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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 8th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. One-year parastos for +Donald Laketa. Church school and coffee hour
Deanery vespers at St Nikola church, Lyons, IL at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Dobrivoje Milunovic

Monday, April 7 – Annunciation / Blagovesti Confession at 8:30 am; Vespersal Liturgy at 9 am

Wednesday, April 9 Lenten hours at 5 pm; Confession at 5:30 pm; Presanctified liturgy at 6 pm

Friday, April 11 Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm at St George in Schererville, IN. Homilist: Fr Milorad Jančić

Saturday, April 12 – Lazarus Saturday / Lazareva Subota / Vrbica / Beginning of Holy Week

Confession at 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday / Cveti *Epistle Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel John 12:1-18*

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Served by His Eminence Metropolitan Longin, procession
around the church with palms

Deanery vespers in our church at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Aleksandar Petrovic. Dinner in the social center

Remember no pomens on Palm Sunday or Pascha.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

April 20 – Holy Pascha / Vaskrs

May 4 – Church slava celebration, dinner in the social center, please mark your calendar.

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Ben Somerville, Princess Catherine Karadjordjevic, V Rev Thomas Kazich, Jandrija Dobrijević, Mark Chuk, 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; +Anne Orlovich, + Jeffrey and +Judy Lockwood and +Kimball Mancke, given by Bob Orlovich; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Ely Grubisich, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin & family; +Draga Vuicich, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich; +Donna Caton, given by Anka Laketa & family; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Arthur Schumann, +Ely Grubisich and +Millie Skoryi, given by Olga Schumann, +Danica Bellfield, given by Chuck & Jean Panella, Janet Belfield & Denis Belter, Marwen & Andrea Maaouchi and Jameson Popovich

The presanctified liturgy was created by St. Gregory the Dialogist in the 7th century as a Lenten Vespersal 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.**

Holy Week is observed by strict fasting, attending all services and reliving the Passion, Crucifixion and Death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please try to attend as many services as you can and partake of Holy Communion on Holy Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. You should confess, if you have not done so during Lent. The end of Holy Week is the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior after three days in the tomb. Receiving Holy Communion on Pascha and on Bright Week Services is required of all Orthodox Christians as the culmination of the Holy Week Services, Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection in Him. Please be advised there will be no confession on Pascha before the liturgy, so please make time for confession before.

Weather and grass conditions permitting, Culture Club will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for church school students and guests on Sunday, 04.20.25. Children must come downstairs after Liturgy to get a bag and be grouped by age/size, then all will go outside together and go to the area of the lawn for their age group. We are seeking donations of Pre-Stuffed Plastic Eggs for this event. Eggs can be stuffed with candy, coins, favors, stickers, etc.

As this year, our Easter is the same day as Western Christians, there won't be an opportunity for "after Easter sales" to find our eggs and stuffers on clearance, but hopefully there will be some sales and deals over the next few weeks. Donations can be brought to any of the classrooms downstairs, left near the teacher/desk area. Culture Club thanks you for your support of our efforts for our St. George children and young visitors!

The kissing of the priest's hand is not about the man, but rather about Christ. It is much like the kissing of an Icon, which is not about the veneration of paint and wood, but about the archetype represented in the Icon. When we kiss the hand of the Bishop or Priest, we are not showing respect to the person of the priest but to his sacred office. Next Sunday our Metropolitan will be serving in our church. When you see Metropolitan Longin you should address him as Your Eminence. Put your right hand over the left and ask for the blessing. After he gives you a blessing, kiss his hand.

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