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**Sunday, September 8– 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle I Cor. 9:2-12 Gospel Matt. 18:23-35 tone 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr Makarios Robinett is serving the Liturgy*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.** Moleban for the beginning of church school. Lifeline fundraiser.

**Wednesday, September 11 – Beheading of St John / Usekovanije Sv Jovana / Posno day**

**Sunday, September 15– 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Synaxis of Serb Saints**

*Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel Matthew 19:16-26 tone 3<sup>rd</sup> Fr Petar Sailovic is serving the Liturgy*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.** Coffee Hour, church school.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

September 21 – Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina  
27 – The Exaltation of the Precious Cross / Krstovdan / posno day  
29 - St Nicholas OCA in Joliet, 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary, mark your calendar and plan to attend

**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, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Ben Somerville, Pat Mancke, Susan Kljaich, Draginja Lukin, 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)** +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Milorad Arsenović, given by Rajko Arsenović family; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Nicolette Stanton; +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Boricich; +Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic family

**Fr Aleksandar** will use part of his annual vacation from September 2 to 21, 2024. On Sundays, September 8 and 15, our church will have Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Remember we will start Sunday liturgies at 10 am on Sunday, September 8. While absent from the parish a local Orthodox clergy will cover all emergencies for Father Aleks. Please call or text Protinica Gordana if you need an Orthodox priest. Father Aleks will not have access to emails while away. You can text him on his mobile using the Viber app.

**Parents**, please return your child/children church school enrolment form to Fr Alex or mail it to him.

**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.

**Lifeline** - The 3Kolo fundraiser to benefit Lifeline Chicago is on September 8 at our Joliet Social Center. The event kicks off at noon with delicious appetizers, a cash bar followed by a feast at 1:00. For just \$25, you'll not only get fantastic food and drink, but a chance to win some spectacular raffle prizes including a 2024 Olympic basketball signed by the entire Serbian team. Please make it a point to be there as every dollar earned goes to help our Serbian brothers and sisters overseas. If you have questions, please contact Danielle at 630-709-7437 or Helen at 312-914-6053. If you can't make it, you can still support this cause with a donation. Checks should be payable to Lifeline Chicago. Also, our St George Kolo is selling \$10 raffle tickets to benefit this cause so please buy a ticket or two.

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** will be the beginning of Church School for 2024/25. After the Divine Liturgy, there will be a service of the Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the teachers and students and the introduction classes for students and parents will start after the Liturgy in classroom. On the following Sundays, the teachers and students will be leaving the church right after communion.

**Coming to church services late** after the service has begun is not spiritually beneficial for many reasons. First, you are missing many important prayers and especially if a person is not on time for the epistle or gospel message. If you come late, you might disturb others in their prayers and finally it can become a very bad habit for you and your family who will learn from you that it is ok to come to church late and miss half of the service.

Try to get up earlier on Sunday, get yourself ready and come to church on time. During the service, be actively involved by singing with the choir and praying with the church prayers. Then you will not be bored and think the service was 10 minutes longer, we had more Serbian or English, or that the sermon was long and/or think about unimportant and irrelevant issues when you are in church to worship.

**У октобру смо желели да организујемо** породично вече једне суботе. Почели би са вечерњом службом и вечера. Деца би имала час српског кола, а одрасли разговор. Јавите свештенику што пре можете ако имате какав предлог или сте заинтересовани да дођете.

**Отац Александар је у Србији.** Данашњу литургију служи отац Макарије из Нове Грачанице а следеће недеље отац Петар Саиловић из Либертивила. Уколико има хитна потреба за свештеника преко недеље, позовите протиницу и она ће наћи свештеника.

**Данас почиње веронаука за децу.** Да ли сте уписали децу у црквену школу? Часови су после литургије сваке недеље у подруму цркве. Доводите децу редовно.

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