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Sunday, February 16 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son / Nedelja Bludnoga Sina / Sv Simeon Bogoprimalac

Epistle 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32 Tone 1st

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Fr Alex will have a class with church school students and parents after the liturgy. and coffee hour.

Friday, February 21 Vespers/confession at 6 pm

Saturday, February 22 – Saturday of the Souls / Pokladske Zadusnice

Divine Liturgy at 9 am and General Parastos for all reposed Orthodox Christians

Sunday, February 23 – Meat-fare Sunday / Mesopusna nedelja

Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Tone 2nd

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School. Kolo meeting. Church sponsored luncheon in the upper bar area, all invited!

Upcoming Feast days and events:

March 2 – Sunday of Forgiveness. Deanery vespers at St Sava church in Merrillville, IN at 6 pm

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 Verdelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevic, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Kelli Sekulovich, Ben Somerville, Cecilia Marcetich, Katarina Karadjordjevic, V Rev Savo Cakardich, 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 deceased) +Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic,; +Tamara and +Yury Politayko, given by Nick/Marianna Radojkovic; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Michael, +Joseph, +Hazel and +Nicholas Kljaich, +Gabriel Carreno, +Michael O'Leary, +George, +Anna and +Delores Malinovich, +Mildred Wilson, +Joseph Orlovich Jr, +David Potts, +Thomas Astorino, given By Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez; +Donna Moses, given by Matthew Moses; +Sofija Komadina Peters, given by Dr Howard Grundy; +Kimball Mancke, given by Dan/Vicki Dorsey;

Dear Fellow Parishioners, On February 5, 2025, we entered a 5-year lease agreement with Niko's Catering to host various events on both the upper and lower levels. During the past 8 months, and even before that, options have been explored on the best way to financially secure our future. The agreement we signed was by far the best opportunity. I'm sure there are numerous questions that you may have and most likely too numerous to mention here. The best way to address your concerns is by simply asking a board member who can answer your questions and allay your concerns. Thanks to the Executive Board for their proactive approach, for Father Aleks for his spiritual advisement and sage advice, and to all of you for understanding that serious changes needed to be made to ensure the health and welfare of our parish. Dan Dorsey President

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is the first preparatory Sunday for the Great Lent (Fast). Let us start preparing for the blessed journey which God has prepared for us of cleansing and purifying ourselves in anticipation of the Highest Christian Holy Day - Holy Pascha. In addition to Saturday Vespers and Sunday Holy Liturgy, please arrange your schedule now to attend as many Lenten Services as you can. Presanctified Liturgies of St Gregory Dialogist will be served every Wednesday. The first week of Lent in the morning at 9 am, Lenten hours will start at 8 am, confession at 8:30 am and the next week in the evening at 6 pm when Lenten hours will start at 5 pm and confession at 5:30 pm. Serving the Presanctified Liturgy in the morning and in the evening offers an opportunity to all parishioners to attend either the morning Liturgy or experience the special Lenten Evening Liturgy. Please check the church website, FB, Sunday bulletin and bulletin boards in the church for all Lenten Services.

Lenten hours readers are needed on Wednesdays during the Great Lent. Lenten hours in the morning will start at 8 am and in the evening at 5 pm.

Обавештење за све парохијане да је наша црквена сала изнајмљена Niko Catering компанији. Црквена и слава Кола Сестара као и други ручкови ће и даље бити у сали. Ако некоме од парохијана треба сала, треба да се обрати Niki.

Lenten Prayer of St Ephrem

This ancient prayer is prescribed for the Canonical Hours of the weekdays of Great Lent. It is attributed to St Ephraim the Syrian (AD 306-373) and is an excellent summary of how we should strive to purify ourselves during Great Lent not just through fasting and abstinence but also through a genuine change of heart.

O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and idle talking give me not. Prostration.

But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me Thy servant. Prostration.

Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my own failings and not condemn my brother;

for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Prostration.

Then twelve bows from the waist, saying at each bow: O God, cleanse me a sinner.

And again, without division, the same prayer entirely to the end, And one prostration.

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