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**Sunday, June 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle Romans 2:10-16 Gospel Matthew 4:18-23 tone 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am.* Vidovdan parastos for all Orth Serbs who gave their lives for Freedom and Orthodoxy. **In reembrace 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 battlefield. Coffee hour

**Monday, June 27** Vespers/confession at 6 pm

**Tuesday, June 28 – Vidovdan** Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Friday, July 1 – Eve of St John of San Francisco** Vigil / confession at 6 pm

**Saturday, July 2 – St John of San Francisco / Sv Jovan Sanfranciski** No liturgy and vigil

**Sunday, July 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *Epistle Romans 5:1-10 Gospel Matthew 6:22-33 tone 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am.* Coffee hour

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

July 7 – Nativity of St John the Baptist / Ivandan

10 – Kolo meeting

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 Vercelote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, Steven Pyevich, Rebecca Prieboy, Tatjana Voight, Milovan and Kata Eric, 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):** +Fr Milos and +Jelica Bugarin, +Stojka Markovic, given by Stevan and Kristijana Bugarin;

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

The Apostles fast has emerged since the very early days of Christianity. It is honored and preserved in the Church as a part of our Holy Tradition. Like all Fasts in the Orthodox Church, the Holy Apostles' Fast aims to help us put on the "armor of light" to against the attacks of the enemy that may befall during our spiritual journey to become united with God through His grace. No better words may express the importance of fasting in our life like the words of St. Abba Isaac the Syrian who says, "*... since fasting is a weapon established by God ...the human race knew no victory before fasting, and the devil was never defeated by our nature as it is: but this weapon has indeed deprived the devil of strength from the outset... As soon as the devil sees someone possessed of this weapon (fasting), fear straightway falls on this adversary and tormentor of ours, who remembers and thinks of his defeat by the Savior in the wilderness; his strength is at once destroyed and the sight of the weapon given us by our Supreme Leader burns him up. A man armed with the weapon of fasting is always afire with zeal. He who remains therein, keeps his mind steadfast and ready to meet and repel all violent passions.*"

The fast of the Holy Apostles starts on the second Monday after Pentecost. The duration of this fast varies, depending on the date of Pascha (Easter).

**JOLIET SERBFEST:** Our annual church picnic will return in-person to St. Joe's Park on Sunday, July 17 from noon until 9 pm. Our goal this year is to raise \$22,000. With the event being back in-person, we need the assistance from **ALL** of our parishioners to make it a complete success. Areas of help being requested are lamb cooks, grillers, kitchen help, bar help, bakers, bakery area attendants, pop/water sellers, 50-50 raffle/bingo helpers, money counters, ticket sales, lamb sales and cleanup crew. We are also in need of one person to serve as the chair of the kitchen and another to be the chairperson for the bakery. To volunteer, please contact Dave Laketa at (815) 263-3842 or dlaketa@stfrancis.edu.

**Mike Cora needs people** to help grill for the Serbfest on July 17. Please see/call him to offer your help.

**After the Divine Liturgy** and after receiving the prosthora is the time to solemnly leave the House of God. Any type of loud conversation and laughter in church is forbidden especially when people who are reading the prayers after communion are trying to concentrate and pray. We are all happy to see each other and like to visit, and the perfect place for that is after church during coffee hour or outside. Loud conversations in church before the liturgy starts and/or after the liturgy should never happen.

**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.

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