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**Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday / Cveti / Holy Week / Velika Nedelja**

*Epistle Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel John 12:1-18*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour  
Deanery Lenten vespers at St Simeon church in So Chicago at 6 pm. Homilist: Fr Marko Matic

**Strict fast / Strogi post**

**Monday, April 6** Vigil/confession at 6 pm

**Tuesday, April 7 – Annunciation / Blagovesti** Divine Liturgy at 9 am, Bridegroom Matins at 6 pm

**Wednesday, April 8** Lenten hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified Liturgy at 8 am.  
We will watch the movie „Journey to Pascha“ in church at 6 pm

**Thursday, April 9**

Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil at 9 am, Matins and readings of 12 gospel lessons at 6 pm

**Friday April 10 – Good Friday / Veliki Petak / strictest fast / najstrožiji post**

Royal Hours at 9 am

Vespers, unnailling of Christ Body from the Cross and the placement of His Body in the Tomb at 4 pm  
Matins, Lamentation and Burial of Christ at 6 pm

**Saturday, April 11 – Holy and Blessed Sabbath / Velika Subota / strictest fast / najstrožiji post**

Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil at 9 am

Resurrection Matins – Vaskrsno jutrenje at 11 pm. Confession will start at 10:30 pm

**Sunday, April 12 – Holy Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ / Pascha / Vaskrs**

*Epistle Acts 1:1-8 Gospel John 20:19-25*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:50 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Easter egg hunt for children

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

May 3 – St George church slava celebration / Proslava crkvene slave

**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, Paul Bielich, Gene Denonovich, Deacon Milan Popovich, Rebecca Prieboy, 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!

**Your flower donation** for the upcoming Holy Week and Pascha can be given to Nadine Paukstys, kolo treasurer or you can bring your flowers to church on Good Friday.

**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 young guests in attendance on Easter Sunday, 04.12.26.** All children must come downstairs after Liturgy to get a bag and be grouped by age/size, then all will come upstairs 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. Items may be on sale now, through and after Western Easter which is 04.05.26. 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 sign up sheet** for guarding Christ's Tomb from Good Friday until the Resurrection Matins is on the table in church vestibule. Please sign up for a shift that works best for you

**Ваш прилог за цвеће** за Велики Петак и Васкрс можете дати Nadine Paukstys или можете донети цвеће на Велики Петак.

**Велика или Страсна недеља** долази у којој доживљавамо страдање, распеће и смрт Нашег Спаситеља Исуса Христа за нас грешне. Планирајте доћи у цркву за богослужења и ако се нисте исповедили или причестили учините то Велике Недеље. Велика Недеља се строго пости. На Васкрс треба сви да се причестимо и примимо Тело и Крв Васкрслог Христа.

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