

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, June 30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Parish celebration of Vidovdan / Прослава Видовдана**  
*Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23; Tone 1<sup>st</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.* Parastos for All Orth Serbs who gave their lives for Freedom and Orthodoxy from Kosovo battle in 1389 until today. Posno potluck in the bar area of the Social Center. Parishioners are asked to bring some food and/or desserts. Please talk to Sue Kljaich or Danielle Serdar.

**Thursday, July 4 – Venerable Anastasia of Serbia, mother of St. Sava / National Holiday**

**Saturday, July 6 - Vigil / confession at 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, July 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Nativity of St John / Ivandan/ Рођење Св Јована** *Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23; Tone 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.; Coffee hour*

**Upcoming feast days/events:**

July 14 – St Mardarije celebration in St. Sava Monastery. Our church will be closed that Sunday

21 – Serb Fest picnic

**We are praying especially for:** Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Alysha Bojovic, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, 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:** +Pantelija and +Milderd Orlovich and +Marion Bartucei, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Danica Sucevich, given by Fr Alex Bugarin family

**SERBFEST JOLIET 2019 ---- July 21:** Serbfest Joliet is right around the corner and the parish is seeking everyone's assistance. How can you help? Baking, working at the bar, in the kitchen or at the bakery table, grilling or cooking the lambs, tickets sales or bingo and cleanup. You can also donate items like pop and water as well as participate in the raffle. Signup sheets are available in the lower level of the church or you can contact Dave Laketa at [dlaketa@stfrancis.edu](mailto:dlaketa@stfrancis.edu).

**Prepare yourself to confess this Apostolic fasting season** and partake of holy Communion. Remember a member of good standing of the Church is the one who fulfils all sacramental, liturgical and financial obligations of his parish church.

**Reminder:** During the Memorial Service in church, all faithful receive a candle to hold. Every candle has a plastic or foil 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

**"The benefit of fasting," teaches Saint Basil the Great,** "is not limited by the abstinence of food alone, because true fasting is the eradication of evil deeds. Everyone should become liberated from lies. Forgive your neighbor when he insults you; forgive him his debts. You don't eat meat, but hurt your brother ... We will fast in a way that is pleasing to God. A true fast is the elimination of evil, restraint of what one says, suppression of anger, the alienation of lust, malignant gossip, lies, and perjury. Abstinence from all these is true fasting." In summary, just as we fell into sin and lost heavenly bliss because of the lack of restraint of our forefathers, so through voluntary fasting we can restore in ourselves the grace of God.

**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.

**The best time for confession is on the eve of the Liturgy,** after vespers, on Saturday evening or on the eve of a Holy Day since the celebration of the Christian Sabbath and the Holy Days start in the evening. All faithful, and especially if a person wants to commune, should attend the evening service and the Holy Liturgy. Confession on Sunday Morning is only if you have family needs, job, distance, health or other important reason. Confessions on a Sunday and/or Holy Day Morning will start at least 30 minutes prior to the Liturgy. Please do not come to confession 5 minutes before the Liturgy begins! If the eve before you prepare to commune does not work for you and you cannot make it early enough before the Liturgy, you can always make an appointment with your priest for your confession at another time. Before communion, please make sure you spiritually and physically prepare, make peace in your heart and read all your pre-communion prayers from your prayer book. Prayers should be read by all who communed after the Liturgy. Remain in church after you receive blessed bread, the prayers after communion are at the end of the Divine Liturgy book, and wait until everyone in the church has received blessed bread, prosphora. Wait until the priest says, "Glory to Thee our God, Glory to Thee" 3 times. After this everyone who communed should read the prayers together and loudly. It would be best if one person leads the prayers.

**Црквени пикник** ће бити у недељу 21 јула у St Joseph park у Џолијету од 12 до 9 увече. Забележите датум у ваш календар.

**Припремите се молитвом,** исповешћу и постом за свету причест овога поста. После литургије останите у цркви да прочитате молитве после причести ако сте се причестили. Молитве се налазе на крају књижице са којом пратите литургију. Свештеник почиње са Слава теби Боже наш, слава теби 3 пута и онда заједно и гласно читајте. Молитве су на српском и еглеском у књижици. Већина чита само на енгелеском тако да на српском можете у себи читати, ако вам на српском више одговара.