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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, August 2 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost / St Elijah the Prophet / Св пророк Илија

Epistle / Cor. 1:10-18; James 5:10-20 Gospel Matt. 14:14-22; Luke 4:22-30 tone 7th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of vehicles – свећење возила на паркингу. 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.

Tuesday, August 4 – St Mary Magdalene / Св Марија Магдалена

Thursday, August 6 – Great Martyr Christina / Св мученица Христина

Saturday, August 8 – St Parasceva of Trnovo / Св Петка трнова No Vigil / confession. Father will travel to East Moline, IL

Sunday, August 9 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost / St Panteleimon the healer and Great martyr / Св Пантелија *Epistle / Cor. 1:10-18; James 5:10-20 Gospel Matt. 14:14-22; Luke 4:22-30 tone 8th*
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Shish-Kabob curb side pick-up lunch from 11:30 to 1 pm. Please call Tana Petrich to preorder by August 3. Price \$15.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

August 14 – Beginning of Dormition Fast / Почетак Госпојинског поста
19 – Holy Transfiguration / Преображење
23 – Blessing of grapes and other fruits in church / Благослов грождја и другог новог воћа

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) +Judy Lockwood, given by Ely Grubisich; +Judy Lockwood, given by George Enich; +Judy Lockwood, given by Bob Orlovich; +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Art Schumann; +Barbara Kozak and +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Kirk Stapinski; +Michael Kljaich and +Michael O'Leary, given by Susan Kljaich; +Judy Lockwood, given by Susan Kljaich, +Judy Lockwood, given by Sandy Burcensky;

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.

The Christian Sabbath- Sunday, the Day of Resurrection, begins on Saturday evening with the service of Vigil. This is the combination of vespers, matins and first hour which is served together according to Slavic Tradition. All the hymns, gospel lesson on matins and readings are in commemoration of Christ's resurrection. The faithful should participate in this service as they are preparing for the Divine Liturgy and the Mystery of the Eucharist. After the vigil, usually the prayers before the Mystery of Confession are read and the faithful have time to confess their sins. Please plan to participate in Vigil on Saturday evening. When was the last time you confessed your sins?

Before the Divine Liturgy, the 3rd and 6th hours are read and confession is available for the elderly, the faithful who had to work on Saturday, those who have a long drive to church and/or other family issues who could not come to confession on Saturday evening. Please let the priest know if you are unable to come on Saturday evening for confession. Please do not come to confession on Sunday just 10 minutes before 10 am.

Upon entering the church, we Orthodox Christians immediately cross ourselves and say a prayer or just simply, "Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner". Veneration of ikons in church are required, starting from ikons in the Narthex and continue to every ikon in church. Please light your candles and quickly take care of your donations without making a loud noise.

We always should come to church before the service starts and allow ourselves to do all such as lighting candles, etc before the service starts. Before the liturgy starts the hours are read. During the hours there should not be any loud conversation which will take others away from their listening and praying. You can sit or stand during the hours. Active participation during the services is necessary for all faithful. Please sing and follow the Liturgy Book.

Offering Holy Communion to all prepared faithful has never been stopped for any reason. Before Holy Communion, everyone should read the prayer and with arms crossed on their chest approach the chalice. Please put your head back and open your mouth wide so the spoon does not touch your lips. Cross yourself after communion and piously return to your place.

At the end of services, the faithful should piously leave the House of God. The faithful who partook of Holy Communion will read their prayers and there should not be any conversations in church. Before leaving the church, all ikons should be venerated and you should solemnly bow toward the altar before you exit.

During the pandemic you can wear your mask and choose either to bow down in front of ikons/cross or venerate them. Social distance in church is required. If you do not feel healthy and safe, please stay home.

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!