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Sunday, January 20 - Sunday After Theophany / Synaxis of St John the Baptist / Sv Jovan Krstitelj
Epistle Eph. 4:7-13; Acts 19:1-8 Gospel Matthew 4:12-17; John 1:29-34 Tone 1st
Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour

Saturday, January 26
Vespers / confession at 5 pm

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

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Dragan Kremarevic, 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

Pomems: +Vidosava Stamenkovich, given by Milorad Stamenkovich and family; +George Gnatovich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Joseph and +Lena Gioaninni, +Paul and +Marian Bertucci, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family

Note: Please call the parish priest in case of sickness and hospitalization.

Reminder- All Parishioners: If you are not in attendance at Divine Liturgy on any given Sunday and do not receive the weekly bulletin, please go on our St. George Church's Facebook page or web site and read the weekly bulletin. If you have any personal information newsworthy, please contact Father by phone or email. We will be glad to put it in the weekly bulletin or the Serb.

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.

This year, our Sveti Sava celebration will be on the Feast of Sveti Sava on Sunday, January 27. After the Divine Liturgy, there will be a blessing of festal bread and koljivo in the hall, lunch and a children's program. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend this important event!

To: All Church School Parents, Culture Club Members, Friends of Culture Club:

We are preparing a lovely meal for the St. Sava Day Banquet, and are seeking donations of individual cookies/bar cookies for our dessert table. As the day is about/for our children, we thought a cookie table would be perfect. Donations can be dropped off at the hall prior to Liturgy on Sunday morning. Thanks in advance for your support of Culture Club and our students!

Clergy brotherhood calendars/yearbooks are available in narthex for sale for \$15. They contain the addresses/phones of every Serb Orth Church in North and South America.

Orthodox children who have been baptized should partake of Communion regularly. Younger children may take Communion without Confession. Confession and preparation should start when they can understand preparation and the meaning of sin usually at the age of 7 or 8. Parents as the child's first teachers of the faith, should explain to their children the importance of proper preparation and the true meaning of Confession and Holy Communion and monitor their spiritual as well as their physical development.

If you did not have time to confess and partake of Holy Communion during the Nativity season you should do it during the Theophany season.

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 children and 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 повести једном годишње. За Богојављење или за крсну славу.

Забележите у Ваш календар да ће прослава Св Саве бити у недељу 27 јануара и планирајте да дођете. После литургије ће бити свећење славског колача и ручак. Жене се умољавају да донесу колаче за ручак, оставите их у кухињи пре литургије.

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