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**Sunday, November 4 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / church 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary / Прослава 90 год парохије**

*Epistle Eph. 2:4-10 Gospel Luke 16:19-31 Tone 6<sup>th</sup>*

**Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.** Banquet at 1 pm.

**Wednesday, November 7**

Vespers / confession at 6 pm

**Thursday, November 8 – Holy Great-martyr Demetrius / Св Димитрије, великомученик**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Sunday, November 11 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Ven Abramius / Преподобни Аврамије затворник**

*Epistle Eph. 2:14-22 Gospel Luke 8:26-39 Tone 7<sup>th</sup>*

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour

**We are praying especially for:** Siba Severns, Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Zoran Nikitovich, Milica Blagojevic, Millie Rowe, Richard Jovanovich, 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!

**It is important to remind ourselves occasionally** about the proper way to approach the Holy Chalice when receiving Holy Communion. After all communicants read the prayers before communion, everyone should start approaching the Holy Chalice. Usually children go first, then men and women. With great reverence and fear of God, cross yourself, making a small metania, bow, and place your arms against your chest. Before the Holy Chalice say your baptism name, open your mouth and put your head back. Please do not try to cross yourself in front of the chalice! The priest will give you communion, the deacon will clean your lips. Kiss the bottom of the chalice and slowly move away from it then you can cross yourself. Take a piece of blessed bread, prosphora, and piously go back to your place. Make sure you consume the prosphora and all crumbs from your hand, do not wipe your hand so the crumbs fall on the floor! Remember, it is blessed bread. After Holy Communion, you should not kiss the priest hand, except the bottom of the chalice and you should not venerate the ikons. Prayers after communion should be read by all who commune after the end of the liturgy.

**Applications for the new Executive church board** are at the warden's table, deadline is Nov 25, 2018. Also, the positions of: Hall Manager, Bar Manager, Kitchen Manager, Hall Janitor and Church Janitor are now open for anyone interested. Mail letters to church or give to warden. Deadline is regular December meeting.

**A moleben is a service of intercession**, or service of supplication. This supplicatory prayer service is used within the Orthodox Church in honor of Jesus Christ, the Mother of God, a Feast, or a particular saint or martyr. Moleben's may be occasional, served according to need. For instance, moleben's could be served for one who is ill or going on a journey, for the beginning of the New Year, or when children begin school. Or they may be devotional, in honor of a particular saint, or for the health and salvation of your children and family. Moleben's can be served in church or in homes or at any other appropriate locations. Please let your priest know if you would like to have a moleben for someone who is ill, or before a journey, or a thanksgiving moleben for one recovering after illness or after any other unfortunate event

**A new slava candle is lit every year in the home.** The host lights the candle before the lunch or before the slava rite and it stays lit until the guests are gone. It is a Serbian tradition to extinguish the candle with red wine. Throughout the year the slava candle can be lit for certain holy days and memorial Saturdays. Before the next year's slava you can bring the old candle to church and light it, which is better than throwing it away.

**Small pocket size 2019 calendar books printed by our Diocese are for sale by the candles. Every family should get** one and use it to follow the church holy days and fasting seasons, and use it when making plans and events. Major holy days are always marked in red ink, important holy days are in bold ink and every day of the year has at least one or two saints which are commemorated. Calendars also have the names addresses and contact info of every church in our Diocese.

**Some of our sick and elderly parishioners** have not been to church for a while, and they would love to receive a call or a card. They are in our thoughts and prayers, but if we give them a call, visit them once in a while or send them a nice card we know it would make their day.

**The books "The Life and Miracles of St Basil of Ostrog"** in English and Serbian are still available for sale on the wardens table. The price is \$15. The Holiday Season is coming up and one of these books would make a great gift.

**A new guest book** is in the vestibule near the tutor's table for all visitors and/or guests to sign in. Next to the book are the welcome fliers made for all visitors to get the most important information about the church. In the last portion of the flier, there are a few questions about a visitor and this part should be filled out and removed from the paper and given to the warden who will bring it in the altar to the priest so he can announce and welcome visitors and guests.

Jesus said:

*"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world. ... Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him."*