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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 28 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost / Vidovdan

Epistle Romans 2:10-16 Gospel Matthew 4:18-23 tone 2nd

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Parastos for all Orthodox Serbs who gave their lives for Freedom and Orthodoxy

Wednesday, July 1

Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Religious class at 7 pm in church - topic *Repentance - true confession*

Thursday, July 2 – St John of San Francisco / Св Јован Санфранцишки Максимовић

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, July 4 – National Holiday

Sunday, July 5 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Romans 6:18-23 Gospel Matthew 8:5-13 tone 3rd

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Upcoming Feast days and events:

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

12 – Sts Peter and Paul / Petrovdan / Св апостоли Петар и Павле – Петровдан

17 – Hieromartyr Sava of Gornjokarlovci / Holy Royal Russian Martyrs / Death of Draža Mihailović in 1946

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

Pomens (litany for departed) +Zorka Pavlović, given by Milinka Pavlović and family; +Vlado Blagojević, given by Milenka Cvjetković; +Mara Cvjetković, given by Dušan Cvjetković; +Ceba Severns, given by her friends;

Please be aware that your St George church is always here for you, especially during this pandemic. We offer our prayers for all afflicted, their families, and medical staff who assist the ill, all who have essential jobs, and all who put their lives in danger for our safety and well-being! May God continue to help and protect them! You can always call Fr Aleksandar to let him know when you have any spiritual needs, desire for Sacraments, want to come to church to pray and/or talk to him. Attending Sunday Liturgy and other worship services is only for those who feel safe and healthy and with observing required social distance. You can wear a mask and/or gloves if you want. Our church is cleaned regularly and everything that the faithful might touch is wiped and disinfected almost daily.

Coming to church services late after the service has begun is not spiritually beneficial for many reasons. First you are missing many important prayers and especially if a person is not on time for the epistle or gospel message. If you come late you might disturb others in their prayers and finally it can become a very bad habit for you and your family who will learn from you that it is ok to come to church late and miss half of the service. Try to get up earlier on Sunday, get yourself ready and come to church on time. During the service, be actively involved by singing with the choir and praying with the church prayers. Then you will not be bored and think the service was 10 minutes longer, we had more Serbian or English, or that the sermon was long and/or think about unimportant and irrelevant issues when you are in church to worship.

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. How about confession? When was the last time you have confessed?

In addition to the St George Scholarship for our Sunday School High School Graduates, we are announcing a 2nd scholarship; the Father Ned College Scholarship Fund. This scholarship has been initially funded and made available to our children courtesy of Father Ned. Eligible St George students can now apply to two scholarships during their college years starting with the upcoming school year 2020/21. The amount available for both scholarships annually are \$500.00 for a university and \$250.00 for a Junior/Community College. Forms are available at the warden's desk and must be received by Father Alex by September 13th at noon.

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.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!