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Hristos Voskrese Voistinu Voskrese
Christ is Risen Truly or Indeed is Risen
Fast Free Week Ova sedmica se ne posti

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

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

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

Monday, April 13 Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Tuesday, April 14 Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, April 18 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, April 19 - Thomas Sunday / Tomina Nedelja

Epistle Acts 5:12-20 Gospel John 20:19-31

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour

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, Gene Denonovich, Deacon Milan Popovich, 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!

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-Staffed 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!

After the Divine Liturgy and after receiving the prosthora is the time to solemnly leave the House of God. Any type of loud conversation and laughter in church is forbidden especially when people who are reading the prayers after communion are trying to concentrate and pray. We are all happy to see each other and like to visit, and the perfect place for that is after church during coffee hour or outside. Loud conversations in church before the liturgy starts and/or after the liturgy should never happen.

Blessing of Pascha food baskets and colored eggs will be on Pascha after the prayer before the ambo, towards the end of Liturgy, and we will share the colored eggs. Traditionally eggs for Pascha are boiled and colored red, but other colors are also fine. In other Slavic traditions, it is a practice to bless the Pascha Food Baskets after the Resurrection Matins and Liturgy which is right after the Matins. This is around midnight when the fast and the Resurrection Services are finished. Then parishioners can enjoy the Pascha Food. However, Orthodox Serbs have Resurrection Matins - Vaskrsno jutrenje late on Holy Saturday and the Divine Liturgy is served on Pascha Morning like other Sunday Liturgies, therefore, we do not break the fast after the Matins but wait the next day after the Paschal Liturgy to break the fast. This is the reason we bring Pascha baskets and colored eggs on Sunday's Liturgy and enjoy the food after.

Paschal greeting Christ is Risen or Hristos Voskrese is used among the Orthodox Christians from the Feast of Resurrection until Ascension. Fifty days after Resurrection is another Major Holy Day - Holy Trinity Sunday or Pentecost. This year Pentecost falls on May 31 and it is always on Sunday, for 50 days after Resurrection is always on Sunday. Saturday before Pentecost is always Memorial Saturday.

With the celebration of Pascha, our spiritual and liturgical lives are not done for the year! Even though Bright Week is fast free and we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days, we should continue to live an Orthodox way of life, be vigilant and prepare to receive the Mysteries. Faithful should partake of holy communion during the Bright Week at every liturgy. Every Liturgy the priest invites the faithful, "With fear of God and faith and love, come near."

Поздрав Христос Воскресе се користи до Спасовадана, 40 дана по Васкрсу. Духови су 50 дана по Васкрсу и ове године су 31 Маја.

Прослава црквене славе је у недељу 3 маја. После литургије и свећења колача и жита прећемо у салу на ручак. Планирајте остати.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!

Идите у миру, волите и служите Господа!