

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, August 11 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle Rom. 15:1-7 Gospel Matt. 9:27-35 tone 6<sup>th</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Blessing of vehicles.

**Tuesday, August 13 – Eve of the beginning of Dormition Fast/ Navečerje početka Gospojinskog posta**

Vespers at 6 pm, religious discussion after

**Sunday, August 18 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Forefeast of the Transfiguration**

*Epistle I Cor. 1:10-18 Gospel Matt. 14:14-22 tone 7<sup>th</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. **Blessing of grapes and other seasonal fruits.** Coffee hour, teachers meeting  
Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

August 19 - Holy Transfiguration /Preobraženje Gospodnje  
25 – Kolo sestara slava celebration  
28 – Dormition of the Theotokos / Velika Gospojina  
September 8 - 3Kolo Lifeline Fundraiser 12:00pm / Beginning of church school 2024/25  
29 – 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Nicholas OCA church 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 Gligorević, Milenko Rajak, Novka Mrdja, Ben Somerville, 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 and +Miroľjub Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Milorad Arsenović, given by Rajko Arsenović family; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Nicolette Stanton; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by +Sophie Anderson’s children; +Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich; +Anka Orlovich, +Judy and +Jeffrey Lockwood and +Kimball Mancke, given by Bob Orlovich; +Delores Malinovich, given by Millie O’Leary, +Delores Malinovich, given by Nadine O’Leary and Josh Potts; +Delores Malinovich, given by Annette O’Leary;

**Blessing of grapes** ..... Please bring grapes and other pre washed new fruits to be blessed on Sunday, August 18 and on Monday, the Feast of Transfiguration.

**Our St George church is trying to organize a "Family Night"** in our parish this fall, possibly in October. Please share your ideas and suggestions. Let Fr Alex know if you are interested and please talk to your family members and family about it.

**The Kolo Slava Dormition of the Theotokos will take place on August 25.** At the end of the liturgy, we will have a parastos for deceased Kolo members and the blessing of Slava bread. After that, everyone is invited to join us in the upper bar of the social center for an informal posno potluck luncheon. Kathy Petkovich and Protinica are coordinating this event. Please join us in celebrating our Kolo members, past and present.

**SERB FEST ANOTHER SUCCESS:** Thanks to everyone who helped make Serb Fest another success this pazeње ak mozetet Sunday through your volunteering, in-kind donations. monetary support and spending the day with us. The Good Lord kept the rain away and made for a pleasant day for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. This event could not be as successful as it has been – especially over the past five years where we have made profits of no less than \$20,000 each year – without the assistance of our parish community. THANK YOU AGAIN!

**CEVAPS AND SHISH KABOBS FOR SALE:** Like one year ago, we did have an excess of food from Serb Fest that we are looking to offer to all of our parishioners/friends at cost. We have wrapped and frozen all of these items. We currently have the following packages available:

1 pound of cevaps (12 cevaps per pound) - \$7 per pound

1 package of pork or chicken shish kabobs (6 per package) - \$18 (\$3 per kabob)

If interested, contact Dave Laketa at either of the following: Text/Call: 815-263-3842 (Text is preferable) or

Email: [dlaketa@stfrancis.edu](mailto:dlaketa@stfrancis.edu)

We will be able to hold the items for you until the next time you are in Joliet or you can pick them up after church over the next few Sundays. All items sold will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

**The Dormition fast** was established as preceding the great feasts of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Dormition of down to us from the early days of Christianity. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was “blessed among the women”, and she the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks—from August 14–August 28. The Dormition fast comes 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)*

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