

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, November 25 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost / St John the Merciful / Св Јован Милостиви

Epistle Eph. 5:8-19; Heb. 4:14-5:6 Gospel Luke 10:25-37; Luke 6:17-23 Tone 1st

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour.

Wednesday, November 28 – Beginning of Orthodox Nativity fast / Почетак Божићњег поста

Culture class at 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 1

Vespers/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, December 2 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Ephesians 6:10-17 Gospel Luke 12:16-21 Tone 2nd

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour.

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

Pomens/litany

+Michael O'Leary given by Annette O'Leary

+Michael O'Leary given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts

+William Gura, given by Ely Grubisich

+Dayna Less, given by Sam and Alex Starceвич and family

+Michael O'Leary given by Millie O'Leary

+Draga Vuicich given by Anka Laketa and family

+Dayna Less, given by Danilo Dorsey

Upcoming holy days / events:

December 4 – The Entry into the temple of the Theotokos/ Ваведеније

December 9 – Annual assembly of the congregation / Годишња скупштина парохије

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

We hope you visit our St George the Great Martyr Bookstore over the holidays. There are many cards, ikons and gift ideas.

Applications for the new Executive church board are at the warden's table, deadline is Nov 25, 2018. Also, the positions of: Hall Manager, Bar Manager, Kitchen Manager, Hall Janitor and Church Janitor are now open for anyone interested. Mail letters to church or give to warden. Deadline is regular December meeting.

During the church services all faithful should chant responses. It is not just a priest and choir/chanter dialog but the entire church. Please get more active during the services and praise your Lord

We are entering busy holiday season and also our Orthodox Nativity fast. Let us observe our fast and prepare to confess and at least once partake the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us find a way to combine our busy life and our faith and continue to be good Orthodox faithful during the months of December/January. We can do this but we need a strong will and obedience.

Orthodox boys who are 7 years or older should serve in the altar. Before sending their child to serve in the altar, it is important for parents to explain the position, and that it is an honor to serve and help the clergy during the service. Parents should also remember to bring them on time.

Reminder: During the Memorial Service in church, all faithful receive a candle to hold. Every candle has a plastic or foil cup in the middle to prevent wax from dripping on the floor or on clothing. Please, please hold your candles straight and make sure your child/children are doing the same so that wax does not drop on the floor or church furnishings. Hvala

We invite all to join us at our coffee hour after Sunday Divine Liturgy. This is an integral part of our fellowship and allows parishioners to meet and know each other.

The best time for confession is on the eve of the Liturgy, after vespers, on Saturday evening or on the eve of a Holy Day since the celebration of the Christian Sabbath and the Holy Days start in the evening. All faithful, and especially if a person wants to commune, should attend the evening service and the Holy Liturgy. Confession on Sunday Morning is only if you have family needs, job, distance, health or other important reason. Confessions on a Sunday and/or Holy Day Morning will start at least 30 minutes prior to the Liturgy. Please do not come to confession 5 minutes before the Liturgy begins! If the eve before you prepare to commune does not work for you and you can not make it early enough before the Liturgy, you can always make an appointment with your priest for your confession at another time. Before communion, please make sure you spiritually and physically prepare, make peace in your heart and read all your pre-communion prayers from your prayer book. Prayers should be read by all who communed after the Liturgy. Remain in church after you receive blessed bread, take a copy of the post-communion prayers which are in the reader's stand and wait until everyone in the church has received blessed bread, prosphora. Wait until the priest says, "Glory to Thee our God, Glory to Thee" 3 times. After this everyone who communed should read the prayers together and loudly. It would be best if one person leads the prayers.

You are welcome to take one of the Orthodox books from our library home to read during the Nativity fast and return it when you are done reading it. Please see Fr Aleksandar if you need a recommendation for the book.

After the Divine Liturgy and after receiving the prosphora is the time to solemnly leave the House of God. Any type of loud conversation and laughter in church is forbidden especially when people who are reading the prayers after communion are trying to concentrate and pray. We are all happy to see each other and like to visit, and the perfect place for that is after church during coffee hour or outside. Loud conversations in church before the liturgy starts and/or after the liturgy should never happen.

Retreat at St John Greek Orthodox church in Des Plaines, IL on December 7-9, 2018. Topic: Voice of the Voiceless. Youth and Young adults are especially encouraged to attend Friday evening's talk. Please check the Flier on the bulletin board downstairs. For more info view the church's website <https://www.stjohnthebaptistgoc.org/>

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