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Sunday, August 19 – Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ / Preobrazenje

Epistle *2nd Peter 1:10-19* Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9*

Divine Liturgy at 10 am; Blessing of grapes and other seasonal fruits. Svecenje grozdja I drugog novog voca. Coffee hour

Saturday, August 25 – Vespers at 5 pm, confession to follow

Sunday, August 26 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost / Apodosis of the Transfiguration/ Odanije Preobrazenja

Epistle *I Cor. 16:13-24* Gospel *Matt. 21:33-42. Tone 4th*

Divine Liturgy at 10 am; Parastos for reposed kolo members, 12:30 pm slava rite and banquet to follow in the social center.

We are praying especially for: Ceil - Siba Severns, Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Radovan Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Vicki Dorsey, Richard Jovanovich, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

Reminder- All Parishioners: If you are not in attendance at Divine 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.

Prepare to confess and to partake of holy communion this fasting season. Confessions should be done on Saturday after the vespers and if unable to come, on Sunday morning, starting at 9:30 am

Pomens/litany

+ Orville (Ozzie) Belfield, given by Jean and Chuck Panella, Janet Belfield and Denis Belter and Andrea, Jovana, Tijana and Jameson, all Popovich	
+Lynn and Joe Enich Jr, given by Anka Laketa and family	+Nicholas and Beda Nikolich, +Peter and Leona Petkovich, given by
+Betty, Dusan, Mike, Ann, Mike Grubisich, given by Ely Grubisich	Peter and Kathy Petkovich
+Michael Kljaich, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez	
+Michael O'Leary, given by Annette O'Leary	+Michael O'Leary, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez
+Michael O'Leary, given by Nadine O'Leary	+Michael Kljaich, given by Michelle Burcenski
+Michael O'Leary, given by Anka Laketa	+Michael Kljaich, given by Tom and Sandy Burcenski
+Michael O'Leary, given by Tom, Sandy and Michelle Burcenski	+Michael Kljaich, given by Millie O'Leary
+Michael O'Leary, given by Jack and Ann Book	+Michael Kljaich, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts

Vjecnaja Pamjat

Note: Please call the parish priest in case of sickness and hospitalization.

The Dormition fast was established as preceding the great feasts of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Dormition of the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks—from August 14–August 27. The Dormition fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was “blessed among the women”, and she was chosen to “bear the Savior of our souls”. Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels.

Rejoice! O Virgin Theotokos! Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls! (Memorize it)

The essence of the fast is expressed in the following Church hymn: “If you fast from food, my soul, but are not purified of the passions, in vain do we comfort ourselves by not eating. For if the fast does not bring correction, then it will be hateful to God as false, and you will be like unto the evil demons, who never eat.”

Diocesan Kolo Slava, Dormition of the Theotokos, Tuesday, August 28th: Diocesan Federation of the Church Kolos will be observed on August 28, 2018 at the New Gracanica Monastery. Holy Liturgy will be at 10 A.M. followed by the banquet at the Monastery Hall. All parishes in Chicago and Milwaukee areas are urged to attend.

St. George Parish 90th 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.

The traditional Orthodox greeting is "Christ is in our midst" and the reply is "He is and ever shall be." In Church Slavonic it is "Hristos posredye nas" and the reply is "Yest i budet." Orthodox Ukrainians and Carpatho-Russians greet each other with "Glory to Jesus Christ" and the reply is "Glory forever." You have heard this probably either in the OCA or other Orthodox churches. The Serbian greeting is "Pomazhe Bog" and the reply is "Bog ti pomogo." In English it is "God is helping" and the reply is "May God help you."

Great Fun planned for September 16th at our Social Center. The Joliet Kolo and Lansing Kolos have a fundraiser planned to benefit the Lifeline Humanitarian Organization. For a nominal fee, you get appetizers, a great lunch along with live jazz music. Plus, there will be wine tasting, terrific raffle prizes and a fabulous bakery selection. Be there for fun and an opportunity to help Lifeline, a cause worthy of your donation.

Fr Aleksandar is getting to know you so when you come to receive Holy Mysteries, please tell him your full Baptismal name. When we pray for the health and salvation or for the repose of the souls, the full Baptismal name should be commemorated and not a nickname. Some people received a Serbian name at their baptism, some did not and some received a special saints name at their baptism and/or conversion to Orthodoxy. Those are the names they should use when confessing and/or receiving Holy Communion or when special prayers are said for them in church.