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Christ is Risen Indeed is Risen

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

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

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

**Saturday, May 2**

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, May 3 - Sunday of the Paralytic / Nedelja Raslabljenoga / St Nikolaj of Žiča/ Church slava celebration**

*Epistle Acts 9:32-42 Gospel John 5:1-15 Tone 3rd*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Procession around the church and blessing of kolač and žito. Church school. Dinner in the social center. All invited!

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

May 6 – St George Feast Day / Djurdjevdan

12 – Sv Vasilije Ostroški

21 – The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ / Spasovdan

**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, Sophie Chuk, 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; +Rada and +Joana Albu, given by Radoica/Dan Kilgore; +Nikola Nikolić, 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.

**Holy (Theophany) water** that you have in your home should be used throughout the year with faith and prayer when ill, tempted and other various infirmities. **Prayer before Partaking Holy Water**

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints. Amen.

If you don't have Holy Water in your home, please bring a bottle to church and ask the priest to give you some for your home use.

**St. George Church Slava** - Join us as we celebrate our Parish Slava on Saturday, May 3, beginning with Divine Liturgy at 10:00, followed by the procession around the church and Slava ritual. The Banquet will take place afterward at the Social Center. A wonderful meal will be served, featuring soup, chicken, brisket, and a variety of delicious sides. Freewill donations are gratefully accepted, with all contributions applied toward your 2026 stewardship. We would also greatly appreciate donations of desserts to help make this celebration even more special. Please leave your dessert in the kitchen before you come to church.

*In preparing your children for life in the world, have you taken care to plant in their hearts faith and the fear of God, which will be their guides in the future? Pray to the Lord that He protect their hearts from the tares which are sewn among the wheat by the enemy. — St. Macarius of Optina*

**Поздрав Христос Воскресе се користи до Спасовадана**, 40 дана по Васкрсу. Духови су 50 дана по Васкрсу и ове године су 31 Маја. Ове године Ђурђевдан пада у среду а то је постан дан. Храна за славу треба да буде посна.

**Прослава црквене славе је у недељу 3 маја**. После литургије и свећења колача и жита прећемо у салу на ручак. Планирајте остати. Жене се умољавају да донесу колаче за ручак и оставе их у сали пре него дођу у цркву.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**

**Идите у миру, волите и служите Господа!**