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**Sunday, April 14 – Sunday of St John 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 4th*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am. Parastos for +Millie Skoryi and +Norbert and +Irene Cora. Church school and coffee hour

Deanery vespers at Old Holy Resurrection in Chicago at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Miloš Živković

**Wednesday, April 17** Lenten Hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified Liturgy at 9 am.

Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete at 6 pm

**Friday, April 19** Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos at 5 pm

**Saturday, April 20** Funeral service for +Don Laketa in our church at 11 am, May his memory be eternal

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, April 21 – Sunday of St Mary of Egypt / Nedelja Sv Marije Egipćanke**

*Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29 Gospel Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50 tone 5th*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour

Deanery vespers at Sv Nikola church in Brookfield at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Nikolaj Kostur

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

April 27 – Lazarus Saturday / Beginning of Holy Week / Početak Velike Nedelje

28 – Palm Sunday / Cveti / His Grace Bishop Longing will serve the Liturgy

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Draginja Lukin, Roger Trizna, Kathy Petkovich, Momcilo Lecic (Moline), Gayle Shimek, 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; +Milorad Arsenovic, given by Rajko Arsenovic family; +Steve Pyevich, given by Pam Duncan; +Millie Skoryi, given by John Skoryi; +Draga Vuicich and +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Tracy Bianco; +Jelica Bugarin, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin family; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Circle of Serb Sisters; +Art DiSalvo, +Joseph Orlovich Jr, +Delores Malinovich, +Gabriel Carreno, +Michael Kljaich, given by Susan Kljaich and Francis Juarez; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Tana Petrich and family.

**Please check** the bulletin boards for all Northern Chicago Lenten vespers and services. Plan to attend at least one of them.

**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.

**Weather and grass conditions permitting, Culture Club will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for church school students and guests on Sunday, 05.05.24. 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. Items may be on sale now, through and after Western Easter which is March 31st. Donations can be brought to any of the classroom’s downstairs, left near the teacher/desk area.**

**This week, the fifth week of Great Lent we will have a couple extra services in church.** Wednesday morning is presanctified liturgy, in the evening is the Great Canon of St Andrew and the life of St Mary of Egypt. The canon was written by a holy man to teach himself the right way to live. "Come and see", experience this worship. Friday evening is the Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos. Hope many will make all efforts to come and see, live out the services and their meaning. There are booklets in English for all services to follow which makes it much easier to understand.

**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*