

**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 26 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Synaxis of St Arch Gabriel / Св Арх Гаврило**

*Epistle Rom. 15:1-7 Gospel Matt. 9:27-35 tone 6<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.*

**Thursday, July 30 – St Marina the Greatmartyr / Св мученица Марина – Огњена Марија**

**Saturday, August 1 Vigil / confession at 5 pm**

**Sunday, August 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / St Elijah the Prophet / Св пророк Илија**

*Epistle I Cor. 1:10-18; James 5:10-20 Gospel Matt. 14:14-22; Luke 4:22-30 tone 7<sup>th</sup>*

*3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of vehicles – свећење возила на паркингу*

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

August 9 – St Panteleimon, the Greatmartyr / Св Пантелија

14 – Beginning of Dormition Fast / Почетак Госпојинског поста

**We are praying especially for:** Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, 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)** +Milan Laketa, given by Olga Blagojevic; +Judy Lockwood, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Judy Lockwood, given by Ely Grubisich; +Judy Lockwood, given by Circle of Serb Sisters; +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Vyt Paukstys; +Judy Lockwood, given by Mita Topalovich choir; +Judy Lockwood, given by the John Dauer family; +Paul Shimek and +Judy Lockwood, given by Gayle Shimek and Deacon Nenad and Stephanie Jakovljevic; +Judy Lockwood, given by the Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Judy Lockwood, given by Suzanne Kljaich; +Judy Lockwood, given by Sandy Burcensky.

**On August 2nd after church services**, the ASSC will hold a beer sale at the social center to empty our beer coolers and store room. Please bring coolers and we will fill them up. We will also grill sausages and have side dishes and hopefully a little music. Everyone is invited.

**Thank you note:** Fr Ned would like to thank all who contributed to the “Fr Ned College Scholarship Fund”. The following St George parishioners have made contributions: Dr Howard and Sandy Grundy, Joseph Jr and Josephine Orlovich, Suzanne Kljaich, Dr Nadine Enich Keer, Nadine O’Leary. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**На Св Илију** после литургије благосиљаће се возила на паркингу. Планирајте доћи у цркву и да осветите ваша кола. После ће бити мали ручак у сали и распродаја пива из бара.

**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!**