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Sunday, June 19 – Sunday of All Saints / Nedelja Svih Svetih / Happy Father's Day
Epistle Hebrews 11:33; 12:2 Gospel Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30 tone 8th
3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee hour

Monday, June 20 - Beginning of Apostolic fast / Početak apostolskog posta

Friday, June 24 – Ss Bartholomew and Barnabas / Sv Vartolomej I Varnava

Saturday, June 25 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, June 26 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle Romans 2:10-16 Gospel Matthew 4:18-23 tone 1st
3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Vidovdan parastos for all Orth Serbs who gave their lives for Freedom and Orthodoxy. Coffee hour

Upcoming Feast days and events:

July 7 – Nativity of St John the Baptist / Ivandan
12 – Ss Peter and Paul / Petrovdan
17 – Annual Church Picnic at St Joe's Park / Parohijski piknik u St Joseph Park, Joliet

We are praying especially for: Radovan and Darlene Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Verelote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, Steven Pyevich, Rebecca Prieboy, Tatjana Voight, 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 for reposed): +Peter Laketa Sr, +Trifko Laketa and +Pavao Susich, given by Anka Laketa and family; +Teri Chuk, +Mary Grubisich, +Ljiljana Voulgaris and +Betty Grubisich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Daniel E Petrich, given by Dan/Vicky Dorsey;

Blessed Apostolic fast! Prepare yourself to confess and partake of holy communion.

The words from our Patriarch Porfirije (paraphrased) When do we fast, make our confession and partake of holy communion? We fast when the Church asks us to fast during the fasting seasons and on certain holy days, we partake of holy communion at Divine Liturgy and confess regularly from our hearts and not mechanically. For historical reasons, we stopped frequent communion, and it must be restored. Regulations on fasting, how much and whether it will be increased or decreased for certain parishioners, when and how many times to confess, before every communion or once per month or so, and the preparation for the communion, first and foremost is between every faithful parishioner and their spiritual father, the priest. The old "tradition" was that you fast one week or five days, go to "confession" mechanically and are ready to commune. This is truly the "old way" and should be replaced. Please think about the words and suggestions of our beloved Patriarch!

Those of you who would like to partake holy communion more frequently, please talk to Fr Alex.

If you are planning your vacation this summer make sure you look for an Orthodox church or Monastery in the area where you will be vacationing to attend on Sunday. Please remember your weekly donations to St George, even though you are not in church, we still have to pay our bills.

It is useful to remind ourselves occasionally how to properly and respectfully enter and behave in the church. Before the church door, please leave all conversation and laughing outside and think about entering God's House. The ikon which sits on the ikon stand in the vestibule by the entrance should be venerated and not neglected. In fact, all the ikons in the church must be venerated! The proper way of venerating an ikon is to cross yourself and make a small metania twice, kiss or bow down in front of the ikon, cross again and make another metania. This is the proper Orthodox way to venerate all ikons in church. Metania is performed by first making the sign of the cross. Then, one bends from the waist, reaches toward the floor with the right hand open and facing outward, and touches the floor. In case you physically have a problem doing it, just do your best. If you come to church before liturgy and during the reading of hours, please piously listen to it. During the reading of psalms, you can sit down. A reader will give a sign when you can sit or stand. If you prefer to sit down because of health issues, you may do so.

During the liturgy, all type of conversation in the church is not permitted. During the liturgy and other services, everyone should be in the sanctuary taking part in the worship and never congregating in the back, around the candles, or downstairs!

At the end of the liturgy, remember to venerate all ikons, and before you approach the priest place your right hand over left and receive the blessed bread. You can either kiss or bow down in front of the cross. Leave the church piously and quietly, but before leaving the church turn toward the altar and bow down saying a small prayer or just "O Lord, Jesus Christ, thank you for today's service".

Забележите у ваш календар да ће црквени пикник бити у недељу 17 јула у St Joseph Park, Joliet, IL од 12 до 21 час. Поред добре хране, биће и српска музика и лепо парохијско дружење. Ако не знате где је парк, позовите о. Александра да вам да дирекције.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!