

## St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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The most common fruit to be blessed are grapes. The blessing of fruits i.e., grapes, apples, etc., on this day, is one very beautiful custom of our Holy Church. The practice signifies the final transfiguration of all things in Christ our Savior.

### Sunday, August 20 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Epistle I Cor. 9:2-12 Gospel Matt. 18:23-35 tone 2<sup>nd</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Blessing of seasonal fruit. Coffee Hour.

**Wishing you a blessed and beneficial Dormition Fast!**

**Saturday, August 26** Vigil / confession at 5 pm

### Sunday, August 27 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Forefeast of the Dormition / Kolo slava celebration

*Epistle I Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel Matt. 19:16-26 tone 3<sup>rd</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Parastos for all deceased sisters and slava kolac blessing. Lenten brunch in the hall after the services.

Vigil/confession at 6 pm

**Upcoming Feast days and events:** August 28 – Dormition of the Theotokos / Velika Gospojina

September 10 – Beginning of church school instructions

**From September 10, 2023, the Divine Liturgy on Sundays will start at 10 am. Please mark your calendars.**

**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!

**Pomens (Litany)** +Sophie Anderson, given by Olga Schumann; +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 and +Ely Grubisich, given by Genevieve Ostoich; +Millie Stapinski, given by Kirk/Jackie Stapinski; +Orville Belfield, given by Jean & Chuck Panella, Janet Belfield & Denis Belter, Andrea & Marwen Popovich – Maachaoui and Jamerson Popovich; +Michael Kljaich, given by Nadine O'Leary & Josh Potts, +Michael Kljaich, given by Millie O'Leary, +Michael Kljaich, given by Annette O'Leary; +Nicholas and +Beda Nikolich, +Sophie Anderson and +Paul Shimek, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich; +Ely Grubisich, +Millie Skoryi, +Jelka Lunich Cajic, given by Jack/Dollie Book; +John and +Bertha O'Brian, +Mimi Dejanovich, +Richard Jovenovich and +JoAnne Orlovich, given by Gayle Shimek and family.

**Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Theotokos is Kolo Sestara slava** and will be celebrated on Sunday, August 27. Parastos for all deceased sisters will be after the liturgy and blessing of slava kolac. Posno brunch after the services in the hall. Parishioners are invited to join the kolo for their slava.

Sisters are asked to prepare to receive the Mysteries on Sunday. Monday, August 28 is the Feast of Dormition, Divine Liturgy is at 9 am.

**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 beginning of the 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 10 am 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.

**Госпојински пост почиње 14 августа** и траје две седмице. Појачајте Ваше молитве Богу и Пресветој Богородици и постите. Исповедите се и причестите.

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

**Донесите опрано свеже грожђе** и друго ново воће у цркву на Преображење или у недељу августа 20 да се освети. После свећења понесите га кући.

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