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**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**Epistle, 1 Corinth. 6, 12-20; Gospel, St. Luke 15, 11-32**

**Church Services:**

**Saturday, February 10, 2018 – Church Memorial Day – Services in East Moline at 9 A.M.**

**Sunday, February 11, 2018 – Meatfare Sunday – Holy Liturgy at 10 A.M.**

**Prayer Services were held for:**

**Paul Shimek**, underwent surgery at St. 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.

**Rada Albu express his gratitude to All who offered their prayers while he was hospitalized. Also he is thankful for the well wish cards he received.**

**Richard Jovanovich** had a procedure.

May the good Lord restore their health.

**Memorial Services:**

**6 months parastos services were held for Michael Kljaich, given by Susan Kljaich and Michael's family.**

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

**Pomens:**

+Michael Kljaich, by Sandy and Tom Burcenski.

+Michael Kljaich, by Michelle Burcenski

+George Kesich, given by the Joseph Orlovich, Jr. family.

We express sympathy: To Neddie Astorino and Olga Schumann on the passing away of their brother George Kesich. May God bless his soul. Memory Eternal!

**Home blessing:**

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – homes previously missed in Joliet and surrounding area.**

**Saturday, February 10, 2018 – Quad City area, Spring Valley and Granville.**

**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:** Was held last Sunday. We would like to thank our Sunday School teachers who prepared St. Sava program. Also Cultural Club was in charge of the organization. Thank you Cultural Club and Olga and her kitchen crew who prepared and served delicious meal. We thank children who participated in the program.

**Kolo Annual Meeting:** Will be held on Sunday, today, February 4, 2018 in the Church lower level, immediately following church services. All Kolo members are urged to attend. It is important to vitalize, even more this important sisters' organization. They have been moving force in almost all our parishes in this country. Their contribution to the church cause is unparalleled.

**The Committee for 90<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary:** The next meeting will be **SUNDAY February 18, 2018** in the lower level of the church. Please note, this is a different date than previously announced. In order to cover all aspects of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the Committee has to expend. We hope more people will come forward and offer assistance.

**Church Board Meeting:** The Church Board meeting will be held next 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.

**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.

***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 the building is finished it will serve to multi purposes. There will be monks living quarter, 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 continues 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 – Annual visit and inspection by the Director of the Religious Education of the NGMW Diocese:** 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. 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 ellipse it will be harder to get back into a 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. We have a nucleus of the parishioners who attend church services regularly. Judging by how many in attendance on Christmas Eve, Christmas and perhaps Easter- Pascha – Resurrection of our Lord, we wonder and ask ourselves can we possible have one third in attendance on any given Sunday? There is also concern about Feast Days attendance, during a week. We do have retirees, who are not prevented by regular jobs, who could attend week day church services. Let's hope attendance will improve.