

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 1– 10th Sunday after Pentecost Epistle / Cor 4:9-16 Gospel Matt. 17:14-23 tone 1st 3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee hour.

Sunday, September 8– 11th Sunday after Pentecost Epistle / Cor. 9:2-12 Gospel Matt. 18:23-35 Fr Makarios Robinett is serving the liturgy tone 2nd

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Prayer for the beginning of church school. Lifeline Fundraiser in the Social Center.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

September 11 – Beheading of St John the Baptist / posno day

21 – Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojin.

27 – The Exaltation of the Precious Cross / Krstovdan / posno day

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Verelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceovich, Genevieve Ostoich, Roger Trizna, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Milenko Rajak, Ben Somerville, Pat Mancke, Susan Kljaich, Draginja Lukin, 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)** +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Milorad Arsenović, given by Rajko Arsenović family; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Nicolette Stanton; +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Boricich; +Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic family; +Helen Sebastian, given by Nadine Paukstys; +Donna Moses, given by Matthew Moses and family;

Fr Aleksandar will use part of his annual vacation from September 2 to 21, 2024. On Sundays, September 8 and 15, our church will have Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Remember we will start Sunday liturgies at 10 am on Sunday, September 8. While absent from the parish a local Orthodox clergy will cover all emergencies for Father Aleks. Please call or text Protinica Gordana if you need an Orthodox priest. Father Aleks will not have access to emails while away. You can text him on his mobile using the Viber app.

Remember Sunday's liturgies will start at 10 am on Sunday, September 8! **Parents**, please return your child/children church school enrolment form to Fr Alex or mail it to him.

Our St George church is trying to organize a "Family Night" in our parish this fall, possibly in October. Please share your ideas and suggestions. Let Fr Alex know if you are interested and please talk to your family members and family about it.

Lifeline - The 3Kolo fundraiser to benefit Lifeline Chicago is on September 8 at our Joliet Social Center. The event kicks off at noon with delicious appetizers, a cash bar followed by a feast at 1:00. For just \$25, you'll not only get fantastic food and drink, but a chance to win some spectacular raffle prizes including a 2024 Olympic basketball signed by the entire Serbian team. Please make it a point to be there as every dollar earned goes to help our Serbian brothers and sisters overseas. If you have questions, please contact Danielle at 630-709-7437 or Helen at 312-914-6053. If you can't make it, you can still support this cause with a donation. Checks should be payable to Lifeline Chicago. Also, our St George Kolo is selling \$10 raffle tickets to benefit this cause so please buy a ticket or two.

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.

Sunday, September 8th will be the beginning of Church School for 2024/25. After the Divine Liturgy, there will be a service of the Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the teachers and students and the introduction classes for students and parents will start after the Liturgy in classroom. On the following Sundays, the teachers and students will be leaving the church right after communion.

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."

Немојте заборавити да недељне литургије од идуће недеље почињу у 10 ујуро.

Црквена школа за децу почиње идуће недеље после литургије и биће сваке недеље после причести. Упишите и доводите децу у цркву редовно

У октобру смо желели да организујемо породично вече једне суботе. Почели би са вечерњом службом и вечера. Деца би имала час српског кола, а одрасли разговор. Јавите свештенику ако имате какав предлог

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!
Идите у миру, волите и служите Господа!**