

PARISH BULLETIN

UP COMING CHURCH SERVICES:

JANUARY 5.
Liturgy 10:00AM

JANUARY 6.
Christmass Eve
Service & Badnjak 6:00PM

JANUARY 7.
CHRISTMASS
Liturgy 10:00AM

JANUARY 9.
St. Stephen
Liturgy 10:00AM

JANUARY 12.
Liturgy 10:00AM

JANUARY 19.
EPIPHANY
Liturgy 10:00AM

JANUARY 20.
St. John the Baptist
Liturgy 10:00AM

CHRISTMAS EVE &
BADNJAK BLESSING
6:00PM
JANUARY 6.2025.

Dear Parishioners & Friends

CHRIST IS BORN!!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our God whose Son's birth we are celebrating.

Today we are prayerfully kneeling in front of His Holy crib and marveling with his Mother, Angels, Shepherds and the Magi at this Holy appearance.

With our prayers being prostrated before the Holy Babe, let me thank you all for your warm hearts and putting your blessed and loving hands into your generous pockets. Thank you for having us in your prayers and I want to assure you that you are always in our prayers and that you are part of our hearts.

I am thankful to the new born Child, for keeping us all safe and healthy.

It is a true blessing to have the Holy Family as an example of how we should live our lives and how to share God's blessing with the rest of the world.

May the dear Lord bless you for all your kind gestures with good health and other earthly goods.

HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!!!

CHRIST IS BORN!!!!

Fr. Sasa & Popadija Rachel

**NOVEMBER 28.
BEGINNING OF THE
NATIVITY LENT.
May it be blessed!!!**

**Thank you for having us in
your prayers and for
supporting us financially.
May the Lord grant you
peace & good health.**

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Parish Priest, Rev. Sasa Nedic

St. Nikolai of Zica & Libertyville

Letter # 190 To a man estranged from the people -
about the customs

You write that you are not attracted to folk customs, even the Christmas ones, because they do not tell you much. It would be a miracle indeed if you understood the people's customs without understanding the people's soul and the people's faith.

One should remember that the Lord Christ was born on straw, in order to understand why the floor in the house is covered with straw.

One has to know about Holy Trinity, reigning over four corners of the world, to understand why three walnuts are thrown into the four corners of the room.

Also, one ought to know that Christ is the "bread of life" in order to understand the meaning of Chesnica (special Christmas bread).

Also, that the Lord suffered in His youth, but that the His flame warms people's hearts even today, so that one would understand the little Badnjak (yule loge) and the sparks of joy which fly out of it.

Even if this looks simple and childish to you, you must admit that it was cleverly devised. "Unless you become as children," the Lord said, "you will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven".

You should also approach those children of God, called the people, and your life will become brighter and more joyful.

One Russian poet walked down your path, separated from the path of the people, but he returned to the people again. Here is his confession,

"I no longer feel different from the people.
I survived fantasies, cruel fantasies,
And with each year I comprehend more
How I admired nothingness for so long...
Now I burn in one desire with the people,
I cry with them, pray to that which is sacred to them
And everything that the people love, I adore."

(Kruglov in the Uspenski Cathedral)

Peace and Love from the Lord to you.