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Theophany greeting is “God is Revealed” and reply is “Indeed” or “Truly is Revealed”

Sunday, January 19 – Holy Theophany / Bogojavljenje

Epistle Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Gospel Matt. 3:13-17

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am. Great blessing of water. Church school. Coffee Hour.
Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Monday, January 20 – Synaxis of St John the Baptist / Sv Jovan Krstitelj

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, January 25

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 26 – Sunday after Theophany / Parish celebration of St Sava /Children’s Program

Epistle I Tim. 1:15-17 Gospel Matt. 4:12-17 Tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of kolac and zito, kumovi the Zubic family. Children’s Program / Luncheon sponsored by Culture Club in church basement

Upcoming Feast days and events:

February 12 – Holy Three Hierarchs

15 – Presentation or Meeting of our Lord in the Temple / Sretenije

March 3 - Beginning of Great Lent / Početak Časnog Posta

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 Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Kelli Sekulovich, Ben Somerville, Katarina Karadjordjević, 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!

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

With the New Year beginning, please remember to pay your 2025 to all organizations you belong to. Remember to use your weekly envelopes for your stewardship, and commit this year more to the Orthodox way of life.

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. A list of the names of the living/reposed 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.

Prayer before Partaking Theophany 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. Amen.

We will get more out of the services if we pray rather than merely attend them. Allow the hymns to enter your heart, and make their words your own. Remember that the services are not a time for private prayers but for sharing in the common worship of the Church.

Chewing gum or candy is very inappropriate in the church whether it is a child or adult. Please take it out of your mouth before you enter the church. If you are not communing that Sunday, the prosphora - blessed bread, should be the first food you consume on Sunday morning.

Од Божића до Крстовдана, Јануар 18 се не пости. Крстовдан је постан дан. Богојављење је Велики Празник и треба се припремити за причест. Физички пост је изостављен, сем Крстовдана и припрема је духовна. На крстовдан и Богојављење ће бити свећење воде. Понесите посуду са вама и узмите св воде за вашу кућу да је користите преко године са молитвом.

Идуће недеље је парохијска прослава Св Саве, Првог Српског Архиепископа. Планирајте доћи у цркву. Родитељи помозите деци да науче рецитације а ако случајно дете није добило рецитацију, јавите свештенику.

Свештеник је почео да свети домове у парохији са Богојављенском светом водом, Уколико се ваша кућа освети за славу, не морате је и сад светити само понесите посуду у цркву и узмите свете воде за вашу кућу и породицу.

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