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Hristos Voskrese Voistinu Voskrese
Christ is Risen Indeed is Risen

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

Monday, April 20 - Commemoration of the Dead / Ružičalo

Sunday, April 26 - Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers / Nedelja Mironosica

Epistle Acts 6:1-7 Gospel Mark 15:43-16:8 Tone 2nd

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

6 – St George the Feast Day / Djurdjjevdan

We are praying especially for: Richard Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Dusan Cvjetkovic, Roger Trizna, John Radakovich, Russell Johnston, Gene Denonovich, Deacon Milan Popovich, Lupce Grezlovski, 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!

Pomens (litany for departed) +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić and family; +Joseph and +Josephine Orlovich, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin & family; +Danica Belfield, +Daniel Prieboy and +Radovan Jovanovich, given by Chuck & Jean Panella, Janet Belfield and Denis Belter, Marwen and Anrea Popovich Maachaoui and Jameson Popovich; +Rada and +Joana Albu, given by Radoica/Dan Kilgore; +Nikola Nikolic, given by Ružica Palavestrić;

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. Every Liturgy the priest invites the faithful, "With fear of God and faith and love, come near."

Pobusani ponedeljak or Ružičalo in the Serbian Orthodox Church is a commemoration of the departed observed on the second Monday of Pascha. The faithful visit the graves of their beloved ones and plant new spring flowers and announce the Resurrection to the deceased. They bring colored eggs to the graves and tapping the egg against the head stone they say Hristos Voskrese, and an egg is usually left by the grave. When visiting the graves, Orthodox faithful should bring a candle and light it at the grave in memory of deceased. Fresh and/or artificial flowers are also appropriate to bring and leave by the graves in a vase. Russian Orthodox Christians visit the graves on the second Tuesday after Pascha and they call the day - Radonitsa.

Parastos or Panikhida is a memorial service in the Orthodox Church, praying for the repose of the departed, comforting the living, and reminding the living of their own mortality and the brevity of this earthly life. The service can be held at the graveside of the departed or in church. The service is composed of [Psalms](#), [ektenias](#) (litanies), hymns and prayers. In its outline it follows the general order of Matins and is, in effect, a truncated [funeral](#) service. The Parastos is most frequently served at the end of the [Divine Liturgy](#); however, it may also be served after [Vespers](#), [Matins](#), or as a separate service by itself. For the service koljivo is prepared and placed on the table next to the Cross and candle. The koljivo is symbolic of the resurrection of the dead on the day of the second coming of the Lord. St Paul said, "**what you sow does not come to life unless it dies**" (I Corinthians 15:36), and St John, "**unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit**" (John 12:24). Koljivo is cooked wheat mixed with various dried fruits, sugar/honey and different spices and it is prepared by the family or friends. The top of the koljivo is decorated with candy, sugar cubes, walnuts, raisin, and powder sugar and such. Most people make a cross out of candy or raisins on top of the koljivo. After the memorial service the priest will pour red wine in the shape of a cross over the koljivo which represents that the blood of Christ washes away the sins of reposed. After the service, koljivo is served to all those who attend the service.

Parastos is performed in the Orthodox Church traditionally on the 40th day after the repose, it should be done exactly on 40th day, six months and one year anniversary of the repose. Parastos is served on Memorial Saturdays – zadušnice. Parastos can be performed at any time the relatives like to have memorial service for their beloved ones.

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 пређемо у салу на ручак. Планирајте остати.

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