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**Sunday, September 16 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle II Cor. 4:6-15 Gospel Matthew 22:35-46 Tone 7<sup>th</sup>*

Divine Liturgy at 10 am; Invocation of the Holy Spirit for the beginning of church school, church school classes.

**Thursday, September 20 – Vespers and confession at 6 pm**

**Friday, September 21 – The Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Sunday, September 23 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday before Exaltation**

*Epistle II Cor. 6:16; 7:1 Gal 6:11-18 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28; John 3:13-17 Tone 8<sup>th</sup>*

Divine Liturgy at 10 am; Church school. Lunch sponsored by the American Serbian Social Club

**We are praying especially for:** Siba Severns, Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Zoran Nikitovich, 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!

**Wine & Dine For Lifeline** -- On September 16th, the Joliet and Lansing Kolos are sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit Lifeline. All funds generated go toward helping the orphans, those with special needs and the elderly in Serbia. Come for an enjoyable afternoon filled with delicious food, entertainment, wine tasting, great raffles and activities for the children.

Pomens/litany

+Michael O'Leary, given by Anka Laketa

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**Request for 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book sponsors:** We are offering \$20.00 sponsorships for the 90<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee greatly appreciates your support of our commemorative book.

**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.

**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.

**Junior choir** will start on Sunday, September 16 from 9:40 am to 10 am. For more info please talk to Kathy Petkovich.

**St Cassiana** the choir slava will be celebrated on Sunday, September 30.

**The Monastic community** of the Nativity of the Theotokos Serbian Orthodox Monastery will be celebrating their slava on Friday, September 21. The Hierarchal liturgy will be at 10 am, slava rite and dinner to follow.

Monastery address: 32787 Early Rd; New Carlisle, IN 46552 574-654-7994

**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.

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

**After the liturgy**, all who received Holy Communion should remain in church to read the required prayers after receiving Holy Communion. The prayers are placed on the ikon table in the middle of church for your use. Please take one copy and return to the pew until everyone receives the blessed bread, prosphora. The priest will then start the prayers loudly with "Glory to Thee, O God, Glory to Thee" three times. Then everyone will read the prayers aloud. It is best if one person starts and the rest follow. If you are in hurry that Sunday for a good reason, please take a copy of prayers and read them by yourself after you receive prosphora. When you have finished, return the prayers to the ikon stand.

**All Orthodox faithful are encouraged to prepare and receive Holy Communion more often.** Christ is giving us His Precious Body and Blood in every Eucharistic Service, Liturgy, out of His great love for humankind to all repented sinners and not because we are "worthy". Repent and pray daily and receive the Gift which God gives you for the remission of your sins and unity with Him and all saints. Receive the life which only God gives.