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**Sunday, May 31 – Holy Pentecost / Duhovi**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am.** The church school children will present the gift to the church for the Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of Church. Everyone is invited downstairs for a cake. Vespers/kneeling prayers. Coffee hour.

**Fast free week – ova sedmica se ne posti**

**Monday, June 1 – Day of the Holy Spirit** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Tuesday, June 2** Vespers/confession at 6 pm

**Wednesday, June 3 – Ss Constantine and Helena / Sv Konstantin i Jelena**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Saturday, June 6** Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, June 7 – Sunday of All Saints / Nedelja Svih Svetih**

*Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel Matthew 10:32,33,37-38; 19 27-30 tone 8th*

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am.** Coffee hour. Kolo sestara meeting

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

June 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!

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

**Nancy Cora is collecting \$20 donations** from our parishioners who would like to contribute towards a „Birthday Gift“ for our church on Pentecost. In addition, she is collecting \$5-\$10 donations from our church school families for a gift to our church from our children. Thank you.

**Why Do We Light Candles?**

In Orthodox Christianity, lighting candles is a significant act of prayer and worship. Candles symbolize the light of Christ, and lighting them signifies a person's prayer request, devotion, and remembrance of the departed faithful. Candles are also symbolic of the Holy Spirit, and the flame represents the vision of God's glory. The act of lighting a candle can evoke a sense of peace, comfort, and spiritual significance to those who light it. Orthodox Christians believe that when the candle's flame is lit, the prayer is offered, and the person feels closer to God. The use of candles during worship services is also common in Orthodox churches, where they represent both light and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Overall, lighting candles is a tradition that underscores the importance of prayer, devotion, and seeking intercession from the saints and Christ himself in the Orthodox faith.

**By the grace of God** we have finished another successful church school year. Thanks to our parents who brought their children to church and to the classes on Sundays. Another huge thanks goes to our dedicated teachers for their time and desire to teach our Christian youth about their faith!

For the next school year we will need more teachers and especially subs. If you would like to contribute and be a part of the church school staff, please see Fr Aleksandar today.

**St Mardarije Cultural Center and Camp at St Sava Monastery in Libertyville, IL** is still under construction and hopefully it will be finished for July's St Mardarije celebration. As always, we are asking for your prayers and financial help.

If you want to support this meaningful cause, please send your donation to St Sava Monastery 32377 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048. Make your check payable to St Sava Monastery with memo: Camp renovation. Many thanks.

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

**Недељом после литургије имамо кафу и послужење** у подруму цркве, сви сте позвани да дођете. Сваки пут друга породица донесе нешто за послужење. Ако хоћете и ви некада да донесете послужење, јавите се свештенику.

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