

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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32nd Sunday after Pentecost – Ep. 2 Tim.4,5-8...; Gospel St. Mk 1, 1-8...
The Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil the Great; New Year

Church Services:

Thursday, Jan. 18th – Epiphany Eve – Blessing of Water at 9 A. M.

Friday, Jan. 19th – Epiphany – Holy Liturgy and water blessing at 9 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 20th – St. John the Baptist – Holy Liturgy at 9 A.M.

Sunday, January 21st – Holy Liturgy at 10 A.M.

Prayer Services were held for:

Genny Ostoich, being hospitalized at St. Joseph Provena Hospital.

Sheila Bojovic, underwent knee surgery in Morris Hospital.

Andrew Bojovic, will have surgery in January, in children's hospital

Richard Jovanovich, underwent surgery

Roddie Jovanovich underwent eye surgery at Hinsdale Hospital, last Friday. He is home recuperating. We wish

Roddie God's speedy recovery.

May the good Lord restore their health.

Memorial Services – Pomens:

+ *Eli Serdar, given by Danielle Serdar (was held on January 6th)*

+ *Michael Kljaich, given by Joseph Kljaich, Jr. family.*

+ *Roselle Petrich, given by Tana Petrich*

+ *Roselle Petrich, given by Dauer family*

+ *Roselle Petrich, given by Vicki/Dan Dorsey family*

+ *Vojo, Anne, Joe & Delores Radakovich; David & Millicent Smith, Bob Cleary, given by Bill Cleary.*

Home blessing:

Thursday, January 18th, after 10 A.M. till 3 P.M.: Bolingbrook, Woodbridge. Lemont, Homer Glen and Lockport.

Friday, January 19th, after 10:30 – 3 P.M.: Rockdale, Channahan, Minooka, Shorewood and Plainfield.

Saturday, January 20th, after 11: Celebrants of St. John – Mokena, Orland Park, Aurora, Joliet.

Please note: Sunday, January 21st: Joliet – West of Larkin has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 27th, after 11 A.M. due to a prevailing church matters.

P.S. In case I miss on the designated day, I will make up on the other day.

2017 Ornaments are still available. Please support our church; contact Bonnie Dauer to purchase yours today.

St. Sava Celebration: Will be held on January 28, 2018. Holy Liturgy at 10 A.M., followed by Slava Ritual in the Hall, dinner and program with children's participation. All our parishioners are urged to attend. Please come, even if your children are grown. We all should rejoice with the young ones being the stars that day. The students will be learning their St. Sava's deklamacija's. If you have a problem pronouncing the Serbian words please ask teachers or father. Will be glad to help. Start learning on time. We need support of all St. George parishioners.

The Committee for 90th Church Anniversary: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7 P.M. The 90th anniversary is a mile stone in the life of St. George parish in Joliet. We would like to start earlier in order to make adequate preparation for this important event. Please mark your calendar and be sure to make every effort to be a part of it. The parish priest and the President of the Church Board are members by their positions – ex officio.

Assisted living: Ceil Severns at Timber Place in Shorewood, Millie Stapinski and Mary Konjevich Book at Rock Run Place, Dennis Grachan in Homer Glen. We wish them God's speedy recovery.

Remember them in your prayers.

The Annual Kolo Christmas Party: Is being held today, January 14, 2018 at the Serbian Restaurant Skadarliya, located at 9237 Ogden Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois. Cost is \$20.00 per person for the Sunday buffet. See Helen Malinovich or Danielle Serdar for payment or question. Carpooling will be arranged for anyone interested.

Calendars 2018: Wall calendars are free and small Diocesan \$3.00. Purchase one.

Remember your Church at Christmas-Nativity Season: This is the time of the year when we turn from the worldly thing to our Heavenly Father, to our spiritual wellbeing. This is the time when we thank the Lord for all the blessing he has been bestowing on us throughout the year. We thank him for our health, for our family, for the abundance of the material goods. You, the parishioners of our St. George parish are the backbone of our parish existence. Your generosity will help us to continue with our mission. This year we will observe 90th Anniversary. Our pioneers worked hard to preserve the parish. It is now to us to continue in their footsteps, in order to prosper and pass on to the new generation. All your donations will be acknowledged. Also remember your Diocese. Thank you. You have received greetings from His Grace our Bishop Longin. In the greeting card is an envelope. Remember our Diocese. Send your Christmas donation, as much as you can afford. Thank you!

Restoring and rebuilding of the Camp and Theological School Building in St. Sava Monastery:

The St. Sava Monastery is calling on all Serbian people throughout this country to support financially the building project. This is not only remodeling but rather rebuilding with addition of the Camp and Theological School building. We embarked on the project couple years ago, and after securing all the permits, blue prints and other necessary requirements the first appeal was made to all our Midwest Diocesan members and parishioners. Over 8,000 appeals were sent, and by now they should had reached everyone who was on the list of the Diocesan mailing. We hope for the good results. If everyone would donate according their means we are almost certain we would reach the goal of the projected cost. Once finished the building will serve multi purposes. There will be monks living quarter and we could host overnight the guest coming to visit Monastery and the uncorrupted relics of St. Mardarije. The first results are promising. Since the project will take at least two years to be completed we will need continues financial help from our parishioners throughout America and Canada. You are asked to give what you can afford. Our St. George has already decided to make first donation. I remember when we renovated and extended Monastery Church in 1982 our St. George Church was one of two who donated the largest sum of money, though at that time we were building our own church in Joliet. We took pride in it. Now we are called again to help. I am sure that our parishioners will do their share. Few of our parishioners have already excelled in donating larger sum of money. We are thankful for their generosity. All donations will be acknowledged on the Monastery web site as well as in our Diocesan publication.

Thank you note: Last week the Nativity Monastery in New Carlisle, Indiana sent to us 15 baskets of the Christmas goods to be offered to our people for the donation to be made to the Monastery. Father brought the baskets and Nancy Cora took care of it. We would like to thank Nancy for helping out, as well as all those who purchased the baskets. All baskets were distributed, as well as 7 heads of the sour heads.

Old Calendar New Year: This Sunday is enriched with multiplied Holy Days, as Circumcision of our Lord, New Calendar (Serbian) New Year and St. Basil the Great. Throughout the Serbian lands this old calendar New Year is celebrated. The spirit of the festivities is still present amongst our people. Then, we celebrate Circumcision of our Lord, who was on the eight day circumcised in the temple, according Hebrew law. The third Holy Day is the feast day of St. Basil the Great. He is dignified among saints and thus called great. He is one of the three greatest: St. Basil, St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory the Theologian. They are honored together on February 15th.