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Sunday, October 18 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle Gal 1:11-19 Gospel Luke 7:11-16 tone 3rd
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am**.** Coffee hour and church school. St George Centennial Committee Metting, parishioners invited

Monday, October 19 – St Thomas the apostle / Sv apostol Toma Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, October 24 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 25 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost / Holy fathers of the 7th eccumenical council
Epistle Gal 2 16-20; Hebrew 13:7-16 Gospel Luke 8:5-15 John 17:1-13 tone 4th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am**.** Coffee hour. Fr Alex will have a class with all church school students, teachers and parents immediatelly after the liturgy

Upcoming Feast days and events:
October 27 – Holy mother Parasceva / Sv majka Paraskeva / Sv Petka
31 – Apostle and evangelist Luke / Sv Luka
November 1 – 98th Church anniversary. Mark your calendar now!
14 – consecration of St Mardarije Cultural Center in Libertyville. Plan to attend!

Pomens (litany of the departed): +Radmila Djuric, given by Dragana Rizzi; +Ingrid Steegn-Bongartz, given by Pavel Talalaev; +Tom Kompare, +Nikola and +Draga Vuicich given by Darlene Jovanovich; +Nicholas Nikolich and +Paul Shimek, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich;

We are praying especially for: Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Dusan Cvjetkovic, John Radakovich, Roger Trizna, Bob Orlovich, Jack Book Sr, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering, in need of our prayers, and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

St. George Anniversary – Join us on Sunday, November 1st, as we celebrate 98 years as a church community! Following the Divine Liturgy, please attend a special anniversary luncheon in the lower level of the Social Center. There is no set fee for the meal; any goodwill contribution you make will be applied directly toward your 2026 stewardship. We hope to see you there!

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."

Vespers in the Orthodox Church the liturgical day begins in the evening with the setting of the sun, following the Biblical account of creation: “And there was evening and there was morning, one day” (Gen 1.5). Vespers is the first service of the Daily Cycle, and it takes place after sunset in the early evening. It is a preparation service for the Divine Liturgy.
Vespers begin with the chanting of the evening psalm: “. . . the sun knows its time for setting, Thou makest darkness and it is night . . .” (Ps 104.19–20). Glorifying God’s creation of the world, this psalm is man’s first act of worship, for man first of all meets God as Creator.
The service of Vespers takes us through creation, sin, and salvation in Christ. It leads us to the meditation of God’s word and the glorification of his love for men. It instructs us and allows us to praise God for the particular events or persons whose memory is celebrated and made present to us in the Church. It prepares us for the sleep of the night and the dawn of the new day to come. It begins our movement into the most perfect communion with God in the sacramental mysteries.
In our parish, there is a vigil service every Saturday and on the eve of every holy day during the week unless the priest is busy with another commitment. The vigil service consists of Vespers, Matins, and First Hour according to the Slavic tradition. All the faithful are encouraged to attend the vigils and other services as often as possible.
After the vigil, is usually the time for confessions.
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 недељу 1 новембра прославићемо 98 годишњицу наше парохије Св Георгија у Џолијет. После литургије биће свечани ручак у доњој сали нашег центра, сви сте позвани и планирајте доћи. За две године наша парохија ће славити сто година од постојања.

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