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Hristos Voskrese Christos Anesti Christ is Risen

Sunday, May 5 – Holy Pascha / Vaskrsenje Gospoda I Spasitelja Isusa Hrista

Epistle Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel John 12:1-18 3rd & 6th hours at 9:50 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of colored eggs and food baskets. *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.**

Fast Free Week Ove sedmica se ne posti

Monday, May 6 – Bright Monday and the Feast of St George / Djurdjevdan Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Tuesday, May 7 Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Sunday, May 12 – Thomas Sunday and St Vasilije of Ostrog / Mother's Day

Epistle Acts 5:12-20 Gospel John 20:19-31

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

May 19 – Church slava parish celebration / Parohijska proslava crkvene slave
24 – Ss Cyril and Methodius / Sv Kirilo I Metodije
27 – Memorial Day, blessing of graves at Woodlawn cemetery at 8 am

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevic, 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!

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.

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

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 the deceased. Fresh and/or artificial flowers are also appropriate to bring and leave by the graves in a vase. In some area of former Yugoslavia, people would bring food to the graves and have a few bites and the rest would be left by the graves for the poor people who would walk through the cemetery after Memorial Days and collect the food. It is not really appropriate to leave food by the graves in the US. Russian Orthodox Christians visit the graves on the second Tuesday after Pascha and they call the day - Radonitsa.

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."

After the Divine Liturgy and after receiving the prosphora is the time to solemnly leave the House of God. Any type of loud conversation and laughter in church is forbidden especially when people who are reading the prayers after communion are trying to concentrate and pray. We are all happy to see each other and like to visit, and the perfect place for that is after church during coffee hour or outside. Loud conversations in church before the liturgy starts and/or after the liturgy should never happen.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. Have a blessed Paschal Season!

Нека Вам је свима благословен Васкрс, Христос Воскресе. Прослава црквене слава ће бити у недељу 19 маја. Планирајте да дођете и останете на ручку.

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