

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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Lord of the Powers be with us, for in times of distress we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

“Do not fear, only believe” Mark 5:36

Sunday, June 7 – The Sunday of Holy Pentecost /Света Педесетница - Духови

Epistle Acts 2:1-11 Gospel John 7:37-52; 8:12

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Pentecost Vespers after the Liturgy

Fast Free Week Ova sedmica se ne posti

Monday, June 8 – The Day of the Holy Spirit

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Tuesday, June 9 – Pentecost Tuesday

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, June 13

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, June 14 – Sunday of All Saints / Недеља Свих Светих

Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel Matthew 10:32,33,37-38; 19 27-30 tone 8th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Kolo čevap dinner, curbside pickup.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

June 15 – Beginning of Apostolic Fast / Почетак апостолског поста

28 – Vidovdan

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, George Cizmas, Sandy Grundy, Christopher, George, Dan Dorsey, 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!

On the Feast of Pentecost - Holy Trinity Day, Orthodox Churches are decorated with tree branches, grass and flowers according to the ancient tradition of the Church. The life-giving Holy Spirit which descends upon the Church renews the nature in each of us. In the Old Testament, Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the Passover Feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal Feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ. During the vespers, which is served immediately after the liturgy of Pentecost, special Pentecost prayers are read while the faithful kneel and during that time the faithful make their wreaths out of grass and decorate them with fresh leaves and flowers.

Kolo will have a Cevap Dinner Fundraiser on June 14th from 11:30 to 1:30. Your meal(s) will be delivered curbside and must be preordered by Thursday, June 11th. Call or text Helen Malinovich at 312-914-6053 or Danielle Serdar at 630-709-7437 with your name and number of meals. Meals will be \$15 and include 9 Cevaps, Serbian Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Green Onions, Bread, Kaymak and Dessert.

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

Reminder: During the Memorial Service in church, all faithful receive a candle to hold. Every candle has a plastic cup in the middle to prevent wax from dripping on the floor or on clothing. Please, please hold your candles straight and make sure your child/children are doing the same so that wax does not drop on the floor or church furnishings. Hvala

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. Yours 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.

Troparion of Pentecost: Tone 8: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, / Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise, / by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, /and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. //O Lover of mankind, glory be to Thee.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!