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Sunday, December 22– 26th Sunday after Pentecost Epistle Ephesians 5:9-19 Gospel Luke 12:16-21 tone 1st
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour.

Wednesday, December 25 – St Spiridon / St Herman of Alaska

Saturday, December 28 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, December 29– 27th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of the Holy Forefathers / Serb Mother's Day / Materice
Epistle Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel Luke 14:16-24 tone 2nd
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour. Culture club annual meeting.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 2 – St Ignatius/St John of Kronstadt
5 – One-year parastos for +Fr Nedeljko Lunich

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Craig Vercelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevich, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Kelli Sekulovich, Ben Somerville, Zorica Blagojevic, Cecilia Marcetich, Marissa Corray, Frances Juarez, Kathy Radakovich, 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) +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Borichich; +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić family; +Peter and +Velma Budimlija, given by Mike/Nancy Cora; +William Allen Jr, given by Olga Schumann; +Zorka Miller, given by Vivian Tadin; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Darinka Krasic, given by Bilder/Lunich family; +Darinka Krasic, given by Josephine Orlovich; +Robert Protosevich, given by Nadine/Vyt Paukstys;

Two Sundays before Nativity is Serbian Mother's Day - Materice, when children tie their mothers' and grandmothers' legs together, and in return they get symbolic presents. The same is done with fathers and grandfathers on the next Sunday. Tying the legs represents the bonds and love in the family before the Feast of the Birth of our Savior.

Culture Club is seeking PRE-STRUNG OR PRE-HOOKED donations of candies/candy canes/small favors/ and fruit to hang on the badnjak (Oak Tree) for after Christmas Eve Service. We will be decorating the badnjak Sunday 01.05.25 after Liturgy, anyone who would like to join us is welcome. Sales and Clearance have started already and will increase after Wednesday 12.25.

All donations are appreciated, but we usually get plenty of candy canes, so if you see other sweets or trinkets that can have a loop or hook added, that would be great.

Ideas for stringing or wrapping treats will be posted on the church Facebook page.

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO ANY CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER'S ROOM any time between now and morning of January 5th. Thanks in advance for your help, we always have many guest children on Christmas Eve, and our own kids young and old look forward to this tradition.

It is time to renew your annual subscription for the Serb which is \$20 if you would like to continue to receive it in the mail. If anyone would prefer a hard copy of the Serb to receive instead of an electronic version, please pay \$20 and make a note that it was for the Serb subscription.

Sunday, January 5 will be Hierarchal Liturgy served by His Grace Bishop Serafim, a Vicar of our Metropolitan Longin. After the Liturgy will be one-year parastos for +Fr Ned Lunich. Lunch for all in our social center.

The 2025 weekly envelopes are available in the narthex for all families to take home and to use next year. Weekly donations and offerings are the main source of our church income, and we encourage you all to use the envelopes every week for your tithes.

Small pocket size 2025 calendars published by our Diocese are for sale by the candles. Every family should get one and use it to follow the church holy days and fasting seasons, and use it when making plans and events. Major holy days are always marked in red ink, important holy days are in bold ink and every day of the year has at least one or two saints which are commemorated.

Мали календари за 2025 годину су на продају, \$5, налазе се код свећа. Зидни календари за 2025 годину се исто налазе код свећа и можете узети један без наплате.

У недељу 5 јануара у нашој цркви ће служити Владика Серафим, заменик Митрополита Лонгина. После литургије одржаће се годишњи парастос покојном проти Недељку Лунић. Ручак у сали за све после парастоса.

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