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Christ is Risen Христос Воскресе χριστός ανέστη

Sunday, April 20 – Holy Pascha / Vaskrs

Epistle Acts 1:1-8 Gospel John 1:1-17

3rd & 6th hours at 9:50 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of Paschal Baskets and eggs after the Liturgy.

Bright Week / Svetla Sedmica / Fast free / Ne posti se

Monday, April 21 Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Tuesday, April 22 Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, April 26 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, April 27 – 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.

Remember no pomens on Palm Sunday or Pascha.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

May 4 – Church slava celebration, dinner in the social center, please mark your calendar.
6 – St George the Greatmatryr / Djurdjevdan

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 Karadjordjevich, 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!

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!

Parishioners are asked to bring a dozen boiled and colored eggs on Pascha and leave them at the warden table for blessing and distribution at the end of the liturgy.

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 June 8th and it is always on Sunday, for 50 days after Resurrection is always on Sunday. Saturday before Pentecost is always Memorial Saturday.

Please mark your calendars for May 4 – church slava celebration. After the services and blessing of slava bread and zito, will be a dinner in our social center. Please bring some desserts!

We will get more out of the services if we pray rather than merely attend them. Allow the hymns to enter your heart, and make their words your own. Remember that the services are not a time for private prayers but for sharing in the common worship of the Church.

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."

Верници донесите пакет куваних и офабаних јаја на Васкрс и оставите их код продавца свећа да се освете и поделе народу на крају литургије.

Зебележите у Ваше календаре Мај 4 ће бити прослава црквене слава Св Георгија. После литургије и свећења славског колча и жита, биће ручак у сали. Жене се умољавају да донесу колаче за ручак. На Ђурђевдан ће литургија почети у 9 ујутро и свећење колача у наставку.

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