

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, October 20– 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Martyrs Serge and Bacchus / Srdjevdan

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28 tone 8th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee Hour, Fr Aleks will have a meeting with students and parents / teacher after the liturgy in the church

Saturday, October 26

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 27– 18th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy mother Parasceva / Sveta Petka /Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787)

Epistle II Cor 9:6-11; Heb 13:7-16 Gospel Lk 5:1-14; John 17:1-13; Matthew 25:1-13 tone 1st

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. ASSC/Culture club luncheon in the upper bar area. All welcome!

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 31 – St Luke the evangelist / Sv Luka

November 2 – Memorial Saturday / Mitrovske zadusnice

3 – Church anniversary / Dinner

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Craig Vercelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Ben Somerville, Draginja Lukin, Cheryl Ferguson, Anka Laketa, 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; +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Boricich; +Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic family; +Joyce Bauman, +Chris Nikolich, +Joseph Orlovich Jr and +Paul Shimek, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich; +Thomas Astorino, given by Millie O'Leary; +Thomas Astorino, given by Nadine O'Leary & Josh Potts; +Thomas Astorino, given by Annetee O'Leary;

Axios! (Worthy) to the newly consecrated Bishop Serafim (Baltich) appointed as Vicar (deputy) to our Metropolitan Longin.

Sunday, November 3 will be our church 96th anniversary with a dinner in our Social Center. Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends. Our St George Serbian Orthodox Church in Joliet was organized in 1928. The first church was built on Scott Street on the east side of the city in the area where most of the first Serbian immigrants lived and worked. Before the parish was organized, Serbs belonged to St Nicholas, and at that time it was the Russian Orthodox Church which was also on the east side. It currently is St Nicholas OCA Church in Joliet. We are grateful to God for 96 years of our parish! We are looking forward to its centennial in a few years.

The ASSC and Culture Club will sponsor a Chili luncheon along with salads, hotdogs and desserts on Sunday, October 27 after the Liturgy in the upper level of the Hall. We hope to see everyone there for good food and fellowship. We will also have the Bears Game on for anyone interested.

Our St George Bookstore has a variety of amazing Christmas and other appropriate gifts. Orthodox cards, ikons, and other devotional items are available for purchase. Please go downstairs after the liturgy and see if you can find something for your family and friends.

The words from our Patriarch Porfirije (paraphrased) When do we fast, make our confession and partake of holy communion? We fast when the Church asks us to fast during the fasting seasons and on certain holy days, we partake of holy communion at Divine Liturgy and confess regularly from our hearts and not mechanically. For historical reasons, we stopped frequent communion, and it must be restored. Regulations on fasting, how much and whether it will be increased or decreased for certain parishioners, when and how many times to confess, before every communion or once per month or so, and the preparation for the communion, first and foremost is between every faithful parishioner and their spiritual father, the priest. The old "tradition" was that you fast one week or five days, go to "confession" mechanically and are ready to commune. This is truly the "old way" and should be replaced. Please think about the words and suggestions of our beloved Patriarch! **Those of you who would like to partake holy communion more frequently, please talk to Fr Alex.**

После литургије имамо кафу и мало послужење у подруму цркве. Немојте журити кући после литургије него идите доле и поразговарајте са осталим верницима и упознајте се са њима. У недељу 27 октобра после литургије ће бити мали ручак у горњој сали у бару за све после литургије. Планирајте да останете.

У недељу 3 новембра је црквена годишњица. Наша парохија Св Георгија славаи 96 година од постојања. Парохија је основана 1928 година а пре тога Срби су у Џолијету одлазили у Руску цркву Св Николе која је 117 година стара. После литургије ће бити ручак у сали и планирајте да останете.

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