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Sunday, May 24 - The Sunday of the Holy Fathers / Ss. Cyril & Methodius / Sv Kirilo i Metodije

Epistle Acts 20:16-18,28-36; Heb. 7:26-8:2 Gospel John 17:1-13; Matt. 5:14-19 Tone 6th

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

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

Pomen at Woodlawn Cemetery at 8 am. Blessing of graves. After Woodlawn Cemetery, Fr Alex will bless the graves at St Mary Nativity Cemetery in Crest Hill, Oakwood in Joliet, and other cemeteries in the area if parishioners request it.

Friday, May 29 Vespers/confession at 6 pm

Saturday, May 30 - Saturday of Souls / Duhovske Zadušnice Divine Liturgy and parastos for all Orthodox reposed at 9 am, Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, May 31 - Holy Pentecost / Duhovi

Epistle Acts 2:1-11 Gospel John 7:37-52; 8:12

3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Vespers/kneeling prayers. Coffee hour.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

June 7 - Kolo sestara meeting

8 - Apostolic Fast / Pocetak Apostolskog posta

28 - Vidovdan, parastos and luncheon

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, Deacon Milan Popovich, Lupce Grezlovski, Kathy Petkovich, 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; +George and +Andree Budimlija, given by Mary Jean Venema; +Radasin Markovic and +Ilija Zografi, given by Jelena/Dimitri Zografi; +Michael Sr, +Joseph, +Hazel and +Nicholas Kljaich, +Gabriel Carreno Sr, +Michael O'Leary, +Roseanne Angelovich, +George, +Ann and +Delores Malinovich, +Joseph and +Josephine Orlovich, +Sophie Chuk, +Ray Visnevac, +Bobby Hrey and +Phil Doyle, given by Susan Kljaich & Frances Juarez; +Eli and +Anka Orlovich, +Robert, +Mildred, +George and +Rose Radeka, +Judy and +Jeffrey Lockwood, +Kimball Mancke and +Sophie Chuk, given by Bob Orlovich.

Please remember Sunday Divine Liturgy after Memorial Day will start at 9 am. From May 31 through the summer until Labor Day.

On Sunday of Pentecost, May 31, there will be no pomens. It is a Major Holy Day.

On Memorial Day, May 25 there will be a parastos and blessing of graves at Woodlawn Cemetery in Joliet, IL at 8 am. After Woodlawn Cemetery, Fr Alex will bless the graves in the St Mary Nativity Cemetery in Crest Hill, Oakwood in Joliet, and other cemeteries in the area if any of the parishioners request it.

Before Memorial Day many will visit and decorate the graves of their family members. Some of the Serbs who are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery and other cemeteries do not have any living family members. So, if you have any extra flowers or other appropriate decorations/candles, please decorate the graves of those that you know have no living family or if the family lives out of the State. This is a good Christian deed that you would be performing out of love and care.

Our Orthodox people have many beautiful customs which are practiced especially on the main Holy Days of the church. These customs give a festive feeling to the day and one can't help but to realize that it is a special day! One of these customs is the decorating of the church and home with foliage on Pentecost. The greens usually spread over the floor of the church and the foliage is used to decorate the entrance of the church, iconostas and other areas. In the Serbian Orthodox church, the faithful braid the greens into wreaths during the kneeling of prayers at the vespers which follows the Divine Liturgy. The custom of decorating church/home with boughs is an ancient one. Goes back in the Old Testament temple during the Jewish Pentecost (Lev 23:10-17) Branches of trees, flowers, and grass remind the Jews how Israel lived in tabernacles round Mt Sinai.

The first Christians were Jews and so without a doubt on the day of Pentecost the house where the Apostles were meeting when the Holy Spirit descended upon them was decorated in the traditional manner. From the Apostolic times, the Christian churches and homes were decorated in like manner.

Flowers and foliage are tokens of the renewal of nature in the spring and they thus typify the renewal of mankind through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

During the vespers, which is served immediately after the liturgy of Pentecost, special Pentecost prayers are read while the faithful kneel and during that time the faithful make their wreaths out of grass and decorate them with fresh leaves and flowers.

Од Недеље 31 Маја па цело лето до Лебор Деј, недељне литургије почињу у 9 ам.

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