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Christ is Risen Indeed is Risen

Sunday, May 17 - Sunday of the Blind Man / Nedelja Slepoga

Epistle Acts 16:16-34 Gospel John 9:1-38 Tone 5th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school graduation. Luncheon to commemorate the last day of church school in the lower level of our social center. All invited.

Wednesday, May 20 – Apodosis of Pascha / Odanije Vaskrsa Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Thursday, May 21 – Holy Ascension / Spasovdan Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, May 23 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

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.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

May 25 – Memorial Day

30 - Saturday of the Souls / Zadušnice

31 - Pentecost – remember, all Sunday liturgies from Pentecost through summer will start at 9 am. **Kolo Sestara meeting**

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 Budimilija, given by Mary Jean Venema; +Marna Zitzmann and +Michael Kljaich, given by Millie O'Leary; +Marna Zitzmann and +Michael Kljaich, given by Annette O'Leary; +Marna Zitzmann and +Michael Kljaich, given by Josh Potts & Nadine O'Leary; +Radasin Markovic and +Ilia Zograf, given by Jelena/Dimitri Zograf;

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

During the celebration of certain feast days during the year, you can bring cut flowers to make our church even more beautiful. If you choose to bring flowers, please contact the priest a day or two before. Vases are available in the church.

On the Feast of Pentecost - Holy Trinity Day, Orthodox Churches are decorated with tree branches, grass and flowers according to the ancient tradition of the Church. The life-giving Holy Spirit which descends upon the Church renews the nature in each of us. In the Old Testament, Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the Passover Feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal Feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ. 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.

Ascension is the Major Holy Day. Faithful who are able to come to the Liturgy should prepare to partake of holy sacraments.

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!