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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

Wednesday, March 19

Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm. At All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Joliet

Saturday, March 22

Fr Aleksandar will serve the Liturgy in East Moline. There will be no vigil and confession in our church. Confession on Sunday at 9:20 am.

Sunday, March 23 – Sunday of veneration of the Cross / Poklonjenje Krstu / Kolo Anniversary

Epistle Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1 Tone 6th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Fr Alex will have a class with students/teachers and parents after the liturgy. Kolo luncheon in the church basement, all invited!
Deanery vespers at St Stephen of Decani church, Chicago at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Nikolaj Kostur

Upcoming Feast days and events:

April 7 – Annunciation / Blagovesti

13 – Palm Sunday / Cvetna nedelja / His Eminence Metropolitan Longin will serve the liturgy. Deanery vespers in our church at 6 pm. Dinner in the social center after.

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; +Kelli Sekulovich, given by Sam/Alex Starcevich.

The presanctified liturgy was created by St. Gregory the Dialogist in the 7th century as a Lenten Vespertal 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. **Please be sure you make your confession this Great Lent and receive Holy Communion often.** After the liturgy, all who received Holy Communion should remain in church to read the required prayers after receiving Holy Communion. 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.

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.

Lenten Prayer of St Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and idle talking give me not.

Prostration.

But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me Thy servant.

Prostration.

Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my own failings and not condemn my brother;

for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages.

Prostration.

Then twelve bows from the waist, saying at each bow: O God, cleanse me a sinner. And again, without division, the same prayer entirely to the end, And one prostration.

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