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**Sunday, July 7 – Second Sunday after Pentecost / Nativity of St John the Baptist / Ivanjdan**

*Epistle Rom. 2:10-16 Rom. 13:11-14:4 Gospel Matt. 4:18-23 & Luke 1:5-25, 57-68, 76, 80 tone 1<sup>st</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee hour

**Thursday, July 11**

Vigil/confession at 6 pm

**Friday, July 12 – Sts Peter and Paul / Petrovdan**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Saturday, July 13 – St Mardarije celebration at St Sava Monastery in Libertyville**

Hierarchal liturgy at 9:30 am at St Sava monastery

**Sunday, July 14 – Third Sunday after Pentecost / Sts Cosma and Damian, martyrs at Rome**

*Epistle Romans 5:1-10 Gospel Matthew 6:22-33 tone 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Parastos for Fr Nedeljko Lunich. Coffee hour.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

July 13 & 14 – Greek Fest at All Saints church in Joliet

28 – Annual Serbfest/Picnic at St Joseph Park in Joliet/ Godišnji crkveni piknik u St Joseph parku u Joliet

August 2 – St Elijah the prophet / Sv Ilija

4 – Blessing of vehicles on church parking after the liturgy

**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, 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 Sajić family; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Milorad Arsenović, given by Rajko Arsenović family; +Steve Pyevich, given by Pam Duncan;

**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

**"The benefit of fasting," teaches Saint Basil the Great,** "is not limited by the abstinence of food alone, because true fasting is the eradication of evil deeds. Everyone should become liberated from lies. Forgive your neighbor when he insults you; forgive him his debts. You don't eat meat, but hurt your brother ... We will fast in a way that is pleasing to God. A true fast is the elimination of evil, restraint of what one says, suppression of anger, the alienation of lust, malignant gossip, lies, and perjury. Abstinence from all these is true fasting." In summary, just as we fell into sin and lost heavenly bliss because of the lack of restraint of our forefathers, so through voluntary fasting we can restore in ourselves the grace of God.

**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

**The Holy Hierarchal Assembly of the Serbian Orthodox Church** gave a new title to Bishop Longin and changed the name of our Diocese. His Grace Bishop Longin's new title is: His Eminence Archbishop of New Gracanica -Chicago and Metropolitan of Midwestern America. When we address him, it should be Your Eminence.

**Our picnic is coming up on July 28 at St Joseph Park.** We are asking our bakers to please plan to bake some goods and bring them to the kitchen in the social center on Saturday, July 27. Any type of baked goods is good; cookies, cakes and nut/puppy seed rolls tend to sell well. However, please do not bring any baked goods that need to be refrigerated. Text/call Elizabeth Laketa at 630-247-1341 or Anka Laketa 630-392-5172. Also, anyone that can help sell bakery goods for two hours will be appreciated. Let them know what time will be convenient for you.

**When our college students leave their homes** to study outside of their parishes, they should look for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship at their new campuses. OCF is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF transforms the lives of college students in the United States and Canada by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church, cultivating a campus community of worship, witness, service, fellowship and education. Most of the bigger Colleges and Universities have organized OCF. Students, look for the OCF when you move in the campuses and parents please encourage your children to stay connected with their Orthodox church, OCF and /or local Orthodox church. Please let Fr Aleksandar know if you need more info about OCF and/or contact of the local Orthodox church in the town that your child is going to school.

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