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Sunday, August 6 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost / Martyr Christina / Mučenica Hristina

Epistle I Cor. 3:9-17 Gospel Matt. 14:22-34 tone 8th

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

Wednesday, August 9 – Great martyr and healer Panteleimon / Sv Pantelija

Saturday, August 12 – Ven mother Angelina of Serbia / Sv majka Angelina

Sunday, August 13 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle I Cor. 4:9-16; Gal. 5:22-6:2 Gospel Matt. 17:14-23; Matt. 11:27-30 tone 1st

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

Upcoming Feast days and events:

August 14 – Beginning of Dormition Fast / Početak Gospojinskog posta

19 – Transfiguration / Preobrazenje

27 – Kolo sestara slava, posno brunch after.

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Jovanka Rastović, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, George and Joan Cizmas, 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!

Dr's Mike and Nadine Keer from Arizona made a contribution of \$250 to FR Ned Scholarship Fund in honor of Fr Ned being SNF Man of the Year. It is greatly appreciated. Puno hvala!

Pomens (Litany) +Jelka Lunich Cajic, given by V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and family; +Jelka Lunich Cajic, given by Fr Alex Bugarin and family; +Sophie Anderson, given by Olga Schumann; +Sophie Anderson, given by Vyt/Nadine Paukstys, +Barbara Kozak, given by Kirk/Jackie Stapinski; +Donna Laketa Caton and +Sophie Anderson, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich; +Sophie Anderson and +Radasin Markovic, given by Jack/Dollie Book; +Sophie Anderson, given by Erich, Christina, Alexandra and Lauris Konjevich; +Sophie Anderson, given by Larry/Yvonne Taylor; +Sophie Anderson, given by Genevieve Ostoich; +John and +Bertha O'Brian, +Ely Grubisich, +Millie Skoryi and +Sophie Anderson, given by Gayle Shimek and family;

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.

The beginning of 2023/24 school year and children's religious training will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2023, with a prayer service – moleban, and introduction class. Classes will continue every Sunday after Holy Communion. We know children can't drive themselves to the church; it is a parent or grandparents' job and we hope and pray they will fulfill their parental task. After Labor Day, we will go back starting the Divine Liturgy at 10am on Sunday. The enrollment forms will be sent to all parents. Please take your time to fill them out and return them to Gayle Shimek before September 10. Thank you.

Parental duty includes explaining to their children about the house of God and proper behavior there. In case a young child is upset, starts crying, misbehaves or disturbs others in praying take him/her out for a minute. Boys of seven years of age and older should be encouraged to serve as Altar servers. Boys and girls from 10 and above should be instructed to read the epistle. Chanting the epistle would be perfect, but clear and loud reading is also good. We love to see our youth in church as they are our present and future and even if they make a small noise, it is a well-pleasing noise which means we are alive.

The Dormition fast was established as preceding the Great feasts of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Dormition of the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks—from August 14–August 27. The Dormition fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was "blessed among the women", and she was chosen to "bear the Savior of our souls". Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels.

Rejoice! O Virgin Theotokos! Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls! (Memorize it)

The essence of the fast is expressed in the following Church hymn: "If you fast from food, my soul, but are not purified of the passions, in vain do we comfort ourselves by not eating. For if the fast does not bring correction, then it will be hateful to God as false, and you will be like unto the evil demons, who never eat."

Госпојински пост почиње 14 августа и траје две седмице. Појачајте Ваше молитве Богу и Пресветој Богородици и постите. Исповедите се и причестите. Прослава славе кола сестара са доручком у сали ће бити у недељу 26 августа. Парохијанке да ли сте чланице кола сестара, ако нисте треба да се учланите и акивно учествујете у раду ове врло важне групе при нашој цркви.

Од септембра 10 враћамо се на недељне литургије у 10 часова уместо у 9 како то преко лета радимо.

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