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**Sunday, June 20 – Sunday of Holy Pentecost / Духови / Father's Day**

*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 and kneeling prayers

**Fast free week – ove nedelje se ne posti**

**Monday, June 21 – Day of the Holy Spirit** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Tuesday, June 22 – Pentecost Tuesday / Духовски уторак** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Saturday, June 26** – Fr Alex will be in Moline, no vigil / confession

**Sunday, June 27 – Sunday of All Saints / Parish celebration of Vidovdan / Прослава Видовдана**

*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. Parastos for all Serb Orth who gave their lives for Freedom and Orthodoxy. Luncheon in the Bar area of the Social Center, sponsored by ASSC.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

June 28 – Beginning of Apostolic Fast and Vidovdan

July 7 – Nativity of St John the Baptist /Рођење Св Јована , Ивандан

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Dmitar Kovacevich, 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!

**Our Orthodox people have many beautiful customs** which are practiced especially on the main Holy Days of the church. These customs give a festive feeling to the day and one cant help but to realize that it is a special day! One of these customs is the decorating of the church and home with foliage on Pentecost. The greens usually spread over the floor of the church and the foliage is used to decorate the entrance of the church, iconostas and other areas. In the Serbian Orthodox church, the faithful braid the greens into wreaths during the kneeling of prayers at the vespers which follows the Divine Liturgy. The custom of decorating church/home with boughs is an ancient one. Goes back in the Old Testament temple during the Jewish Pentecost ( Lev 23:10-17) Branches of trees, flowers, and grass remind the Jews how Israel lived in tabernacles round Mt Sinai.

The first Christians were Jews and so without a doubt on the day of Pentecost the house where the Apostles were meeting when the Holy Spirit descended upon them was decorated in the traditional manner. From the Apostolic times, the Christian churches and homes were decorated in like manner.

Flowers and foliage are tokens of the renewal of nature in the spring and they thus typify the renewal of mankind through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**Jesus said:**

*"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world. ... Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him."*

**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.

**In remembrance of the special holiday in our Serbian culture, VIDOVDAN** the battle of Kosovo year 1389. On June 28th of that year, the Serbian army fought against the Ottoman army and prince Lazar' was slain on the battle field.

The American Serbian Social club ASSC is inviting all parish members of our church community to a luncheon in the upper-level bar area of our Social Center in observance of this Serbian national holiday. We hope to see all of the Saint George parishioners on Sunday June 27th 2021 in the upper bar area.

**If you have a book** you were given by the priest to read at your confession, please return to the church if you are finished with it.

**На црквеном фејсбуку који је отворен,** увек можете прочитати недељни билтен и сазнати све информације о црквеном животу.

**У недељу 27 јуна после литургије** биуће парастос за све православце који су дали животе са слободу и православље. Планирајте да останете на ручку у бару у горњој сали.

**У понедељак јуна 28 је Видовдан и почетак Апостолског поста** Служиће се литургија у понедељак у 9 ам. Припремите се молитвом и постом за исповест и причест.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**