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Sunday, October 22 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost / The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Epistle Gal. 1:11-19; Heb. 13:7-16 Gospel Luke 7:11-16; John 17:1-13 tone 3rd

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee hour. Fr Aleksandar will have a meeting with students, parents, and teachers after the liturgy in church.

Thursday, October 26 Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Friday, October 27 – St Parasceva / Sveta Petka Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, October 28 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 29 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost/Holy martyr Longin *Epistle Gal. 2:16-20; Gospel: Luke 8:5-15; tone 4*
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee hour and church school

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 31 – St Luke the evangelist / Sv Luka apostol I jevangelist

November 4 – Memorial Saturday / Mitrovske zadusnice

5 – Church anniversary, dinner in the Social Center.

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 Starceвич, 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) +Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic & family; +Michael Starceвич, given by Kirk/Jackie Stapinski; +Chris Nikolich, given by Jim/Elaine Czajkoski; +Chris Nikolich, given by Radovan/Darlene Jovanovich; +Ely Grubisich, given by Pat Mancke and family; +JoAnn Honiotis, given by Sandy Fenilli;

Join us in celebrating our St. George anniversary on November 5, commemorating 95 years as a church community. To mark this occasion, we will have a special luncheon at the Social Center following the Liturgy. There is no set fee for the meal and any contribution will be applied to your 2023 stewardship.

Our bookstore which is located in the church basement has many beautiful items for Christmas and other holidays.

Orthodox Christmas cards, gifts, prayer books, ikons, baptism towels, slava kolac cloths, and many, many other Orthodox items can be found. Please visit it on any Sunday after the liturgy or call Nancy Cora for assistance.

Kolo Srpskih Sestara from St Sava Church in Merrillville, IN cordially invites our church to the celebration of their Kolo Krsna Slava St Petka on Sunday, October 29. Divine Liturgy at 10 am, banquet after. A special guest: Royal Prince Alexander and his wife Princess Katarina of Serbia.

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.

Some of you may have received a text with my name but with a different phone number, starting with 219,... Please be aware that those are scam texts and I didn't send them. The best way would be to block that number right now as I am investigating the scam texts with T-Mobile and the FCC. Fr Aleksandar

Lord, we raise Israel and Gaza to You, and pray for those suffering. We ask that you provide peace in this crisis, and protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted. We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us.

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