

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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Hristos Voskrese Christ is Risen Hristos Anesti

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." Ephesians 6:18

Sunday, May 30 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman / Недеља Самарјанке

Epistle Acts 11:19-26,29-30 Gospel John 4:5-42 tone 4th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Culture club meeting.

Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day Blessing of graves at Woodlawn cemetery in Joliet.

Wednesday, June 2 Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Thursday, June 3 – Sts Constantine and Helen /Св Константин и Јелена Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, June 5 Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, June 6 – Sunday of the Blind Man / Недеља Слепога Epistle Acts 16:16-34 Gospel John 9:1-38 tone 5th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

June 10 – Holy Ascension / Spasovdan

13 – Chevap lunch sponsored by the Kolo sisters

Pomens: +Rada Albu, given by Joana Albu, +Rada Albu, given by Dan/Radoica Albu; +Joseph and +Lena Gioannin, +Paul and +Marion Bertucci, +Joseph, Milka and +JoAnn Orlovich, +Nicholas Ostoich, +Paul Shimek, +Joseph Jr and +Lynn Enich, +Joseph Bertino, +Angelo Barney, +John Cislagh and +Chuck Anderson, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Eli and +Anne Orlovich, +Judy and +Jeffrey Lockwood, +Kimball Mancke, +Robert, +Mildred, +George and +Rose Radeka, given by Bob Orlovich;

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Sandy Grundy, Simka Petrovic, Dolly Book, for all who are afflicted by coronavirus, 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!

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.

Just a friendly reminder to our retired parishioners to make an effort to attend Feast Days Services during the week days, especially if you reside in Joliet or not too far from the church.

The blessing of homes in our parish will begin after Memorial Day in June. First, we will start with Joliet and then continue with other areas. You can expect to receive either an email or phone call from Fr Alex to schedule the blessing of your home. In case you still don't feel comfortable and would like to postpone the blessing of your home for a later date this summer, please notify the priest. After the blessing of your home, please save the holy water to use throughout the year with prayers and faith in God's everlasting mercy.

As we are beginning to be more open in our community and the pandemic is getting under control, thank God, people feel more comfortable attending the services. If you feel comfortable you can come to church without a mask and if not, please feel free to wear your mask. Masks are still available in church as well as hand sanitizers for all to use.

We will get more out of the services if we pray rather than merely attend them. Allow the hymns to enter your heart, and make their words your own. Remember that the services are not a time for private prayers but for sharing in the common worship of the Church.

Христос Воскресе Воистину Воскресе

Coronavirus Prayer

O Lord our God enter not into judgement with Thy servants, and protect us from the pestilence coming onto us. Spare us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, who in repentance, with a warm faith and contrition of the heart, are falling down before Thee, our merciful and beneficent God, and trusting in Thy mercy. Thine is mercy and salvation, our God. Glory to Thee, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!