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Hristos Voskrese Christos Anesti Christ is Risen

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.

Monday, May 13 – Serb Orthodox Memorial Day / Ružičalo Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, September 18 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, May 19 – Sunday of 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. One-year parastos for +Ely Grubisich. Church School graduation, Church slava celebration, blessing of kolac and zito in the social center and dinner.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

May 24 – Ss Cyril and Methodius / Sv Kirilo I Metodije

27 – Memorial Day, blessing of graves at Woodlawn cemetery at 8 am

June 2 – Remember the Sunday liturgies from June 2 until Labor Day will start at 9 am.

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercolote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Draginja Lukin, Roger Trizna, Kathy Petkovich, 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!

Pomens (Litany) + Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic family; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Milorad Arsenovic, given by Rajko Arsenovic family; +Steve Pyevich, given by Pam Duncan; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Tracy Bianco; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, +Mary Babich, +Donald Laketa and +Nicholas Ostoich, given by Genevieve Ostoich; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Will/Kathy Harper and family; +Arthur Schumann, +Peter and +Helen Kesich, +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Ely Grubisich, given by David Schumann; +Arthur Schumann, +Peter and +Helen Kesich, +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Ely Grubisich and +Millie Skoryi, given by Olga Schumann; +Joseph Orlovich, given by Debborah Schumann; +Cedomir, +Danica, +Vlado, and +Nevena Blagojevic, given by Milenka Cvjetkovic; +Mara Cvjetkovic, given by Dusan Cvjetkovic; +Rada Albu and +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Dan/Radojca Kilgore; +Rada Albu and +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Katy Albu; +Draga Vuicich, +Stoja Prica and +Mary Jovanovich, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich; +Anka Orlovich and +Judy Lockwood, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Donna Moses, given by Matthew Moses; +Dragica Susich and +Mary Laketa, given by Anka Laketa and family;

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.

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.

We are looking for more church school teachers and/or subs, please let Fr Alex know if you would like to get involved in this church ministry

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.

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

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