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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, Jan. 28, 2018
Epistle, 2 Tim. 3, 10-15; Gospel, St. Luke 18, 10-14.

Church Services:

Sunday, February 4, 2018 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – at 10 A.M.

Prayer Services were held for:

Paul Shimek, underwent surgery at *Sty. Joseph Medical Center*. He is home recuperating. It will take 8 weeks for the healing. We wish Paul God's speedy recovery.

Andrew Bojovic, had a surgery in *Chicago children's hospital* last Friday. He is hope recuperating. Everything went fine and young *Andrea* is on the way, God grant, of full recovery.

Roddie Jovanovich, underwent eye surgery at *Hinsdale Hospital*. He is home recuperating. We wish Roddie God's speedy recovery.

Rada Albu, has been hospitalized at *Edwards in Naperville*, for pneumonia. May the good Lord restore his health. We wish him God's speedy recovery.

May the good Lord restore their health.

Memorial Services – Pomens:

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

+*Mary Schroder*, given by *Ely Grubisich*.

+*Jack Susner*, given by the *Joseph Orlovich, Jr. Family*.

+*Thomas A. Bianco*, given by the *Joseph Orlovich, Jr. Family*.

Congratulations: *Lucia Ferreira*, daughter of *Bernardo Ferreira* and *Eleanora nee Tungatt*, fiancée of *David Blagojevic*, was baptized on Sunday, January 21, 2018. We welcome Lucia into our Holy Orthodox Church. May God bless her and safeguard her.

Home blessing:

Monday, January 22, 2018 – Joliet – East of Larkin.

Sunday, January 28, 2018 – St. Sava celebration – Home blessing in Morris

I would like to thank the families I visited for the last ten days for their hospitality and generosity.

P.S. In case I miss on the designated day, I will make up on the other day. The week of January 29th will be make up of the previously missed or not included.

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

St. Sava Celebration: Will be held today, 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.

Kolo Annual Meeting: Will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018 in the Church lower level, following church services. All Kolo members are urged to attend.

The Committee for 90th Church Anniversary: The next meeting will be February 15, 2018 in the lower level of the church. Not many attended at the first meeting. So, we hope the next one will draw more to attend and join the committee.

Church Board Meeting: Next Church Board meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018, after church services. Please take notice of the date and attend the meeting. Thank you.

Reminder- All Parishioners: If you are not in attendance at Holy Liturgy on any given Sunday and do not receive the weekly bulletin, please go on our St. George Church face book or web site and read the weekly bulletin. You may be interested in some events being planned in our parish. It doesn't take much time to glance through. From time to time few photos are added to the web page. Also, we would appreciate if you pass on your email to our Church Board Secretary, Michelle Efatoski, so we could sometimes contact you, without using regular mail.

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.

Valentine's Party: Hosted by our Cultural Club, will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 in the St. George Social Center. Kitchen and bar will be open. Please join us for this event. All proceeds will be used for the benefits of our Sunday School students.

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

Remember your Church at Christmas-Nativity Season: If you haven't made your Christmas donation to our parish please do so. All donations will be acknowledged in the next issue of the church paper the "Serb" to be published in March.

Did you remember your Diocese at the Nativity Season: All of you have received greeting from His Grace, our Diocesan Bishop Longin, with an envelope included. You were asked to support our Diocese, which solely depends on the parishioners throughout the Diocese. The Diocese has over four thousand parishioners. If half would respond we would triple what we have been receiving at the present time.

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 have reached everyone who was on the list of the Diocesan mailing. We hope for the good results. If everyone would donate according to their means we are almost certain we would reach the goal of the projected cost. Once the building is finished it will serve to multi purposes. There will be monks living quarters, and it could host overnight the guests coming to visit Monastery where the uncorrupted relics of St. Mardarije are kept. The first results are promising. Since the project will take at least two years to be completed we will need continuous financial support 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.

Church Sunday School: We appeal to the parents to do their best to bring their child/children to our Church Sunday School. We do not have as many young ones as we used to have. On Sunday, February 11, 2018 Director of the Diocesan Education Department will visit our Church Sunday School classes. We hope you will make every effort to bring your child/children to the Sunday School. Regardless of the present situation, we should not be discouraged, but continue to work toward improvement of our Church Sunday School. It depends mostly on the parents. With a little more efforts we'll have better attendance.

Church attendance: Do we really make every effort to attend Sunday church services on the regular basis. Few do, but majority may lack the will to make it. If we let the time to elapse it will be harder to get back into the routine. It shouldn't be routine, but the faith that draw us to God and His church. Strong faith is a moving force. We must pray for such a faith.