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Sunday, February 1 – Sunday of Publican and Pharisee / Nedelja Mitara i Fariseja

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel Luke 18:10-14 tone 1st

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am Church School and coffee hour

Fast free – ova sedmica se ne posti

Wednesday February 4

Vespers at 6 pm and religious discussion: "Great Lent"

Saturday, February 7

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, February 8 – Sunday of Prodigal Son / Nedelja Bludnoga Sina

Epistle I Cor. 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32 tone 2nd

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am Church School and coffee hour

Upcoming Feast days and events:

February 12 -Holy Three Hierarchs / Sv Tri Jerarha

14 – Memorial Saturday / Pokladske zadušnice

15 – The Meeting of the Lord in the temple / Sretenije

We are praying especially for: Richard Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Dusan Cvjetkovic, Dan Pyevich, Roger Trizna, John Radakovich, Russell Johnston, Barb and Edward Phelon, 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 for departed) +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić and family; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Marlo Perry/Joel Orlovich/Paula Weller; +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Renee/Roger Trizna; +Radovan Jovanovich; given by Jack/Dollie Book; +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Kirk/Jackie Stapinski; +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Sandy Burcenski;

Holy (Theophany) water that you have in your home should be used throughout the year with faith and prayer when ill, tempted and other various infirmities.

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. Amen.

The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for Orthodox Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is also on this day that the Triodion is introduced, a liturgical book that contains the services from this Sunday, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), to Great and Holy Saturday.

The Church eases us into the Lenten fasting discipline during this period. The week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is fast-free. The week following the Prodigal Son is a normal week -- we fast as usual on Wednesday and Friday. In the week following Meat fare Sunday, no meat is eaten; eggs, fish, and dairy are permitted on any day.

TACO BAR — Join us on Meat-fare Sunday, February 15, for a delicious **Taco Bar. Enjoy tacos, quesadillas and Spanish rice.** After Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church lower level to enjoy this meal while spending time together in fellowship. There is no set cost for the meal—freewill donations are welcomed and appreciated. **ALL** proceeds will go directly to benefit our parish. Please come and support our church community.

Sunday Feb 15, is the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple (40 days after Christmas) and Meat-Fare Sunday. Our church will have a Taco Bar after the Liturgy in the lower level of the church. The Kolo will have a meeting and the Kolo is inviting all ladies from our church, members and nonmembers to attend the meeting and learn more about this important church auxiliary. The Kolo president will give a little history of the Kolo Sestara and explain the mission and goal. Q and A available. See you in church and please plan to stay for the meeting.

Our church will not host Palm Sunday Deanery Vespers this year. Our St George church was recently moved to the southern Chicago Deanery. Our turn is on Sunday, March 22, Lenten Vespers at 6 pm and dinner in the social center. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Also, mark your calendar for May 3, the St George Church Slava/ Patron Saint celebration. After the services, there will be dinner in the social center.

The schedule of southern Chicago Deanery Lenten Services are on the bulletin board in church. Please take a look and plan to attend. We need to attend other lenten services in order for other brother and sisters from our deanery to come to Joliet's Lenten Vespers.

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