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Sunday, November 18 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Eph. 4:1-6 Gospel Luke 10:25-37 Tone 8th

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour. Cultural club meeting.

Tuesday, November 20

Vespers /confession at 6 pm

Wednesday, November 21 - Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Hosts / Аранђеловдан

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving / St Nektarios of Eagina - LET US GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD!

Saturday, November 24 – St Stephen of Dechany, Serbian King / Св Стефан Дечански

Sunday, November 25 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost / St John the Merciful / Св Јован Милостиви

Epistle Eph. 5:8-19; Heb. 4:14-5:6 Gospel Luke 10:25-37; Luke 6:17-23 Tone 1st

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Cultural club will host a brunch fundraiser

We are praying especially for: Ceba Severns, Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Zoran Nikitovich, 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!

Upcoming holy days / events:

November 28 – Beginning of Nativity Fast / Почетак Божићног поста

December 4 – The Entry into the temple of the Theotokos/ Ваведеније

December 9 – Annual assembly of the congregation / Годишња скупштина парохије

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.

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.

Orthodox boys who are 7 years or older should serve in the altar. Before sending their child to serve in the altar, it is important for parents to explain the position, and that it is an honor to serve and help the clergy during the service. Parents should also remember to bring them on time.

Reminder: During the Memorial Service in church, all faithful receive a candle to hold. Every candle has a plastic or foil cup in the middle to prevent wax from dripping on the floor or on clothing. Please, please hold your candles straight and make sure your child/children are doing the same so that wax does not drop on the floor or church furnishings. Hvala

Next culture class will be on Wednesday, Nov 28 at 6:30 pm. Topics: Serbian language, fasting in the Orthodox church and chanting. The classes are open for all youth, parents and adults.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Master, Lord, God Almighty, we have gathered together to praise Your majesty, to bless You, to glorify You, the only true God, and to offer thanks to You with a grateful heart for all the blessings You have bestowed upon us, and You continue to do.

O Lord, we find ourselves in this land as Jonah did in the boat, when, in time of danger, all of the sailors and passengers, though of different faiths, yet with one heart, they raised supplicatory arms, each to their respective god. You, the only true and living God, did not despise their prayers, because of the confusion of their minds and lack of knowledge, but answered their prayers, revealing to them Your holy will, and rescuing them from danger.

We too, O God of our fathers, as we are about to sit down and partake of these gifts You have set before us, we raise up our arms to You and ask You to accept our prayer of thanksgiving, along with people of every faith on this land. We unite our prayer together with every American, thankful for the religious freedom we enjoy—if only we use it to learn about You, the true God, in order to know You, love You and worship You in truth.

We are especially thankful, Almighty God, for Your ineffable love toward us, Your ungrateful and unworthy servants, and for the sacrifice on the Cross of Your only begotten Son, our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, and for the gifts of Your all Holy Good and Life-giving Spirit. Gratefully we unite our voices and we pray to You, with the prayer taught us by Your Son and our God Jesus Christ, saying, Our Father Who art in heavens... Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy 3x, through the prayers of the holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Please use this prayer before your Thanksgiving meal

Књиге „ Живот и Чуда Св Василија острошког“ су на продају на српском језику и налазе се на турском столу у цркви. Цене је \$15. Ова књига је одличан божићни поклон за некога из Ваше породице или за пријатеље. Кад држите свећу у цркви за парастос молимо Вас да их држите право да восак не пада на под или на клупу.

Годишња седница парохије је у недељу 9 децембра. Сви који долазе, помажу и плаћају цркви могу и требају да узму учешћа на седници