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Sunday, March 9 – Sunday of Orthodoxy / Nedelja Pravoslavlja

Epistle Heb. 11:24-26;32-12:2 Gospel John 1:43-51 Tone 4th

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

Pan Orthodox vespers at Assumption Greek Orth church 601 S Central Ave, Chicago at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 12 Lenten hours at 5 pm, confession at 5:30 pm, Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm. Attended by all Orthodox in Joliet. Religious discussion after.

Thursday, March 13 Večernje I razgovor o veri u 6 pm, sve na srpskom

Friday, March 14 Deanery presanctified liturgy at St John the Baptist church in Bellwood, IL at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Miloš Zivković

Saturday, March 15 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 16 – Sunday of St Gregory Palama / Nedelja Sv Grigorija Palame

Epistle Heb. 1:10-2:3; Heb. 7:26-8:2 Gospel Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16 Tone 5th

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

Deanery vespers at Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Chicago at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Nebojsa Tešić

Upcoming Feast days and events:

March 23 - Kolo sestara anniversary

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Ben Somerville, princess Catherine Karadjordjevich, V Rev Savo Cakardich, Edith Miller, V Rev Thomas Kazich, Jandrija Dobrijević, 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 Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva/Druginja Lukin; +Joan Cizmas, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich; +Joan Cizmas, given by Darlene Ristich

The presanctified liturgy was created by St. Gregory the Dialogist in the 7th century as a Lenten Vespers Liturgy without the Eucharistic prayer. The Communion - Body and Blood of Christ, is consecrated in a previous Liturgy. These Liturgies are served to enable Orthodox Christians to partake of Communion more often during the Great Lent. For preparation for the evening communion, please consult Fr Aleksandar.

This Great Lent all three Orthodox churches in Joliet will serve combined presanctified liturgy on March 12 at St George, March 19 at All Saints and on March 26 at St Nicholas. This is a great opportunity for Orthodox Christians in our city to worship and pray together on their spiritual journey toward Pascha. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the services.

After every Sunday Liturgy, unless we have other lunches or parish activities, we have a coffee hour in the church basement and everyone is welcome to attend! This is a continuation of church fellowship, and a time when we can talk to each other and meet new people/family. In addition to the coffee, we always have some snacks and drinks for everyone including our children after the church school classes. Many families graciously bring snacks and if you would like to bring something on a Sunday, please ask either Diane Grubisich or Fr Alex to put you on the schedule.

The best time for confession is on the eve of the Liturgy, after vigil, on Saturday evening or on the eve of a Holy Day since the celebration of the Christian Sabbath and the Holy Days start in the evening. All faithful, and especially if a person wants to commune, should attend the evening service and the Holy Liturgy. Confession on Sunday Morning is only if you have family needs, job, distance, health or other important reason. Confessions on a Sunday and/or Holy Day Morning will start at least 30 minutes prior to the Liturgy. Please do not come to confession 5 minutes before the Liturgy begins! If the eve before you prepare to commune does not work for you and you cannot make it early enough before the Liturgy, you can always make an appointment with your priest for your confession at another time.

Before communion, please make sure you spiritually and physically prepare, make peace in your heart and read all your pre-communion prayers from your prayer book. Before you approach the Chalice, please open your mouth and put your head back. Ladies should remove heavy lipstick since it sticks on the spoon. Ladies, please remember to cover your head for the Sacraments. Prayers should be read by all who communed after the Liturgy. Remain in church after you receive blessed bread, the prayers after communion are at the end of the Divine Liturgy book, and wait until everyone in the church has received blessed bread, prosphora. Wait until the priest says, "Glory to Thee our God, Glory to Thee" 3 times. After this everyone who communed should read the prayers together and loudly. It would be best if one person leads the prayers.

У четвртак вече у 18 часова ће бити вечерње и разговор о вери, све на српском. Планирајте доћи. У среду вече у 18 часова је преосвећена литургија на којој ће присуствовати сви православци из Џолијета, исповест је у 17:30. Уколико се желите причестити, немојте ништа јести после 12 сати, у подне.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!