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

Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32 tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Oath of officers, kolo and others. Church school and church sponsored lunch in the Social Center.

Friday, March 8 Fish Fry from 4 pm to 7 pm. Please sign up and offer your help

Saturday, March 9 – Memorial Saturday / Pokladske zadušnice

Divine Liturgy and general parastos at 9 am.

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 10 – Sunday of the Last Judgment / Meat-fare Sunday / Mesopusna nedelja

Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school, kolo sestara anniversary - luncheon

Upcoming Feast days and events:

March 17 – Forgiveness Sunday / Nedelja Praštanja
 18 – Beginning of Great Fast / Početak Časnog Posta

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 Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Donald Laketa, Draginja Lukin, Roger Trizna, 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) +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by +Sophie Anderson's daughters; +Dmitar and +Petar Katich, +Kimball Mancke, +Delores Malinovich, +Dorn and +Helen Johnston and +Danica Belfield, given by Bill/Marty Seemann;

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.

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.

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 Vigils and Sunday Divine 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.

Покладске задушнице су у суботу 9 марта. Литургија и парастос ће бити у 9 ам. Сетимо се и помолимо за све наше упокојене са вером у васкрсење и живот вечни. Часни пост ће почети у понедељак 18 марта. Нека нам је свима благословено време покајања. Пост није само да не једемо мрсну храну него у појачаној молитви, читању духовних књига и Библије и промени грешног живота и лоших навика. И наравно посети богослужељима.

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