

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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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, July 5 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Kolo meeting in Social Center.

Monday, July 6 Vigil / confession at 6 pm; Religious class for adults after vigil

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

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, July 11 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, July 12 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost / St Peter & Paul / Св Петар и Павле - Петровдан

- *Epistle Romans 10:1-10 & 2nd Corinthians 11:21-12:9 Gospel Matthew 8:28-9:1 & Matthew 16:13-19 tone 4th*
- 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

- July 17 – Hieromartyr Sava of Gornjokarlovci / Holy Royal Russian Martyrs / Death of Draža Mihailović in 1946
- August 2 – St Elijah the prophet /Св пророк Илија

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, George Cizmas, Christopher, George, Richard Kovacevich, Joseph Orlovich Jr, 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) + Milan Laketa and +Paul Susich, given by Annette O’Leary; +Vitimir Spasovic, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin; +Paul Susich, given by Patty Janich; +John Gura Jr, given by Sandy Feneli.

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.

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.

PRETEND SERBFEST: In an effort to keep our momentum going on the success of our recent SerbFests, and in light of the coronavirus forcing a cancellation of all summer picnics at St. Joe’s Park this year, the church board has made the decision to create a Pretend Serbfest. We are asking each parishioner to pretend that they would be attending this year’s SerbFest on July 19 and still spend the same amount that they would have on the raffle tickets, sponsorships, food and drink. By those calculations, we are hopeful that each parishioner would be willing to donate \$100 to this year’s pretend event or the sponsorship levels that some of you committed to last year. If that is still too much for you to commit at this time, don’t feel obligated to hit the \$100 mark and instead donate whatever you feel is comfortable for you at this time. Letters with pledge cards were sent out this past Monday. If you did not receive one, please make contact with Dave Laketa. Our goal is to surpass last year’s record number of \$19,306.97 raised.

Coronavirus Prayer

O Lord our God enter not into judgment 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!