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**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 1, 2018**  
**Epistle, Romans 10:1-10; Gospel Mathew 8:28-9:1.**

**Church Services:**

**Saturday, July 7, 2018 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Holy Liturgy at 9 A.M.**

**Sunday, July 8, 2018 – Holy Liturgy at 10 A.M.**

**Notice: Please note that on Sunday, July 15, 2018 per order of His Grace Bishop Longin all churches in Chicago and Milwaukee area will be closed. The clergy and parishioners are asked to attend the event of St. Mardarije in Libertyville, Illinois. Holy Liturgy at 9:30; banquet and program.**

**St. George Church School Congregation special assembly held June 24, 2018:** On the recommendation of the St. George Church Executive Board, the Church School Congregation approved Fr. Aleksandar Bugarin to be parish priest of the St. George Church in Joliet, upon approval and blessing of His Grace our Diocesan Bishop Longin. Father Aleksandar will take over August 1, 2018. We welcome Fr. Aleksandar and wish him good health and many prosperous years in St. George Parish. We also thank His Grace Bishop Longin for his guidance and archpastoral care as well as for understanding the needs of St. George Parish.

**Sick list:**

**Christopher Sheaffer**, has been hospitalized at the Northwestern Hospital in Chicago, after undergoing surgery. We wish Chris God's speedy recovery.

**Alysha Branka Bojovic**, praying for her health and well being.

**Roddie Jovanovich**, underwent eye surgery, at home recuperating.  
May the good Lord restore their health.

**Assisted living:**

**Ceil Severns** in Timber place in Shorewood.

**Mary Book Konjevich** at Rock Run Place.

**Millie Stapinski** is temporary at Symphony Nursing Home in Joliet.  
We wish them God's speedy recovery.

**Pomens:**

**+Betty Grubisich, given by Ely Grubisich.**

**+Amanda Marie Stanton, given by Kirk & Jackie Stapinski.**

**May the good Lord bless their souls.**

**St. George Church Board Meeting:** Will be held next Sunday, July 8, 2018 following Church Services in the Church Lower level. All Church Board members are asked to attend. There are few items on agenda to be looked at.

**Note from Kolo President Helen Malinovich:** Helen was called by the Diocesan Kolo President, Mira Andjelkovich, regarding St. Mardarije's event, July 14-15, 2018. There will be banquet and picnic and bake sale. It is their request that we get people to bake and come to help with bake sale. Please let Helen to know if anyone can bake or can attend and work this event. It would be great to support this event.

**Sign-up sheet:** There is a sign-up sheet for volunteer workers for Serb Fest to be held on Sunday, July 22, 2018. Please sign-up to help. The co-chairmen for the Serb Fest are Don Grubisich and David Laketa. If you have any questions, please ask them. 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's Facebook page or web site and read

the weekly bulletin. If you have any personal information newsworthy, please contact Father by phone or email. We will be glad to put it in the weekly bulletin or the Serb.

**Forthcoming Events:**

**St. Mardarije's Days in St. Sava Monastery – July 14-15, 2018.** Holy Liturgy, Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. Program and picnic. Food will be served. Holy Liturgy, Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. Program and picnic all day. Food will be served. Make every effort to attend St. Mardarije's Days. We all should be proud having a saint in our midst. Also, please inquire about some writings about St. Mardarije that you may acquaint yourself with this wonderful church leader and saint. See our Diocesan web site.

**St. George Parish in Joliet, Serb Fest, July 22, 2018 at St. Joe's Park in Joliet, Raynor and Theodore Streets:** Holy Liturgy at 10 A.M. Serb Fest begins at 12 (noon). Food and music all day. Bring your whole family for a day of fun and relaxation. See your friends and make new ones. Tell your friends, spread the word. Also, please purchase raffle tickets you received in the mail. Above all, we need workers in all areas. So, please contact our chair persons Don and Dave and volunteer for a specific job.

**Kolo Slava, August 26, 2018:** The St. George Circle of Serbian Sisters will celebrate their Patron Saint Day, Slava, the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos & Ever Virgin Mary on August 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be Holy Liturgy at 10 A.M., a Parastos for deceased members, the Slava Ritual at 12:30 pm, and a Banquet to follow. Everyone is welcome!

**St. George Parish 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, November 4, 2018.** 90 years seems to be long time. Four generations lived during this period. Our pioneers with limited resources organized the church life in the city of Joliet. Most of them held manual jobs, working hard in those days to make it going even for their own families. Nevertheless, because of their strong faith and sense of belonging to Serbian people, they gave the maximum to build the church and other facilities to have regular church services. Comparing what we have today, they sacrificed a lot. Knowing that, we should do our best to make the parish grow and not to lack with financial resources. We should be good stewards.

**Have an enjoyable summer vacation:** We wish to all our students a pleasant summer vacation. We hope you will continue to attend church services on Sunday, and if possible on the Holy Days during the week. We need prayers to sustain us in our daily lives. So, may the good Lord guide you and protect you from harmful things in this life.

**Sts Peter and Paul Fast:** We are in the Sts Peter and Paul fasting season. The fasting period started on Monday, June 4, 2018, and it will end on the Feast Day of Sts Peter and Paul, Thursday, July 12, 2018. Since Easter was early this year, the fasting season of Sts Peter and Paul is longer. Again, we invite our parishioners to fast. It would be proper to fast the whole season. If you cannot endure, then fast Wednesdays and Fridays. Also we should have more parishioners receiving Holy Communion.

**Congratulations:** The former parishioner of our St. George Parish Milan Popovich, upon completion of the required theological studies, has been ordained a deacon in our Holy Orthodox Church today at Holy Liturgy in St. Nikola Serbian Orthodox Church in Brookfield, Illinois, by His Grace Bishop Longin. Milan and his wife Suzanne have been active in religious studies and lecturing in St. Nikola Parish in Brookfield. We wish the best to Milan in his new role in the Church. He will be attached to St. Nikola Serbian Orthodox Church in Brookfield. In honor of his ordination, a banquet is being held in Church Hall. God grant him many years.

**Church paper the Serb published and mailed:** Last week our church publication the Serb was mailed to our parishioners and friends. It takes time and efforts to put paper together. Make sure you read it and get necessary information regarding events in our St. George Parish. We thank our organizations' representatives for their reports and input.

**Thank you from the choir:** The choir sends A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who attended, supported, performed, donated bakery, sponsored the event through the Ad Book or a Banner, and/or volunteered at the Festival they hosted over Memorial Day weekend. They really appreciate your support.