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**Sunday, March 30 – Sunday of St John the Climacus / Nedelja Sv Jovana Lestvičnika**

*Epistle Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19 Gospel Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12 Tone 7<sup>th</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour  
Deanery vespers at Old Holy Resurrection church, Chicago, IL at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Dragan Arsic

**Wednesday, April 2**

Lenten hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:30 am; Presanctified liturgy at 9 am  
Matins and Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete at 6 pm, religious discussion

**Friday, April 4**

Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos at 6 pm, religious discussion

**Saturday, April 5**

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, April 6 – Sunday of St Mary of Egypt / Nedelja Sv Marije Egipćanke/Forefeast of Annunciation**

*Epistle Heb. 9:11-14 Gospel Mark 10:32-45 Tone 8<sup>th</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour  
Deanery vespers at St Nikola church Lyons, IL at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Dobrivoje Milunovic

**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 Karadjordjevic, 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; +Milorad Arsenijevic, given by Rajko Arsenijevic family; +Kelli Sekulovich, given by Simo/Rebecca Starcevic; +Anne Orlovich and +Jeffrey Lockwood, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Paula Orlovich Waller; +Milorad, +Ruzica and +Vlada Dmitrov, +Misa, +Draginja, and +Dusica Jurisic, given by Steva/Draginja Lukin;

**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.

**Pomens (litany for the reposed) are given for the reposed on any Divine Liturgy**, Sundays or any Holy Day except on the Major Holy Days. Remember there will be no pomens on Palm Sunday and Pascha. If a family would like to remember their reposed on a Sunday or any Holy Day, they should contact the priest and give him the name/s of the reposed a few days before the Liturgy and the pomens will be printed in Sunday's bulletin. Names can also be given to the wardens when coming to church for the pomens on following Sundays/Holy Days if they want it to be printed in the bulletins. The church fee is \$5 per name which should be paid to the wardens. For the 40-day parastos and any other parastos, the family should schedule it with the priest. The church fee of a parastos is \$10. 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!**