

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, April 28 – Palm Sunday / Cvetna Nedelja**

*Epistle Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel John 12:1-18*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Hierarchal Divine Liturgy served by His Grace Bishop Longin at 10 am. Procession around the church with palms, coffee hour

Deanery vespers in our church at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Darko Spasojevic

**Holy Week / observed by strict fast and attending all services**

**Monday, April 29** Bridegroom Matins at 6 pm

**Tuesday, April 30** Bridegroom Matins at 6 pm

**Wednesday, May 1** Lenten Hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified Liturgy at 8 am.

**Thursday, May 2** Confesion at 8:30 am; Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 9 am, Matins and reading of 12 gospel lessons at 6 pm

**Friday, May 3 – Holy and Great Friday / Veliki Petak / Strict fast / Strogi post**

Royal Hours at 9 am

Vespers, unnauling of Christ Body from the Cross and the placement of His Body in the Tomb at 4 pm

Matins, Lamentation and Burial of Christ at 6 pm. Confession will be after the services.

**Saturday, May 4 – Holy and Great Saturday / Velika Subota / Strict fast / Strogi post**

Confession at 8:30 am, Vespersal Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 9 am

Resurrection Matins – Vaskrsno Jutrenje at 11 pm, confession at 10:15 pm

**Sunday, May 5 – Holy Pascha / Vaskrs Epistle Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel John 12:1-18**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:50 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Easter Egg Hunt. **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.**

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

May 6 – Bright Monday/ St George the Great Martyr / Djurdjevdan

19 – Church slava parish celebration / Parohijska proslava crkvene slave

**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, Nicole Kundrat, Olivera Gligorevic, 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!

**Please** remember to donate the flowers for Holy and Bright Weeks.

**Holy Week or Passion Week** is the week before Pascha during which we relive the capture, suffering, crucifixion, death and burial of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please attend all the services, fast, intensify your prayers and read the Gospel about the last days of our Lord before His death on the cross. Receiving holy communion during Holy Week on Holy Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and especially on Pascha is necessary. Pascha is the culmination of Holy Week and the celebration of the Feast of feasts and victory over sin with the death of our Savior and our resurrection with Him.

**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.

**Please bring a dozen** boiled and colored eggs on Pascha for blessing and distribution.

Please be advised there will be no confession on Pascha before the liturgy, so please make time for confession before.

**After the liturgy**, all who received Holy Communion should remain in church to read the required prayers after receiving Holy Communion.

**Ако се нисте још исповедили и причестили можете то учинити Велике Седмице. Нека Вам је свима благословена Велика Седмица и натупајући Празник Васкрсења Христовог. Сетите се Ваше цркве Вашим Васкршњим прилогом.**

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