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Sunday, December 31 – Sunday of Holy Forefathers / Serbian Father's Day - Očevi

Epistle Heb. 11:9-10,17-23,32-40 Gospel Matt. 1:1-25 tone 5th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and decoration of Badnjak in Social Center, Palachinke and more luncheon for all. Culture Club annual meeting.

Monday, January 1 – Happy civil New Year! Srećna gradjanska Nova Godina! Vigil / Confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, January 2 – St Ignatius / St John of Kronstadt / Forefeast of the Nativity Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Friday, January 5 Royal Hours at 9 am

Saturday, January 6 – The Nativity Eve / Badnji Dan / strict fast / strogi post

Confession at 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Nativity Compline and Matins at 6 pm. Blessing of badnjak and refreshments in the upper hall after the services.

Božićno povečerje i jutrenje u 18 časova, svećenje badnjaka u Sali i posluženje.

Sunday, January 7 - The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ / Božić / Christ is born! Glorify him!

Epistle Gal. 4:4-7 Gospel Matt. 2:1-12 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Mir Božiji Hristos se Rodi! Христос раждается! Славите!

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 9 – St Stephen the First Martyr and Archdeacon / Sv Stefan Arhidjakon

14 – St Basil the Great / Old Calendar New Year / Sv Vasilije Veliki I starokalendarska Nova Godina

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Jovanka Rastović, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, V Rev Sava Cakardich, Genevieve Ostoich, 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 Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić & family; +Janice Taylor, given by Dr's Mike/Nadine Keer; +Rada Albu, given by Katy Albu; +Rada Albu, given by Dan/Radoica Kilgore; V Rev Lazar Kostur, given by Gayle Shimek and family; +John and +Bessie Hrechko, +Vaso and +Jeka Petkovich, +Steve, +Todor and +Danica Pyevich and +Draginja Krajnovich, given by Yvonne Hrechko John;

There will be no pomens on Christmas Day since it is the Major Holy Day

Culture Club is asking for 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 12.31.23 after Liturgy, anyone who would like to join us is welcome. Sales and Clearance have started already and will increase after Monday 12.25.

All donations are much appreciated, but we tend to 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.

The traditional Serbian Orthodox greeting for the Nativity season is Christ is Born and the reply is Indeed He is Born or Truly He is Born. In Serbian it is Hristos se rodi and the reply is Voistinu se rodi Many Slavic people such as Russians and Ukrainians say Christ is Born, Glorify Him! Either all together or One person would say Christ is Born and another Glorify Him. The Christmas greeting in Greek is Christ is Born, give glory! Again, either just one person or two with Christ is Born and reply Give glory.

The Christmas greeting is used from the day of the Nativity of Christ until the Apodosis or Leave-taking of the Feast which is January 13.

The Kolo Christmas party will be held on Sunday, January 21, at Al's Steakhouse at noon. All parishioners are invited. To make reservations and to place your order (chicken, pork, or salmon) or for more information about prices and the menu, call Susan Klajich at 815-715-7729 or Susan Roach at 81-723-1233 by Friday, January 12.

Кутије са недељним кофертама за Ваше прилоге за 2024 год. и са Вашим именима су у цркви код свећа. Узмите Вашу кутију и користите коферте за недељне и остале прилоге. Подарите вашој цркви леп Божићни прилог ове године.

Молимо жене да умесе нешто посно и донесу у салу пре молитве у суботу вече да би се после свећења бадњака сви послужили. Могу колачи, воће, погача или чипс.

Lord, we raise Israel and Gaza to You, and pray for those suffering. We ask that You provide peace in this crisis, and protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted. We lift our prayer to You, Lord, hear us.

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