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Sunday, June 16 – Sunday of the holy fathers of First Ecumenical Council / Father's Day

Epistle Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 Gospel John 17:1-13 Tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee hour.

Saturday, June 22 – Memorial Saturday / Duhovske zadušnice

Divine Liturgy and general parastos at 9 am

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, June 23 – Holy Pentecost – Trinity Sunday / Duhovi / Sveta Trojica

Epistle Acts 2:1-11 Gospel John 7:37-52; 8:12

3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Pentecost vespers/kneeling prayers after the liturgy. Coffee hour

Upcoming Feast days and events:

June 28 – Vidovdan

30 – Parish Vidovdan celebration and lunch / Parohijska proslava Vidovdana I ručak

July 1 – Beginning of Apostolic Fast / Početak Apostolskog Posta

28 – Annual Serbfest/Picnic at St Joe Park in Joliet

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Roger Trizna, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorevic, Milenko Rajak, Dollie Book, Micah Epps, 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) + Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajic family; +Vlada, +Milorad and +Ruzica Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Milorad Arsenović, given by Rajko Arsenović family; +Steve Pyevich, given by Pam Duncan; +Joseph Orlovich, given by Debborah Schumann; +Nikola Vuicich, +George Jovanovich and +Jovo Prica, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich; +Peter Sr and +Trifko Laketa, +Pavao Susich, given by Anka Laketa and family; +Arthur Schumann, +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Bertha Radakovich, given by Olga Schumann; +John O'Brien, +George and +Paul Shimek, +Milan Jakovljevic, +Rade Ostoich and +Vaso Petkovich, given by Shimek and Jakovljevic families;

There will be no pomens on Holy Pentecost, June 23.

In reembrace of the special holiday in our Serbian culture, VIDOVDAN the battle of Kosovo year 1389. On June 28th of that year, the Serbian army fought against the Ottoman army and prince Lazar' was slain on the battle field. The American Serbian Social Club ASSC is inviting all parish members of our church community to a luncheon in the upper bar level of our Social Center in observance of this Serbian national holiday. We hope to see all of the Saint George parishioners on Sunday June 30th 2024

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. Prepare yourselves to partake of saving Mysteries next Sunday of Pentecost.

Our Orthodox people have many beautiful customs which are practiced especially on the main Holy Days of the church. These customs give a festive feeling to the day and one can't help but to realize that it is a special day! One of these customs is the decorating of the church and home with foliage on Pentecost. The greens usually spread over the floor of the church and the foliage is used to decorate the entrance of the church, iconostas and other areas. In the Serbian Orthodox church, the faithful braid the greens into wreaths during the kneeling of prayers at the vespers which follows the Divine Liturgy. The custom of decorating church/home with boughs is an ancient one. Goes back in the Old Testament temple during the Jewish Pentecost (Lev 23:10-17) Branches of trees, flowers, and grass remind the Jews how Israel lived in tabernacles round Mt Sinai. The first Christians were Jews and so without a doubt on the day of Pentecost the house where the Apostles were meeting when the Holy Spirit descended upon them was decorated in the traditional manner. From the Apostolic times, the Christian churches and homes were decorated in like manner. Flowers and foliage are tokens of the renewal of nature in the spring and they thus typify the renewal of mankind through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Nativity of Mother of God Monastery near South Bend, IN needs our prayers and support. Currently, they have many financial struggles, and an elderly nun who has been in the monastery since the beginning of the 1980's is ill. Please keep Mother Makrena and sisters in your prayers and especially Mother Antonina who is ill. If you can, please send them your contribution to help with their financial struggles. You can send your check to: The Nativity of the Mother of God Monastery, 32787 Early Rd, New Carlisle, IN 46552. Or you can make your check to St George Church, and in the memo note it is for the monastery in IN. Thank you, and may God reward you.

На Видовдан литургија ће бити у 9 ам. Парохијска прослава Видовдана је у недељу 30 јуна. Биће парастос за све православне Србе који су дали своје животе за веру и православље и ручак у сали после. Планирајте да дођете!

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