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Sunday, September 2 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Afterfeast of the Dormition

Epistle *II Cor. 1:21-2:4* Gospel *Matt. 22:2-14* Tone 5th

Divine Liturgy at 10 am; Coffee Hour

Monday, September 3 – Labor Day, picnic at New Gracanica Monastery

Saturday, September 8 – Vespers at 5 pm, confession to follow

Sunday, September 9 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Synaxis of the Serbian Saints

Epistle *II Cor 4:6-15; Heb 13:7-16* Gospel *Matt. 22:2-14; 5:14-19* Tone 6th

Divine Liturgy at 10 am; Coffee Hour

We are praying especially for: Siba Severns, Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Radovan Jovanovich, Nicholas Malinovich, Delores Malinovich, 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!

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.

Pomens/litany

+Michael Kljaich, given by Michelle Burcenski

+Michael O'Leary, given by Anka Laketa

+Michael O'Leary, given by Jack and Ann Book

+Michael Kljaich, given by Tom and Sandy Burcenski

+Sava Ancin, +Dragoslav, +Milorad and +Ruzica Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginja Lukin

+Nikola Susich, given by Anka Laketa and family

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.

When our college students leave their homes to study outside of their parishes they should look for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship at their new campuses. OCF is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF transforms the lives of college students in the United States and Canada by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church, cultivating a campus community of worship, witness, service, fellowship and education. Most of the bigger Colleges and Universities have organized OCF. Students, look for the OCF when you move in the campuses and parents please encourage your children to stay connected with their Orthodox church, OCF and /or local Orthodox church. Please let Fr Aleksandar know if you need more info about OCF and/or contact of the local Orthodox church in the town that your child is going to school.

Request for 90th Anniversary Commemorative Book sponsors: We are offering \$20.00 sponsorships for the 90th Anniversary Commemorative book whereas your name would be listed on a sponsorship page. If you are interested, please make checks payable to St. George Serbian Orthodox Church or pay with cash. You can submit your payment to Fr. Ned or to the wardens. The 90th Anniversary Committee greatly appreciates your support of our commemorative book.

Sunday, September 16th will be the beginning of Church School for 2018/19. After the Divine Liturgy, there will be a service of the Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the teachers and students and the classes will start after the Liturgy today. On the following Sundays, the teachers and students will be leaving the church right after communion. Parents, please stay in church today while your children are in the classroom to have a meeting with Fr Aleksandar.

This year we will try to have the church school classes after the Liturgy, and hope parents will understand the importance of the religious education of their children and not schedule activities on Sunday directly after Liturgy. While the children are in class, the parents can enjoy the coffee hour and in no time the children will be out. Having classes before the Liturgy did not work out well. Keeping the children from attending Liturgy on Sundays in order to have classes during the Liturgy is against the recommendation of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education. Children should be in church and participate in worship with their families. Another reason for not having classes during Liturgy is that the teachers would have to miss Liturgy and many of them also sing in the choir.

Orthodox children who have been baptized should partake of Communion regularly. Younger children may take Communion without Confession. Confession and preparation should start when they can understand preparation and the meaning of sin usually at the age of 7 or 8. Parents as the child's first teachers of the faith, should explain to their children the importance of proper preparation and the true meaning of Confession and Holy Communion and monitor their spiritual as well as their physical development.

Every Wednesday and Friday is to be observed with fasting unless some important Feast takes precedence over the fast. The Fast on Wednesday is in memory of the betrayal of the Lord, and the Fast on Friday in remembrance of His Passion and Death upon the Cross.

We will get more out of the services if we pray rather than merely attend them. Allow the hymns to enter your heart, and make their words your own. Remember that the services are not a time for private prayers but for sharing in the common worship of the Church.

Occasionally we see dates in religious books, bulletin or calendars like June 4 / 17 or September 1 /14 and we may get confused about why we have two dates. The first number is the church calendar date and the second is the date according to our old Julian calendar, which is always 13 days behind. The celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ is December 25 /January 7. This means the church calendar states the Nativity of Christ is December 25, which is true but for us who follow the Julian calendar December 25 is actually January 7, again because we are 13 days behind.

Традиционални православни поздрав је „Христос је међу нама“ а одговор „Јесте и биће“ на црквенословенском је „Христос посредје нас“ а одговор „ Јест и будет“. Српски поздрав је „Помаже Бог“ а одговор „ Бог ти помого“.