

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, September 22– 13th Sunday after Pentecost / Righteous Joachim and Anna
Epistle I Cor. 16:13-24 Gospel Matt 21:33-42 tone 4th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee Hour, church school.

Thursday, September 26
Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Friday, September 27 – The Universal Exaltation of the Precious Cross / Krstovdan / posno day
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, September 28
Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, September 29– 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle II Cor. 1:21-2:4 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1; Matt. 22:2-14 tone 5th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee Hour, church school. 117th anniversary of St Nicholas OCA church in Joliet

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 5 – Memorial Saturday / Михольске задушнице
 12 – Ven Cyriacus the Hermit / Miholjdan
 14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Pokrov Presvete Bogorodice

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelete, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevic, 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!

Prayers (Litany) +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich; +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Nicolette Stanton; +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Boricich; +Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic family; +Peter Laketa Sr, given by Anka Laketa and family; +Peter Laketa Sr, given by Annette O'Leary;

About once a month, Fr Alex will have a catechism meeting with church school students, parents, and all who are interested, on a Sunday after the liturgy. On that Sunday there will be no church school class. The reason for this is to include our parents and parishioners who also want and/or need to increase their knowledge regarding their Orthodox faith. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, October 20 after the liturgy. After receiving the prosphora, please remain in church. This will not be a classical church school class but rather a discussion and dialog.

Parents, please return your child/children church school enrolment form to Kathy Petkovich or mail it to him.

We are now in the second part of the 2024 year. We would like to remind all of our stewards to check if they are up to date with their financial obligations for the year 2024 and previous years. The minimum financial donation is \$300 per year. Please use your weekly, holiday and other envelopes that you have in your weekly donation box. In addition to your financial obligation, please make sure you are in good standing with your Sacramental and liturgical Orthodox way of life. The purpose of being in good standing is to be able to attend and vote at our annual assemblies and run for the church board office plus to be able to use other member discounts. Please contact Tana Petrich at tjpetrich@gmail.com to confirm your financial status.

It is important to periodically remind ourselves about the proper way of entering and behaving in church during worship services. The church is the House of God and even before we enter, we must prepare ourselves and realize where we are entering. All loud talking and laughing should stay outside. Please take candy or gum out of your mouth since it is inappropriate to chew in church. Immediately after you make your entrance into the church, you are in the church and you should cross yourself with a bow and say "Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner" and venerate ikons which are in the narthex. The faithful should always make two small metanias, bows, before an ikon, kiss the ikon either the hands or feet of the Saint who is depicted in the ikon and the third bow. Proceed to the nave of the church and venerate the ikon in the middle isle and other ikons in front of the altar. After this, purchase and light your candles and go to your place and piously wait for the beginning of the service. Please read all prayers before the Liturgy. Loud conversations and congregating in the back is not appropriate in church. If you come to church you should be participating in the worship with all the faithful and not socializing in the back/basement. **Please come to church on time** and before the service starts.

During the service you should follow the Liturgy book, if it is a liturgy, or other booklets which are usually available on the warden table for vespers and other services. Try to sing responses and actively participate in the worship. In the Divine Liturgy book, it is marked when you should stand and when you may sit down. If you have health issues and/or children and elderly, you may sit down at any time. When the deacon/priest senses you, you should bow down and cross yourself. When the priest turns and gives a blessing to the faithful, they should bow down **and not cross themselves**.

If you are late for the service, please don't purchase or light your candles nor walk through the church during the small or great entrance and during the reading of Scriptures and during the homily.

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