

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**

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*Let us not pray, brethren, Pharisee-like; for he who exalteth himself shall be abased. Wherefore, let us humble ourselves before God, crying by means of fasting, with the voice of the publican, saying: God forgive us sinners.* First Sticheron of Vespers

**Sunday, February 25 – Sunday of Publican and Pharisee / Nedelja Mitara I Fariseja**

*Epistle II Tim. 3:10-15 Gospel Luke 18:10-14 tone 5<sup>th</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. 40 days parastos for +Fr Nedeljko. Church school, memorial luncheon in the hall

**Fast free week ova sedmica se ne posti**

**Monday, February 26 – Ven Simeon the myrrh-gusher / Sv Simeon mirotocivi**

**Friday, March 1** Fish Fry from 4 pm to 7 pm. Please sign up and offer your help

**Saturday, March 2** Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, March 3 – Sunday of Prodigal Son / Nedelja Bludnoga Sina**

*Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32 tone 6<sup>th</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Oath of officers, kolo and others. Church school and church sponsored lunch in social center

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

March 9 – Memorial Saturday / Pokladske Zadušnice

10 – Kolo anniversary, luncheon after the services

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevic, Genevieve Ostoich, Donald Laketa, Draginja Lukin, Milena, 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; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Edythe Miller and family; V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Dmitar, +Milka, +Sophie, +Mike, +Helen, +Millie and +Katie Bjekich, +Dorothy and +Bessie Bedick, given by Anka Laketa and family; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by +Sophie Anderson's daughters; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Paul Shimek, +Joyce Bauman and +Chris Nikolich, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich;

**Fish Frys** -- Our Church will hold 7 Fish Frys in our Social Center from Friday, February 16 through March 29. Dining hours are 4:00 – 7:00 pm. We need your help to make this a successful fundraiser for our Church. Assistance is needed during the day for food prep and during the hours of operation. We also need dessert donations each week to sell at the Pastry Table. To sign up to volunteer, please use the online system called SignUpGenius. The link to access this is provided here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA5AD2AA1F9C25-47497193-fish>

Questions? Call/text Danielle at 630-709-7437.

**Luncheon** - Everyone is invited to a Church Sponsored Luncheon on March 3rd, held in the Social Center upper-level bar. Come share a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship.

**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.

**Holy Trinity OCA Cathedral in Chicago** is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring the Chicago premiere of "Sacred Alaska" on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. The viewing will take place at the Pickwick Theater located at 5 s. Prospect Ave. Park Ridge, Illinois. Following the movie, the producer of Sacred Alaska will give a presentation and be available for questions.

Tickets are now available and may be purchased here: <https://shorturl.at/gktAF>

Movie Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O--6uVTVG9M>

"Sacred Alaska" is an award-winning documentary that offers an intimate look into Native Alaskan culture and spirituality. It showcases the profound influence of Orthodoxy, introduced by Russian monks in the late 18th century, on Alaskan society. The film highlights the unique way Alaskans have woven their indigenous beliefs with Orthodox traditions, deeply influencing their worldview. Central to this is the concept of learning to become a "real person." Through beautiful cinematography and powerful storytelling, "Sacred Alaska" underscores the profound, sacred bond between the Alaskan people, their faith, and the formidable landscape they call home.

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