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Sunday, March 15 – Sunday of veneration of holy cross / Nedelja poklonjenja Krstu

Epistle Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1 tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am. Fr Aleksandar will have a class with students/teachers/parents in the church after Liturgy. Kolo anniversary luncheon under the church. All invited.

Deanery Lenten vespers at 6 pm. St Elijah Church in Merrillville, IN. Homilist: Fr Radovan Jakovljevic

Wednesday, March 18 – St Nikoaj of Zica

Lenten hours at 5 pm; Confession at 5:40 pm; Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm. Religious discusion

Saturday, March 21 Fr Aleksandar will be in Quad City serving the liturgy and ministering to the Serbs there. There will be no vigil/confession

Sunday, March 22 – Sunday of St John the Climacus / Nedelja Sv Jovana Lestvicnika

Epistle Heb. 6:13-20; Heb. 12:1-10 Gospel Mark 9:17-31; Matt. 20:1-16 tone 8th

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

Deanery Lenten vespers at 6 pm in our church. Homilist: Fr Aleksandar Savic

Upcoming Feast days and events:

April 5 – Palm Sunday / Cveti

12 – Holy Pascha / Vaskrs

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, Edward Phelon, Gayle Shimek, Paul Bielich, Gene Denonovich, 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; +Sreto Šuvira, given by Novica Šuvira; +Nikola Nikolić, given by Ružica Palavestrić; +Delores Malinovich and +Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Millie O'Leary; +Delores Malinovich and +Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Nadine O'Leary & Josh Potts; +Delores Malinovich and +Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Annette O'Leary; +Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich; +Mike, +Violet, +George, +Julia, +Joseph and +Stella Enich, +Janice Taylor, +Iso Ciganovich, +Mike Pyevich, +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Dr's Mike/Nada Keer;

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. If you like to give a monetary donation, you can make your check to Culture Club and give your donation to Nancy Cora. Thanks.

It is useful to remind ourselves occasionally how to properly and respectfully enter and behave in the church. Before the church door, please leave all conversation and laughing outside and think about entering God's House. As soon as you enter the church cross yourself and say "O God, have mercy upon me a sinner". The ikon which sits on the ikon stand in the vestibule by the entrance should be venerated and not neglected. In fact, all the ikons in the church must be venerated! The proper way of venerating an ikon is to cross yourself and make a small metania twice, kiss the ikon, cross again and make another metania. This is the proper Orthodox way to venerate all ikons in church. Metania is performed by first making the [sign of the cross](#). Then, one bends from the waist, reaches toward the floor with the right-hand open and facing outward, and touches the floor. In case you physically have a problem doing it, just do your best.

If you come to church before liturgy and during the reading of hours, please piously listen to it. During the reading of psalms, you can sit down. A reader will give a sign when you can sit or stand. If you prefer to sit down because of health issues, you may do so.

During the liturgy, all type of conversation in the church is not permitted. During the liturgy and other services, everyone should be in the sanctuary taking part in the worship and never congregating in the back, around the candles, or downstairs!

Some Sundays we don't have a choir, and we are expected to sing as a congregation together.

At the end of the liturgy, remember to venerate all ikons, and before you approach the priest place your right hand over left and receive the blessed bread. Leave the church piously and quietly, but before leaving the church turn toward the altar and bow down saying a small prayer or just "O Lord, Jesus Christ, thank you for today's service".

The proper way to greet a priest or Bishop is to ask his blessings and kiss his right hand, placing your right hand over your left hand and say "Father" or "Master" in the case of the Bishop, bless. He will make the sign of the cross and place his right hand over yours. When you kiss their hands, you show respect for their office they are the ones who "bless and Sanctify" you and who offer the Holy gifts on your behalf.

So next time you greet your priest or Bishop, don't shake his hand, ask for his blessings.

Our parish is blessed with many members who have wonderful talents, skills, and professional trades. From time to time, projects arise around the church where this expertise may be helpful. If you have a skill or trade you would be willing to offer or discuss for future parish needs, please let Father Aleks know. When possible, we would prefer to work with members of our parish family whom we know and trust.

У недељу 22 марта увече у 18 часова у нашој цркви ће бити великопосно вечерње нашег јуж Чикашког намесништва. Планирајте да дођете. После вечерњег, у сали ће бити вечера. Жене се умољавају да донесу посне колаче или пите за вечеру и оставе у цркви пре вечерње молитве.

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