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Christ is Risen Hristos Voskrese Христос Воскресе Christos Anesti

Sunday, June 2 – Sunday of the Blind Man / Недеља Слепога

Epistle Acts 16:16-34 Gospel John 9:1-38 Tone 5th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.. Ćevap lunch sponsored by the Kolo sestara

Monday, June 3 – Sts. Constantine and Helen / Св цар Константин и царица Јелена

Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, June 5 – Apodosis – Leave-taking of Pascha / Оданије Васкрса Vigil / confession at 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 6 – Holy Ascension / Спасовдан Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 8 Vespers / confession at 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 9 – Sunday of holy fathers of 1st council / Недеља св отаца првог васељенског сабора

Epistle Acts 20:16-18,28-36 Gospel John 17:1-13 Tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. Coffee hour

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Alysha Bojovic, George Cizmas, Martha Seemann, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, Mike Pyevich, 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!

Thursday, June 6 is the Feast of Ascension or Spasovdan, 40 days after Pascha. It is another Major Holy Day and please plan to attend the services and prepare to partake of Holy Communion. If you are working on Thursday, please try to attend the Vigil Service on Wednesday evening at 6 p.m..

Jesus did not live with His disciples after His resurrection as He had before His death. Filled with the glory of His divinity, He appeared at different times and places to His people, assuring them that it was He, truly alive in His risen and glorified body. On the fortieth day after His Passover, Jesus ascended into heaven to be glorified on the right hand of God (Acts 1.9–11; Mk 16.19; Lk 24.51). The ascension of Christ is His final physical departure from this world after the resurrection.

Thou hast ascended in glory O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world! (Troparion).

Pomens; +Stevan Zegarac and +Domenica Fogliasso, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Zika Stamenkovich, given by M/M Mike Stamenkovich; +Richard Jovanovich, given by Nancy and Richard Jovanovich.

\$50 in memory of Vlado Blagojevic, given by Milenka I Dusan Cvjetkovic from Frankfort, IL

Paschal greeting Christ is Risen or Hristos Voskrese is used among the Orthodox Christians from the Feast of Resurrection until Ascension. Fifty days after Resurrection is another Major Holy Day - Holy Trinity Sunday or Pentecost. This year Pentecost falls on June 16th and it is always on Sunday, for 50 days after Resurrection is always on Sunday. Saturday before Pentecost is always Memorial Saturday.

Looking to support your church? The social center is always looking for people to help with event set-up, waitresses, kitchen help and dish washers. Please see Tana Petrich if you are interested.

Let us remember above all that the temple must be filled with an attitude of mutual love and respect. We have assembled to share in the Church's worship, to unite with each other and our Lord, to anticipate the joyful time when we are gathered into His Kingdom. Our attitude toward one another should reflect that of the Lord, who loves us all and desires nothing more than our spiritual growth and our salvation.

All Orthodox faithful are encouraged to prepare and receive Holy Communion more often. Christ is giving us His Precious Body and Blood in every Eucharistic Service, Liturgy, out of His great love for humankind to all repented sinners and not because we are "worthy". Repent and pray daily and receive the Gift which God gives you for the remission of your sins and unity with Him and all saints. Receive the life which only God gives.

Life Chicago Benefit, Friday, June 14, 2019 at 6 p.m. in Lansing, IL. Presented by the three kolo sestara's. Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander and his wife Katarina will be visiting in honor out 10 years of service with Lifeline Chicago and the Lifeline Chicago 25th Anniversary. Please read more info on the bulletin board.

All faithful who come to church services late, please piously wait in the narthex during the epistle or gospel readings, small or great entrance, or the canon of the Holy Eucharist. Please also do not purchase or light your candles during that time.

All faithful in the church during the worship should face the east, the holiest place in the church which is altar. You should not turn left and right when someone enters late, a child is crying, altar servers come out, or anything else uncontrolled happens.

When the priest senses you, you should bow down and then cross yourself.

If you have a book you were given by the priest to read at your confession, please return to the church if you are finished with it.

Theophany season is the usual time of the year to bless our homes and to obtain fresh holy water for family use throughout the year. For some people it is a still busy time of the year and they prefer to do it later. Some people bless their homes either a day before or on the day of their slava after the blessing of kolac and koljivo. If you have not had your home blessed during the Theophany season this year and would like to do it, please let Fr Aleksandar know.