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Sunday, Dec. 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.

Wednesday, January 1 Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Thursday, January 2 - St Ignatius / St John of Kronstadt /Forefeast of the Nativity of our Savior

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, January 4 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 5- Commemoration of the Old Testament Holy Fathers / Serb Father's Day / Očevi

Epistle Hebrew 11:9-19;17-23;32-40 Gospel Matth 1:1-25 tone 3rd

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Parastos for +Fr Nedeljko Lunich. Lunch for all in the hall

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 6 - Nativity Eve / Badnje Veče

7- The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ / Božić

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 Blagojević, Cecilia Marcetich, Marissa Corray, Ingrid Steegh-Bongartz 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 Boricich; +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić family; +Peter and +Velma Budimilija, given by Mike/Nancy Cora; +Tilly Geomini-Jacobs, given by Pavel Talataev; +Nicholas Ostoich, given by Cindi Rushing; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, and +Rada Albu, given by Joana Albu; +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Rada Albu, given by Dan/Radoica Kilgore & family;

Badnje Veče - Following the Nativity Compline and Matins Service at 6:00pm on January 6th, please come to the Social Center for the blessing of the Yule Log (Badnjak) and some food and refreshments. If you are attending, please consider bringing a posno/vegan dish to share. It can be dessert, bread, jam, nuts, chips, dip, veggies, pasta, salads, etc. We are flexible, whatever you'd like to share, as long as it's posno. The Social Center will be open at 5:00pm, so you may drop off your food donation prior to Church Services. If bringing pastries, it would be a big help if you could cut and plate them in advance in your own container. At the end of the evening, we need cleanup help from EVERYONE in attendance. This will get parishioners and their families home at a reasonable hour.

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.

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. Prepare to partake of holy communion this Sunday from our Bishop Serafim.

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 парastos покојном проти Недељу Лунић. Ручак у сали за све после парастоса.

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