебруар** увече приређујемо Valentine Party у нашој 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!**