

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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Stewardship is caring for the needs of others.

Stewardship is offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

Stewardship is what a person does after saying "I believe..." as proof of that belief.

Sunday, January 27 - St Sava, the First Serbian Archbishop / Св Сава Први српски Архиепископ

Epistle I Timothy 1:12-17; Heb 7:26-8:2 Gospel Luke 18:35-43; John 10:9-16 Tone 2nd

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of kolac at 12 pm, Slava lunch and children's program

Fr Aleksandar is blessing the homes in our parish. Culture classes will resume after the homes are blessed. Fr Aleksandar is planning to attend the St Sava celebration of the School of Theology in Monastery New Gracanica, no vespers on Saturday evening.

Sunday, February 3 - 36th Sunday after Pentecost / St. Maximus the Confessor / Св Максим ИСПОВЕДНИК

Epistle II Cor. 9:6-11; Heb. 11:33-12:2 Gospel Matt. 15:21-28; Luke 12:8-12 Tone 3rd

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School and coffee hour.

Super Bowl Sunday sponsored by ASSC at 3:30 pm, food available. Please bring your friends to watch the game.

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Dragan Krcmarevic, Sophia and Slavka Novakovic, Dolly Book, 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!

Upcoming holy days / events:

February 9 – Valentine's Party / Забава у сали увече

12 – Holy Three Hierarchs / Св Три Јерарха

Pomens: +Violet, +Joseph, +Michael, +Stella and +Julie Enich, +Alexander and +Danica Grabavoy, +Jovo and +Jeka Plecas, +Iso Ciganovich, +JoAnn Orlovich, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, given by Michael and Nadine Keer. +Eli Grba, given by Jack Book Jr family

The Valentine's Party will be on Saturday, February 9th starting at 6 pm. This is a great opportunity for all of our parishioners to come together as one family and enjoy fellowship and especially for our youth to get to know each other and to socialize in person instead of by social media. Parents, please encourage your children to attend and come with them. By attending with your children, you are setting a good example for them. In addition to bringing your family, please invite your friends.

Please use the envelopes on wardens table for your donations if you don't have one or forgot your offering envelope. Make sure you write your name on it.

We will start reading the 3rd and 6th hours on Sundays before the Liturgy, starting at 9:30 am. "Take not Your Holy Spirit from me." Psalm 51. Commemorates the Third Hour when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles on Pentecost. We give thanks to God for this gift and ask that He never deprive us of the fruits and graces of the Spirit. We also commemorate the condemnation of Christ by Pilate. "There they crucified Him... It was now about the Sixth Hour" Luke 23: 33-44. The Sixth Hour is the time when Pilate released Jesus to the Jews and He was condemned and was nailed to the Cross. We rejoice in the infinite life of God and show our gratitude, for through this event He wrought our salvation.

Fr Aleksandar started the blessing of homes in our parish on the eve of Theophany. For the blessing of your home you should have a church candle and a bowl half filled with water placed on a table. If you have a hand censer and would like the priest to use it, place it on the table. A list of the names of the living members of the family may be placed by the bowl. You can also light your vigil lamp - kandilo during the service. After the blessing of your home, please save the water and you can mix it with your last year holy water if you still have some. Use Theophany water during the year; it is a spiritual medicine when you use it with faith. Before you consume the Theophany water please say a prayer.

Coming to church services late after the service has begun is not spiritually beneficial for many reasons. First you are missing many important prayers and especially if a person is not on time for the epistle or gospel message. If you come late you might disturb others in their prayers and finally it can become a very bad habit for you and your family who will learn from you that it is ok to come to church late and miss half of the service.

Try to get up earlier on Sunday, get yourself ready and come to church on time. During the service, be actively involved by singing with the choir and praying with the church prayers. Then you will not be bored and think the service was 10 minutes longer, we had more Serbian or English, or that the sermon was long and/or think about unimportant and irrelevant issues when you are in church to worship.

Отац Александар је почео светити куће у парохији са Богојављенском водицом. Ако желите да Вам се кућа посвети јавите свештенику. Добро је да се кућа освети једном годишње. За Богојављење или за крсну славу.

Ако се нисте исповедили и причестили у току Божићног поста можете то учинити за време Богојављенских празника.

За ваше прилоге користите коферте које су на турском столу и обавезно ставите ваше име да се зна од кога је прилог.