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**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*

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 in our church. Homilist: Fr Aleksandar Savic

**Wednesday, March 25** Lenten hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified Liturgy at 9 am.  
Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete at 6 pm

**Friday, March 27** Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos at 6 pm

**Saturday, March 28** Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, March 29 – Sunday of St Mary of Egypt / Nedelja Sv Marije Egipcanke**

*Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29 Gospel Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50 tone 1st*

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 Ss Peter and Paul in South Bend, IN at 6 pm. Homilist: Fr Milorad Jancic

**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, Gayle Shimek, Paul Bielich, Gene Denonovich, Deacon Milan Popovich, Budimka Spalevic, 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, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin and family; +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Sandy Burcenski;

**This week, the fifth week of Great Lent we will have a few extra services in church** Wednesday morning is presanctified liturgy. Wednesday evening is the Great Canon of St Andrew and the life of St Mary of Egypt. The canon was written by a holy man to teach himself the right way to live. "Come and see", experience this worship. Friday evening is the Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos. Hope many will make all efforts to come and see, live out the services and their meaning. There are booklets in English for all services to follow which makes it much easier to understand.

**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.

**Why Do We Light Candles?**

In Orthodox Christianity, lighting candles is a significant act of prayer and worship. Candles symbolize the light of Christ, and lighting them signifies a person's prayer request, devotion, and remembrance of the departed faithful. Candles are also symbolic of the Holy Spirit, and the flame represents the vision of God's glory. The act of lighting a candle can evoke a sense of peace, comfort, and spiritual significance to those who light it. Orthodox Christians believe that when the candle's flame is lit, the prayer is offered, and the person feels closer to God. The use of candles during worship services is also common in Orthodox churches, where they represent both light and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Overall, lighting candles is a tradition that underscores the importance of prayer, devotion, and seeking intercession from the saints and Christ himself in the Orthodox faith.

**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 кухињи пре вечерње молитве.

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