

House Blessings

Fr. Kristijan is currently blessing homes with this year's Theophany holy water. If you are interested in having him bless your home, please contact him by email at fr.kristijan@gmail.com or call/text him at 218-576-4720.

100th Anniversary

Our church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in September of 2023. Your help is needed! If you are willing to contribute to this historic event in any way please contact Pattie Thompson at 218-522-0013 or Father Kristijan at 218-576-4720.

Kolo Meeting

The Kolo will be having its monthly meeting on Sunday, April 5th, after Liturgy. We will be discussing Easter, among other things. All ladies are kindly asked to attend. Masks will be required.

Church School

To all our parents and grandparents, we have some exciting news: we will have new Church School teachers on Sundays teaching our children! Please pass the word around. We hope to see your little ones here soon!

Fr. Kristijan's Office Hours

Fr. Kristijan is in his office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30-2 p.m. and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. If those times do not work for you to come, please contact him at 218-576-4720 to make an appointment.

Online Adult Class

We have online adult classes on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, please go to the following permanent link before class starts to join us: meet.google.com/hoo-vnse-it

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, March 21st after the service.

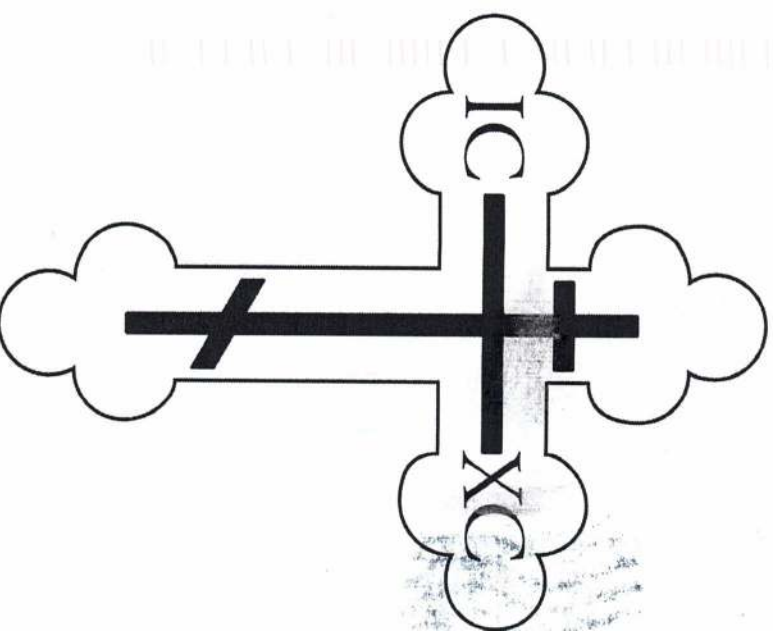
Memorial Donation

In memory of †Ray Ulvi: Dr. Robert & Jill Boyat

Calendar Reminders

- Mar. 20, Sat.—Theodore Saturday—Divine Liturgy (with *kolivo-zhito*) at 10 a.m.; Vespers at 5 p.m.
- Mar. 21, Sun.—SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY—Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.; Board meeting after the service
- Mar. 24, Wed.—Presanctified Liturgy at St. George's at 6 p.m.; Online Adult Class at 7:30 p.m. (Please go to meet.google.com/hoo-vnse-it to join us)
- Mar. 27, Sat.—Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.; Vespers at 5 p.m.
- Mar. 28, Sun.—(St. Gregory Palamas Sunday) Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.
- Mar. 31, Wed.—Presanctified Liturgy at 12 Apostles at 6 p.m.
- Apr. 2, Fri.—Presanctified Liturgy at St. George's at 6 p.m.
- Apr. 5, Sun.—Kolo meeting after the service (masks are required)

ST. GEORGE'S BULLETIN



March 15-31st, 2021
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New Patriarch

We have a new Patriarch! On February 19th, Patriarch Porfirije-Porphyrios, whose name means "clad in purple," was enthroned. He was born with the baptismal name Prvoslav in 1961. A monastic first, tonsured in his twenties, he is very well educated, holding two doctorates. He was once the abbot of Kovilj monastery. Many young novices and monks came to Kovilj to be under his leadership. It soon became a spiritual center for many young people: intellectuals, artists, actors and rock musicians. Patriarch Porfirije's specialty was working with people suffering from substance abuse, especially drug addiction. Before he became Patriarch, he was the bishop of Jegar and then Metropolitan of Zagreb, Croatia.

In the election process, he had the most votes from the 30 bishops eligible in the Serbian Church to be elected, along with Bishop Irinej of Bačka (who came in second place) and Bishop Jelefem of Banja Luka (who came in third). In the final phase, lots were drawn—with the three leading candidates' names put into a Gospel and, in the end, the envelope bearing Porfirije's name was pulled out by Archimandrite Matej (Matthew). The drawing of lots, also known as cleromaney, we believe shows the will (the hand) of God.

This is a happy time for us in the Church! "Axios! Axios! Axios!" "He is Worthy! He is Worthy! He is Worthy!" May God grant our New Patriarch "Many Years"! Mnogaya Lyeta!

Theodore Saturday—March 20th

For Theodore Saturday, March 20th, we will have Divine Liturgy (with *kolivo*—*zhit*o [sweetened boiled wheat berries]) at 10 a.m.

Sunday of Orthodoxy—March 21st

The first Sunday of Great Lent is always known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy, whereby

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we celebrate the Church's triumph over all false teachings—known as heresies—especially over the last great one against icons (that is, against physical matter). We celebrate the feast that Sunday with a procession of icons within the church during Divine Liturgy.

It is the local tradition to have children participate in this procession. We therefore ask that you please bring your children that Sunday morning to beautify the service with their presence.

Presanctified Liturgies

Presanctified Liturgies are special lenten services served usually on Wednesdays and Fridays where one can take communion in the evening. We will be alternating these services on Wednesdays with Holy Twelve Apostles. The next presanctified services will be at 6 p.m. on Wed, Mar. 26th & Fri, Mar. 28th at St. George's and Wednesday, March 31st at Twelve Apostles.

In general, one may take communion on Wednesday evenings if one is 1) already fasting the entire week (from Monday to Sunday morning) and 2) one does not eat or drink anything on Wednesday from noon until communion. Please follow the guidelines concerning the rule of confession that apply to St. George parishioners as well.
—Fr. K.

The Rules for Fasting during Great Lent

During Great Lent we fast according to the following *official* rule:

- 1) On weekdays we prepare lenten food without oil (no fish).
- 2) On Saturdays and Sundays, we prepare lenten food with oil (still no fish).

- 3) Fish is eaten only two times during this Great Lent—on the Annunciation, April 7th, and Palm Sunday, April 25th.
—Fr. K

A Note from Fr. Kristijan about Fasting for Great Lent

It is my dear wish to see children ages 7-12 fast at least one week in order to receive communion during this 40 day lenten period.

Those who are thirteen and older (from adolescence to adulthood), who are not fasting the entire 40 days but would still like to take communion, should fast according to the current prevalent (albeit *unofficial*) rule held for adults in the Serbian Orthodox Church:

1. To fast one week before communion (starting on Monday). For the first half of the week—Monday through Wednesday—one can have fish and oil.

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2. For the second half of the week—Thursday through Saturday—one fasts more strictly, "navodi," without fish and oil.

Those who fast the entire 40 days of Lent may take communion every Sunday after coming to confession.

Confession during Great Lent

We remind the faithful that the practice of Confession before Communion is just as important as fasting in our preparation for communion. Confessions will be heard starting at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Please be in church early, no later than 9:45 a.m., so that we can preserve church order & start the service on time. Additional opportunities for confession will be before Presanctified Services on Wednesdays as well as before and after Saturday evening vespers services. If one cannot make it for these times, please contact Fr Kristijan for an appointment.

Stewardship Envelope

Because Covid has kept many of us from normally congregating on Sundays, to make your stewardship easier, an addressed envelope has been enclosed with your bulletin.