

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, December 8- 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Apodosis of the Entry / St Clement of Rome**

*Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel Luke 10:38-42 tone 7<sup>th</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Luncheon in upper hall, annual assembly 1 pm

**Monday, December 9 - Venerable Alypius the Stylite / Sv Alimpije stolpnik**

**Thursday, December 12 - St Mardarije of Libertyville**

Divine Liturgy at St Sava Monastery at 10 am

**Friday, December 13 - Apostle Andrew the First-Called / Sv apostol Andreja Prvozvani**

**Saturday, December 14**

St Arch Michael church in Lansing, IL. Fall Lecture "**Armed with Light of Christ you would make a difference in the World**" 10 am to 12 pm. Speaker: His Grace Bishop Serafim (Baltich)

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, December 15- 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel Luke 10:25-37 tone 8<sup>th</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

December 19 - St Nicholas / Sv Nikola

22 - Kolo annual meeting

January 5 - One-year parastos for +Fr Nedeljko Lunich

**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 Starcevic, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Kelli Sekulovich, Ben Somerville, Cheryl Ferguson, Zorica Blagojevic, Kirk Stapinski, Cecilia Marcetich, 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)** +Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin family; +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Boricich; +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić family; +Peter and +Velma Budimilija, given by Mike/Nancy Cora; +Životije and +Zorka Pavlović, given by Milinka Pavlović; +Petar Blagojević, given by Biljana Lučić; +Michael Kljaich Sr, +Gabriel Carreno, +Michael O'Leary, +Anna Malinovich, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez; +William Allen Jr, given by Olga Schumann;

**Our church is now registered** as a team at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Joliet location. We are registered as St. George Serbian Orthodox Church. December 20th is full. Parishioners should create a profile on the Food Bank website and when we find a date in the future parishioners will have to log in and sign up. Also anyone can be a team leader with a group of friends and/or fellow parishioners. Parishioners just need to select a date and sign up under St. George Serbian Orthodox Church. I have attached the link and if anyone has a question please have them call or text me at 815-715-7729. This is a great opportunity to help our community.

<https://www.volunteer-northernilfoodbank.org/need/joinTeam/>

Thank you Susan Kljaich

**A special booklet for the preparation** and the service of confession can be found on the warden's table. Before confession, please take one and read the prayers and the questions to help you with your confession. In the same booklet you will find a service of confession which will be conducted before you go to make your personal confession with the priest. One of the faithful should read the prayers and everyone should read the Creed together. If you want, you may take the booklet home and get more familiar with it. Please return it back to the warden's table on the next Sunday.

**We are entering busy holiday season** and also our Orthodox Nativity fast. Let us observe our fast and prepare to confess and at least once partake the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us find a way to combine our busy life and our faith and continue to be good Orthodox faithful during the months of December/January. We can do this but we need a strong will and obedience.

**The 2025 wall calendars are available in the narthex.** Every calendar has a nice Orthodox ikon on it and if you like it, you can frame it at the end of year, if not you can burn it in your fireplace together with your last year's badnjak branch, old bulletins, Pentecost wreath or any other sacred item which you have in your home, rather than just throw it in the trash. You can bring old slava candles to church and burn them. Theophany water should be prayerfully used during the year and not just saved. By the time new Theophany water comes, you can mix it with the last year's.

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