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Sunday, August 7 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost / The Dormition of St Anna

Epistle I Cor. 1:10-18 Gospel Matt. 14:14-22 tone 7th 3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee hour in church basement. Church Board meeting.

Tuesday, August 9 – Great Martur Panteleimon / Sv Pantelija

Friday, August 12 – Ven mother Angelina of Serbia

Saturday, August 13 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, August 14 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost / Ven of Holy Cross / Beginning of Dormition Fast

Epistle I Cor. 3:9-17; I Cor. 1:18-24 Gospel Matt. 14:22-34; John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35 tone 8th 3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee hour in church basement. Kolo sestara meeting

Upcoming Feast days and events:

August 19 – Holy Transfiguration / Preobraženje/ blessing of grapes and other new seasonal fruits
28 – Dormition of the Theotokos / Velika Gospojina

We are praying especially for: Radovan and Darlene Jovanovich, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercolote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, Steven Pyevich, Rebecca Prieboy, Tatjana Voight, Steva Iacsin, Milovan Eric, Milorad Stamenkovich, Danny Kisich, Gayle Shimek, Nicholas Malinovich, Sofija Komadina Peters, 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 reposed): +Arthur Schumann, given by Olga Schumann and family; +Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich; Rev Michael A Velente, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Arthur Schumann, given by Pete Grubisich; +Delores Malinovich and +Marko Donaldson, given by Anka Laketa and family; +Betty, + Dusan and +Mile Grubisich, +Arthur Schumann, given by Ely Grubisich;

Kolo Krsna Slava Celebration will be held on August 28th. The parastos for deceased members will held at the end of Liturgy. The blessing of the kolach and meal will take place in the upper level of the Social Center. This year we will feature a brunch with all the fixings. We hope to see you and your families to help Kolo celebrate this special day.

The 2022/23 church school will resume on Sunday, September 11, 2022. After the liturgy, there will be invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the teachers and students and introduction class. Parents please enrolle your child/children in the church school program.

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.

The Dormition Fast, August 14 to August 28: The fourteen days from August 14 through August 28 constitute the Dormition Fast. We keep this short, two-week-long, fast each year to prepare ourselves for the commemoration of the death of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, which we commemorate each year on August 28, on the Feast of the Dormition (the Falling Asleep) of the Most-Holy Theotokos. The Feast of Dormition marks the day that the Virgin Mary died and, also, commemorates the fact that, after her blessed repose, the Virgin Mary was received bodily into the Kingdom of Heaven by her Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. During this period of fasting, we offer special prayers to the Mother of God asking her motherly intercession before her Son, and Our God, Our Lord Jesus Christ. We know that it is often the case that the intercessions of a mother have great influence with a son, so we ask the Mother of God to intercede for us before the Lord, Jesus Christ, her Son.

It is important to periodically remind ourselves about holy communion

When the time for communion comes, if you are prepared, please come out of the pews and loudly read the prayers before communion. Venerate the ikon and cross your arms on your chest and approach the chalice with great contrition of heart. In some Orthodox traditions, the faithful turn toward the congregation after the prayers are read, turn and bow down to the faithful on each side asking their forgiveness and prayers. I think it is a wonderful Orthodox tradition which we should accept. Please tell the priest your baptism name before you receive communion. Please don't cross yourself in front of the chalice, open your mouth and put your head back, rather kiss the bottom of it after you partake of the communion. Take a piece of blessed bread and with bowed head go back to your place. Ladies should cover their heads during communion and not wear a heavy lipstick which leaves marks on the spoon/chalice.

At the end of the Liturgy, please come to venerate ikons in the middle of church and all ikons in front of the altar. Kiss the cross from the priest's hand and receive the blessed bread or prosphora. Please consume it and all crumbs from your hand. If you partook of Holy Communion, please go back to your place and open the liturgy book at the end where the prayers after communion are located. At the end the priest will start with "Glory to Thee o Lord, glory to Thee" 3x and after everyone is loudly reading the prayers. If we have guests or visitors in our church, please be kind and welcome them and invite them to our coffee hour and/or lunch if we are having one and walk with them downstairs or into the hall. Fr Aleksandar.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!