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HOLY ST. LAZARUS AND ALL SERBIAN MARTYRS-VIDOVDAN



Vidovdan is most remembered as the day of the **Battle of Kosovo** in **1389**, when the army of **Serbian Prince Lazar** clashed with the invading Ottoman forces led by Sultan Murad. Though the historical outcome remains debated, the battle became a cornerstone of Serbian cultural memory, symbolizing **sacrifice for faith and freedom**.

In Serbia, Vidovdan is marked in the **Orthodox Church calendar** as a major religious feast and is observed with **liturgies and memorial services**. The most significant ceremonies take place in **Kosovo and Metohija**, especially near **Gračanica Monastery** where people gather to honor the Kosovo heroes with prayers and speeches.

“The earthly kingdom lasts only a short time, but the heavenly kingdom is eternal”

prophetic dreams
fasting on this day brings clarity and spiritual insight.
poets, writers, artists, and composers

Vidovdan holds a unique place in the Serbian soul. It unites **faith, sacrifice, memory, and national consciousness**. It is not a day of celebration, but a **day of reflection**—on the past, on the present, and on the responsibility for what lies ahead. Over the centuries, it has remained a symbol of the enduring spirit of those who chose dignity over submission, and memory over forgetfulness.

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FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR
ADDIYIONAL VOLUNTEERS
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO ASSIST!
Please see Dawn Kosanovich or Cynthia Barringer for more information
THANK YOU!

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Dear Church School Families,

After Divine Liturgy is over, our children will have the opportunity to help paint crafts to be gifted to our homebound parishioners - part of *St. Elijah Fellowship & Ministry* “Care Packages” to be given in celebration of our Church Slava on(Sunday August 2nd). Church School will have a table set up in the downstairs hall with art supplies. We hope you can all join us!

Save the date: St. Elijah Summer Day Camp will take place **August: 12th, 13th and 14th** . Mark your calendars and stay tuned for a registration link in your email arriving soon!

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FRAGRANCE

We are used to sensing the fragrance of flowers, breathing in the scent of the earth after rain, or the smell of the sea that lingers on our skin after swimming. It is a pity that no one told us that the soul also has its own fragrance. The soul, too, gives off a scent, and what it smells like depends on how it lives and on what it is nourished with each day.

Nourish your soul with beauty, kindness, gentleness, and mercy, and you will become a fragrance and a light to this world.

Saint Luke of Crimea