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**Sunday, January 5– Commemoration of the Old Testament Holy Fathers / Serb Father's Day / Očevi**

Epistle Hebrew 11:9-19;17-23;32-40 Gospel Matth 1:1-25 tone 3rd

3rd & 6th hours at 9:30 am; Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Welcome His Grace Bishop Serafim in our midst! Parastos for +Fr Nedeljko Lunich. Lunch for all in the hall

**Monday, January 6 – The Nativity Eve / Badnji Dan / Strict fast / Rozhdestvenskyi Sochelnik**

Royal Hours at 9 am

Nativity Compline and Matins at 6 pm. Blessing of Badnjak (Yule Log) and refreshments in the upper-level hall after the church services.

**Tuesday, January 7 - The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ / Božić**

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

**Fast free until January 18, the eve of Theophany / Ne posti se do Krstovdana Jan 18 / Sviatki**

**Wednesday, January 8 - Synaxis of the Most Holy [Theotokos](#) / Sabor Presvete Bogorodice**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Vigil/confession at 6 pm

**Thursday, January 9 - Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon [Stephen](#) / Sv Stefan Prvomučnik**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Saturday, January 11**

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, January 12– Sunday after the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**

Epistle [Galatians 1:11-19](#) Gospel [Matthew 2:13-23](#) tone 4th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Oath of the new church board and other organization officers. Church school. Coffee Hour

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

January 14 – St Basil the Great / Old Calendar New year  
19 – Holy Theophany / Bogojavljenje

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Craig Vercelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevich, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Kelli Sekulovich, Ben Somerville, Zorica Blagojević, Cecilia Marcetich, Marissa Corray, Ingrid Steegh-Bongartz 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!

**Pomens (Litany)** +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Boricich; +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić family; +Peter and +Velma Budimlija, given by Mike/Nancy Cora; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, and +Rada Albu, given by Joana Albu; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Rada Albu, given by Dan/Radoica Kilgore & family; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Darinka Krasić, given by Bilder/Lunich family; Fr Milos Bugarin, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin family; +Milan Srnić, given by Milan/Tatjana Miškeljin;

**Badnje Veče** - Following the Nativity Compline and Matins Service at 6:00pm on January 6th, please come to the Social Center for the blessing of the Yule Log (Badnjak) and some food and refreshments. If you are attending, please consider bringing a posno/vegan dish to share. It can be dessert, bread, jam, nuts, chips, dip, veggies, pasta, salads, etc. We are flexible, whatever you'd like to share, as long as it's posno. The Social Center will be open at 5:00pm, so you may drop off your food donation prior to Church Services. If bringing pastries, it would be a big help if you could cut and plate them in advance in your own container. At the end of the evening, we need cleanup help from EVERYONE in attendance. This will get parishioners and their families home at a reasonable hour.

**The traditional Serbian Orthodox greeting for the Nativity season is Christ is Born** and the reply is Indeed He is Born or Truly He is Born. In Serbian it is Hristos se rodi and the reply is Voistinu se rodi. Many Slavic people such as Russians and Ukrainians say Christ is Born, Glorify Him! Either all together or one person would say Christ is Born and another Glorify Him. The Christmas greeting in Greek is Christ is Born, give glory! Again, either just one person or two with Christ is Born and reply Give glory. The Christmas greeting is used from the day of the Nativity of Christ until the Apodosis or Leave-taking of the Feast which is January 13.

**From Nativity on Jan. 7 until the eve of Theophany, Jan. 18 is a fast-free period.** The Church lets us enjoy the feast and eat all the food we love. Remember this isn't the time for us to neglect our spiritual life. On the Feast of Theophany, Jan. 19, which is a major holy day, we are invited to partake of the Holy Mystery of Communion. Some might say, "I did not fast, I cannot take communion." If the Church tells us not to physically fast then why would we question it? We have enough time of the year when we should physically fast, but we all ought to practice spiritual fasting.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**  
**Идите у миру, волите и служите Господа!**