

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, March 24 – Sunday of Orthodoxy / Nedelja Pravoslavlja *Epistle Hebrews 11:24-26;32-12:2 Gospel John 1:43-51* *tone 1st* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am. Children's procession with ikons inside the church. Fr Alex will have a class with students and parents. Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 27

Lenten Hours at 5 pm; Confession at 5:40 pm; Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm. Religious discussion after.

Friday, March 29 Deanery Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm in St John church in Bellwood, IL. Homilist Fr Luka Lukic
Fish Fry from 4 pm to 7 pm. Please sign up and offer your help

Saturday, March 30 – Ven Alexis the Man of God / St Partick of Ireland Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 31 – Sunday of St Gregory of Palamas / Nedelja Sv Grigorija Palame

Epistle Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Gospel Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16 *tone 2nd*
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour
Deanery vespers at Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Chicago at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Aleksandar Petrovic

Upcoming Feast days and events:

April 2 – Lenten Retreat in our parish in the evening, mark your calendar. Speaker protodeacon Jovan Anicic
6 – Fr Aleksandar will serve in East Moline at Assumption Greek Church for the Serb community in Quad City
7 – Annunciation / Blagovesti

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevic, Genevieve Ostoich, Donald Laketa, Draginja Lukin, Roger Trizna, Kathy Petkovich, 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) + Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic family; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Paul Shimek given by Gayle Shimek; +Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich; +Gabriel Carreno, +Delores Malinovich, +Michael Kljaich and +Michael O'Leary, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez; +Jeffrey Lockwood, given by Pat Macke and family; +Karen Gonzalez, given by Will/Kathy Harper; +Norbert and +Irene Cora, given by Mike/Nancy Cora; +Nicholas Ostoich and +Mary Babich, given by Genevieve Ostoich;

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.

The Lenten Journey: "The Cross as a constant witness and an inspiration in our lives" Tuesday, April 2 in our church!
Vespers at 6 pm, dinner in the social center (upper hall) at 7 pm, fee-will donation, with a presentation by guest speaker protodeacon Dr Jovan Anicic; Q & A session to follow. Plan to attend and bring your family and friends.

The St. George Culture Club is hosting an "Orthodox Baby Shower" during Great Lent and Holy Week to help mothers in need. We are working with Morning Star Mission Ministries located in Joliet. They are in need of the following items: Diapers (All Sizes), Baby Wipes, Baby Formula, Baby Food, Baby Cereal, Toiletries (disposable razors, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste)
Items can be placed in the large box labeled "Orthodox Baby Shower" located in the bottom level of the narthex. Donations will be picked up on Bright Monday. Monetary donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to St. George Culture Club. Please contact Kristy Kourkoumelis (kristy.kourkoumelis@gmail.com) with any questions.

The Prayer of St. Ephrem of Syria:

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. Amen. *Prostration*

Великопосна молитва Светог Јефрема Сирина

Господе и Владико живота мога, дух лењости, мрзовоље, властољубља и празнословља не дај ми. *поклон*
Дух целомудрености, смиреноумља, трпљења и љубави – даруј мени слуги Своме. *поклон*
О, Господе Царе, даруј ми да сагледам своје грехове, и да не осуђујем брата свога, јер си благословен у векове векова. Амин. *поклон*

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