

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, October 1 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after Exaltation *Epistle II Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28 tone 8th* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee Hour and church school. Father Milos Vesin Retirement Celebration in Lansing

Saturday, October 7 – Memorial Saturday / Miholjske zadusnice Divine Liturgy and general parastos at 9 am

Sunday, October 8 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost *Epistle II Cor. 1:21-2:4 Gospel Matt. 22:1-14 tone 1st* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee hour and church school.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Pokrov Presvete Bogorodice
27 – St Parasceva / Sv Petka

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Verelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Jovanka Rastović, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevic, Janes Taylor, 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) +Alexander and +Violet Hrechko, given by Ron Moses and family;

October 14 and 15, Fall Food Fest at All Saints Greek Orthodox church in Joliet. From Noon to 8 pm. Please try to attend and support our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Joliet!

All Orthodox faithful are encouraged to prepare and receive Holy Communion more often. Christ is giving us His Precious Body and Blood in every Eucharistic Service, Liturgy, out of His great love for humankind to all repented sinners and not because we are "worthy". Repent and pray daily and receive the Gift which God gives you for the remission of your sins and unity with Him and all saints. Receive the life which only God gives.

Fr. Alex would like to have a meeting with the church board president, other church organization presidents, and one more from the boards, like Vice-president, secretary, treasurer, etc., on Sunday, October 15 after the Divine Liturgy. If anyone else from the boards desire to attend they are more than welcome to do so. The goal of this meeting is to improve our ministries and to work closer together, more effectively and proficiently for the benefit of St. George Church. If you have any questions, please call Father Alex.

Saturday, October 7 is Memorial Saturday or zadusnice 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 7. 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.

As you know and can see there is construction around the church driveways and parking lot. It is costly, and we are asking our parishioners and friends to please open their Christian hearts and donate as much as possible to these necessary repairs and replacement.

The traditional Orthodox greeting is "Christ is in our midst" and the reply is "He is and ever shall be." In Church Slavonic it is "Hristos posredye nas" and the reply is "Yest i budet." Orthodox Ukrainians and Carpatho-Russians greet each other with "Glory to Jesus Christ" and the reply is "Glory forever." You have heard this probably either in the OCA or other Orthodox churches.

The Serbian greeting is "Pomazhe Bog" and the reply is "Bog ti pomogo." In English it is "God is helping" and the reply is "May God help you."

Every Wednesday and Friday is to be observed with fasting unless some important Feast takes precedence over the fast. The Fast on Wednesday is in memory of the betrayal of the Lord, and the Fast on Friday in remembrance of His Passion and Death upon the Cross for us.

When we clean our bookshelves and closets, we often find many items we don't need anymore. If you find an Orthodox book, prayer book, ikon and other Orthodox items and don't have anyone else to give to, please bring it to church. For non-Orthodox items, books and magazines, please share them with your family and friends.

У суботу 7 октобра су Михолјске или јесење задушнице. Света Литургија и парастос за све упокојене православне хришћане ће бити у 9 ам. Напишите имена ваших упокојених и донесите у цркву да се помену напарастосу. Ставите имена пред колјива у средини цркве. Ако желите донесите и кољиво и ставите малу свећу у средину.

Око цркве се ставља нови асфалт и радови су у току. Паркирајте ваша кола поред сале и можете доћи до цркве преко дасака које су постављене. До цркве дођите на капију са Stryker улице. Ваш прилог за овај велики рад око цркве можете дати у цркви само назначите да је за нови црквени паркинг. Хвала.

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