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

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

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

**Fast free week, ova sedmica se ne posti**

**Monday, June 24 – The Day of the Holy Spirit** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Tuesday, June 25 – Pentecost Tuesday** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Thursday, June 27** Vigil/confession at 6 pm

**Friday, June 28 – Vidovdan / Great-martyr Tsar Venerable Lazar of Serbia (1389)** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Sunday, June 30 – Sunday of All Saints / Nedelja Svih Svetih**

*Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel Matthew 10:32,33,37-38; 19 27-30 tone 8<sup>th</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Vidovdan parastos and luncheon in the upper-level bar. Kolo sestara meeting

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

July 1 – Beginning of Apostolic Fast / Početak Apostolskog Posta

7 – The Nativity of St John the Baptist / Ivanjdan

28 – Annual Serbfest/Picnic at St Joe Park in Joliet/ Godisnji crkveni piknik u St Joseph parku u 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, 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!

**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 battlefield. 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

**Dear Parishioners**, beginning Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, the entire Social Center parking lot will be resurfaced, resealed, and restriped. This means there will be no access to foot or vehicular traffic the entire week through Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Dan Dorsey

**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 follow 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!***