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Sunday, September 29- 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after Exaltation

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

Saturday, October 5 -Memorial Saturday / Miholjske zadušnice

Divine Liturgy and a general parastos at 9 am

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 6- 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle II Cor. 4:6-15; Gal. 4:22-31 Gospel Luke 5:1-11; Luke 1:5-25 tone 6th

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

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 12 – Ven Cyriacus the Hermit / Miholjdan
14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Pokrov Presvete Bogorodice
27 – Holy mother Parasceva / Sv majka Paraskeva

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Craig Vercelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Ben Somerville, Pat Mancke, 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; V Rev Stevan Prostran (60 years of his blessed repose); +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Boricich; +Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic family; +Cindi Buck, given by Will/Kathy Harper; +Nikola Vuicich and +Jovo Prica, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich; +Donna Moses, given by Ron Moses and family; +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Fr Aleksandar and family;

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.

Saturday, October 5 is Memorial Saturday or zadušnice on the Serbian Orthodox Calendar. That day there will be Divine Liturgy and a general parastos in the church for all reposed Orthodox Christians. Please use a special form which is available on the warden's table to write the names of your Orthodox deceased beloved ones and leave it on the middle table by the koljivo on Saturday, October 5. Please let Fr Aleksandar know if you want to bring koljivo for that day. It is tradition to visit the graves of your reposed family and friends that day.

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.

Fall is coming and it is the time when many Serbian families will celebrate their krsna slava - family Patron Saint. Traditionally, the family will bring a kolac (festal bread) and koljivo (cooked wheat) to church for blessing or the priest will visit their home and do the slava rite there. Kolac, koljivo and a candle are most important for the slava and of course to come to church that day to give thanks to God and the Saint for all the grace and benefits they have received and to remember the reposed family members in prayer. Slava is an open house day, relatives and friends come and wish srecna slava, enjoy good food and friendship. Our ancestors remembered slava through the centuries living in the Balkan areas even under Turkish, Communist and other occupations. Why would we who live in this free and blessed Country not remember this important family event. In the modern way of life, business, many family activities, both spouses having a job, and a great distance from the church and each other, many stopped having open house. This is fine but please remember the day, have a kolac and koljivo and light a candle during the meal with your family and prayerfully spend the time with your family. If your children do not experience slava celebration in their home, they will not continue this centuries old Serbian family holiday.

Следеће суботе 5 октобра су Михољске задушнице. Литургија и парастос за све упокојене у 9 ам. Дођите и оставите на столу у средини цркве имена ваших упокојених да се помену.

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