St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 14 - Sunday after the Nativity and before the Baptism of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ / St Basil the Great and Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ / Old Calendar New Year

Epistle II Tim. 4:5-8; Col. 2:8-12 Gospel Mark 1:1-8; Luke 2:20-21,40-52 tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Oath of officers, church board, culture club, choir and ASSC. Church school and coffee hour

Thursday, January 18 – Eve of Theophany / Fast Day / Krstovdan / postan dan

Royal Hours and the Great blessing of water at 9 am Vigil / Confession at 6 pm

Friday, January 19 - Holy Theophany / Bogojavljenje/ fast free / ne posti se

Divine Liturgy at 9 am and the Great blessing of water Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Saturday, January 20 – St John the Baptist / Sv Jovan Krstitelj

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Sunday, January 21 - Sunday after the Baptism of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

Epistle Eph. 4:7-13 Gospel Matt. 4:12-17 tone 8^{th} 3^{rd} & 6^{th} hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 27 – St Sava of Serbia

28 - Parish celebration of St Sava, children's program

With sadness in our hearts but with faith in the Resurrection, we inform you of the repose of Very Rev Nedeljko Lunich, retired priest of St George Serbian Orthodox Church in Joliet, IL. The Funeral schedule:

Sunday, January 21 – Visitation in our church from 2 pm to 7 pm with pomen at 4 pm

Monday, January 22 – Hierarchal Liturgy at 8 am; Clergy funeral service at 10 am; Memorial meal in our hall at 12:30 pm. Burial at St Sava Monastery cemetery at 3:30 pm. May Fr Ned's memory be eternal! Vjecnaja Pamjat.

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva lacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevich, Genevieve Ostoich, 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) +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić & family; +Janice Taylor, given by Dr's Mike/Nadine Keer; +Rada Albu, given by Katy Albu; +Rada Albu, given by Dan/Radoica Kilgore; +Rosella Petrich, given by Tana Petrich and family; +V Rev Lazar Kostur, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Nicholas, +Chris and +Beda Nikolich and +Joyce Bauman, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by V Rev Aleksandar Bugarin and family; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Gayle Shimek, Deacon Nenad, Stephanie and Gordana Jakovljevic; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Gayle Shimek; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Deacon Nenad, Stephanie and Gordana Jakovljevic; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Mel/Cinthia Rushing; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Mark/Lyn Ostoich;

Prayer before Partaking Holy Water

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints.

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.

Father will start blessing of homes on Theophany after the liturgy, first in Joliet, Crest Hill, Shorewood, Plainfield,... He will contact you via email, call or text to schedule your blessing of homes. Please let him know if this time will not work out for you and you would like your home blessed later on this year.

Од Божића до Крстовдана се не пости средом и петком. Богојављење је Велики Празник и ове године пада у петак али се не пости тај дан. На Богојављење се треба припремити за причест јер је један од Највећих Празника. Отац Александар ће почети светити куће на Богојављење код оних код којих се кућа не свети за славу. Зидни календари за 2024 су код свећа и можете узети један за кућу. Парохијска прослава Св Саве Lord, we raise Israel and Gaza to You, and pray for those suffering. We ask that You provide peace in this crisis, and

protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted. We lift our prayer to You, Lord, hear us.

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