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Sunday, July 25 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost / Ikon of the Theotokos “Three Handed”

Epistle Rom. 10:1-10 Gospel Matt. 8:28-9:1 tone 4th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Monday, July 26 – St Archangel Gabriel /Св Арханђел Гаврило

Friday, July 30 – Great Martyr Marina / Св мученица Марина – Огњена Марија

Saturday, July 31

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, August 1 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy fathers of the first six ecumenical councils

Epistle Rom. 12:6-14; Heb. 13:7-16 Gospel Matt. 9:1-8; John 17:1-13 tone 5th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of vehicles

Upcoming Feast days and events:

August 2 – St Elijah the prophet / Св пророк Илија
9 – St Panteleimon / Св Пантелија
14 – Beginning of Dormition fast / Почетак Госпојинског поста

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Stevan Lunich, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Milos Acamovic, Donna Caton, 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) +Richard Kovacevich, given by Jerry/Connie Kinney; +Smiljana Grundy, given by Dr Howard Grundy and Sofija; +Judy Lockwood, given by Ely Grubisich;

Sunday, August 1 after the Divine Liturgy there will be a blessing of vehicles in the church parking lot. Please wait until everyone receives the prospora and father comes out of the church. The prayer will be said for all vehicles in front of the church then please go to your vehicle and open all doors and wait by it until father comes and sprinkles the vehicle with holy water outside and inside. We Orthodox bless our homes, food, seasonal fruits and everything which is around us to protect and preserve us in this world. Since so many of us use the vehicles a lot every day, it is customary to bless them as well.

Church school parents/teachers and students, please enjoy your summer and let us plan on a new and more beneficial 2021/22. You will either receive or can pick up in church the enrollment form for your child/children. The upcoming school year will be in person, God willing. Many thanks to all teachers who held classes in person and prepared and sent lessons via email during the pandemic.

Please let Fr Alex know if you would like to bake prosphoras - liturgical bread for the liturgies. If there are some interested parishioners, he will gladly show you how to make and bake them.

More readers for the 3rd and 6th hours on a Sunday morning or at any time before the liturgy are needed. The reading starts 25 minutes before the liturgy. You can chant if you can or just plain reading. Please let the priest know if you are interested. This will give an opportunity to all for more involvement in the worship.

When our college students leave their homes to study outside of their parishes they should look for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship at their new campuses. OCF is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF transforms the lives of college students in the United States and Canada by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church, cultivating a campus community of worship, witness, service, fellowship and education. Most of the bigger Colleges and Universities have organized OCF. Students, look for the OCF when you move in the campuses and parents please encourage your children to stay connected with their Orthodox church, OCF and /or local Orthodox church. Please let Fr Aleksandar know if you need more info about OCF and/or contact of the local Orthodox church in the town that your child is going to school.

A special booklet for the preparation and the service of confession can be found on the warden's table. Before confession, please take one and read the prayers and the questions to help you with your confession. In the same booklet you will find a service of confession which will be conducted before you go to make your personal confession with the priest. One of the faithful should read the prayers and everyone should read the Creed together. If you want, you may take the booklet home and get more familiar with it. Please return it back to the warden's table on the next Sunday.

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.

У Недељу 1 августа после литургије ћемо светити возила на црквеном паркингу. Кад примите благослов и просфору на крају, останите напољу код врата и сачекајте да свештеник изађе из цркве и ту ће се молитва прочитати. После тога идите до ваших кола и отворите врата и сачекаје да дође свештеник да их попроска са светом водом.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!