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**Sunday, February 24 - Sunday of Prodigal Son / Недеља Блуднога Сина**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32 Tone 6<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School. Pastry raffle sponsored by culture club.

**Wednesday, February 27 - St Cyril, Teacher of the Slavs / Св Кирило словесник**

Choir practice at 7:30 pm

**Friday, March 1**

Vespers / confession at 6 pm

**Saturday, March 2 - St Theodore the Tyro / Saturday of souls / Покладске задушнице**

Divine Liturgy and general parastos at 9 am.

*On the day before Meat fare Sunday, the Orthodox Church prays for those of its members who may have died unexpectedly because of wars, plagues, starvation, or any other sort of death while they were in a foreign country, or while they were traveling by sea, by land, or by air. The Church also prays for the poor, or for those who may not have received a proper burial, or who had no one to request Memorial Services to be offered for them.*

**Sunday, March 3 - Meat-fare Sunday / Sunday of the Last Judgment / Месопусна недеља**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Tone 7<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School. Bowling Party organized by culture club

*On this day we commemorate the inescapable second coming of Christ, ordained by the most divine Fathers to be observed after the second parable of the Prodigal, so that no one who has learned of the love of God for mankind from it will live in laziness saying, "God loves mankind, and when I am separated from Him by sin, all is prepared for my restoration."*

**We are praying especially for:** Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Dragan Krcmarevic, Slavka Novakovic, Dolly Book, Nicole and Kathy Petkovich, Judy and Scott Lockwood, 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:**

March 10 - Forgiveness Sunday / Cheese fare Sunday

11 - Beginning of Great Lent / Почетак Часног Поста

**Pomens:** +Mary Popovich Stampar, +George Stampar, +Eva Grubisich, +Betty Grubisich, +Eli Grba, given by Jack Book Jr family; +George Jovanovich, given by Nancy Jovanovich.

**Culture club is sponsoring a Bowling Party** and potluck meal on Sunday, March 3. Students of church school admission and shoes will be paid by culture club. Parents, friends of culture club and parishioners are invited to join us. Sign up in lower level.

**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.

**Every Wednesday Evening during the Great Lent**, we will have religious discussions in one of the classrooms beneath the church. If the liturgy is in the evening, the discussion will be after the liturgy at approximately 7 pm. When the liturgy is in the morning, a religious discussion will start at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions about the Bible, our practices, Orthodox faith, prayer, or other topics, please tell Fr Aleksandar, and we will have it as a topic of our discussion. If you wish you may bring fruit, pastry and/or other posno snacks especially after evening Liturgy.

When the Presanctified Liturgy is served in the evening, those who will partake of Holy Communion should fast from 12 pm (noon) until receiving communion. For those who can physically endure an all-day total fast, please do so.

**On each of the three Sundays before Lent**, the church brings before us a plea for repentance, set to sacred music. Here are the words of that prayer. *From the Matins of Publican and Pharisee, Lenten Triodion*