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**Sunday, March 1 – Sunday of Orthodoxy / Nedelja Pravoslavlja**

*Epistle Hebrews 11:24-26;32-12:2 Gospel John 1:43-51 tone 5th*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am Procession with icons. Coffee hour.

Inter Orthodox vespers at 6 pm. Sts. Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral, 9660 Broadway, Crown Point, IN

**Wednesday, March 4** Presanctified liturgy at St Nicholas OCA in Joliet for all Orthodox at 6 pm

**Friday March 6** Deanery Precanctified Liturgy at St George Church in East Chicago at 6 pm. Homilist: Fr Aleksandar Bugarin

**Saturday, March 7** Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, March 8 – Sunday of St Gregory Palamas / Nedelja Sv Grigorija Palame**

*Epistle Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Gospel Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16 tone 6th*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am Church school and coffee hour

Deanery Lenten vespers at 6 pm. Holy Arch Michael church in Lansing, IL Homilist: Fr Vladimir Lange

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

March 22 – Deanery Lenten vespers in our church. Plan to attend

**We are praying especially for:** Richard Jovanovich, Michelle and Pete Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Dusan Cvjetkovic, Roger Trizna, John Radakovich, Russell Johnston, Barb and Edward Phelon, Gayle Shimek, Angela Hartz, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering, in need of our prayers, 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; +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Kirk/Jackie Stapinski; +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Sandy Burcenski; +Sreto Šuvira, given by Novica Šuvira; +V Rev Petar Milosevich, +Radovan Jovanovich, given by V Rev Aleksandar Bugarin & family; +Raymond Visnevac, given by Millie O'Leary; +Raymond Visnevac, given by Nadine O'Leary & Josh Potts; +Raymond Visnevac, given by Annette O'Leary; +Raymond Visnevac, given by Steve Malinovich; +Milorad, +Ruzica and +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva/Draginja Lukin

**Fr Aleksandar has a new email** [aleksandarbugarin07@gmail.com](mailto:aleksandarbugarin07@gmail.com). Please send him email so he can add you to his contacts. Thanks

**Culture Club** will sponsor a food drive during Great Lent to give to a local food bank We ask for non-perishable food items and toiletries. Thanks.

**After the liturgy**, all who received Holy Communion should remain in church to read the required prayers after receiving Holy Communion. The prayers are at the end of the Liturgy book. The priest will then start the prayers loudly with "Glory to Thee, O God, Glory to Thee" three times. Then everyone will read the prayers aloud. It is best if one person starts and the rest follow.

**We invite all to join us at our coffee hour** after Sunday Divine Liturgy. This is an integral part of our fellowship and allows parishioners to meet and know each other.

**All parishioners should observe Great Lent** by attending services, fasting, increasing prayers and strengthening relationship with God. Great Lent is not meant to be a "burden" for the faithful but rather a voluntary change of everyday routine and to be more attentive to one's spiritual life. The reason for serving Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday is to enable everyone to receive spiritual food more often and become closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Confess your sins and receive Holy Communion often, every week at least once. Suggested reading for Lent is the Old Testament, the first five books and the prophesy as well as appointed verses in the New Testament for every day. Spend more time with your prayer book instead of your cell phone and time on social media. Share your free time to help others.

Make this Great Lent a special and beneficial time for your soul and body. Please let Fr Aleksandar know to bring Holy Communion to your home if you are unable to attend worship services. Divine and Presanctified Liturgies during Lent are the worship services when you may receive Holy Communion. Vespers, Vigil, Hours and other services are not Eucharistic and Holy Communion is not offered in these services.

**Coming to church services late** after the service has begun is not spiritually beneficial for many reasons. First you are missing many important prayers and especially if a person is not on time for the epistle or gospel message. If you come late, you might disturb others in their prayers and finally it can become a very bad habit for you and your family who will learn from you that it is ok to come to church late and miss half of the service.

Try to get up earlier on Sunday, get yourself ready and come to church on time. During the service, be actively involved by singing with the choir and praying with the church prayers. Then you will not be bored and think the service was 10 minutes longer, we had more Serbian or English, or that the sermon was long and/or think about unimportant and irrelevant issues when you are in church to worship.

**После литургије сви** који су се причестили треба да остану у цркви и да прочитају молитве после причести које се налазе на крају књиге за праћење литургије.

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