

**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 9 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee / Недеља Митара и Фарисеја**

*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.*

**Tuesday, February 11** Vespers / confession at 6 pm

**Wednesday, February 12 – Holy Three Hierarchs / Св Три Јерарха** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Friday, February 14 – St Tryphon / Св Трифун** Vigil / confession at 6 pm

**Saturday, February 15 – Meeting of our Lord in temple / Сретеније Господње** Divine Liturgy at 9 am , Vespers / confession at 5 pm, Valentine Party in our social center at 6 pm

**Sunday, February 16 – Sunday of Prodigal Son / St Simeon the God-receiver / Недеља Блуднога Сина**

*Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32 tone 2<sup>nd</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 22 – Memorial Saturday / Покладске задушнице

March 1 – Cheese-fare Sunday / Беле покладе / Sunday of forgiveness – vespers at the end of liturgy

**Pomens:** +Dorothy (Dolly) Zielinski, given by M/M Kirk Stapinski; + Dorothy Zielinski, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Kimball Mancke, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Milos, +Sam and +Mavis Konjevich, given by Sophie Anderson; Milka Grubisich, +Mary Ann Skoryi, given by Ely Grubisich; +Peter and +Velma Budimlija, given by M/M Mike Cora

**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, Don 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!

**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.

**Our Fish Fries** will begin on western Ash Wednesday February 26 and following Fridays thru April 10. Please offer your help and invite your friends. **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.

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