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Sunday, August 15 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Translation of relics of St Stephen the Protomartyr

Epistle I Cor. 1:10-18; Acts 6:8-15,7:1-5,7:47-60 Gospel Matt. 14:14-22; Matt. 21:33-42 tone 7th, 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. 40 days parastos for +Richard Dicko Kovacevich, vjecnaja pamjat!

Wednesday, August 18 Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Thursday, August 19 – Holy Transfiguration / Преображење

Divine Liturgy at 9 am, blessing of grapes and other seasonal fruits

We pray for the soul of +Mike Kljaich on the anniversary of his repose.

Saturday, August 21 Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, August 22 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost / Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Epistle I Cor. 3:9-17 Gospel Matt. 14:22-34 tone 8th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of grapes and other seasonal fruits.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

August 28 – Dormition of the Theotokos / Velika Gospojina

29 – Kolo sestara slava, slava rite and lunch in the social center

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Stevan Lunich, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Milos Acamovic, Donna Caton, Desa Henn, Mary Basarich, Rosa and Charles Estel, 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 Dave/Neda Nissen; +Michael Kljaich, given by Sue Kljaich and Francis Juarez; +Paul Shimek, +John and +Bertha O'Brian and +Milan Jakovljevic, given by Gayle Shimek and Deacon Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic; +Anne Orlovich, +Judy and +Jeffrey Lockwood, +Kimball Mancke and +Richard Kovacevich, given by Bob Orlovich; +Don Bosnich Jr, given by Holly Gojic; +Anne Orlovich, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Milorad and +Ruzica Dmitrov, given by Steva/Druginja Lukin.

The best time for confession is on the eve of the Liturgy, after vigil, on Saturday evening or on the eve of a Holy Day since the celebration of the Christian Sabbath and the Holy Days start in the evening. All faithful, and especially if a person wants to commune, should attend the evening service and the Divine Liturgy. Confession on Sunday morning is only if you have family needs, job, distance, health or other important reason. Confessions on a Sunday and/or Holy Day Morning will start at least 30 minutes prior to the Liturgy. Please do not come to confession 5 minutes before the Liturgy begins! If the eve before you prepare to commune does not work for you and you can not make it early enough before the Liturgy, you can always make an appointment with your priest for your confession at another time.

The blessing of grapes and other seasonal fruits will be on Transfiguration (Aug. 19) after the Liturgy and on Sunday after Transfiguration, Aug. 22 after the Liturgy. The faithful are asked to please bring some pre-washed grapes and other seasonal new fruits for blessing. Please place your bowl on the table by the ikon stand. After the blessing, take your bowl and share the blessed fruit with others and save some to take home.

Our Kolo celebrates its Slava, Velika Gospojina, on August 29th. There will be a parastos for our deceased sisters followed by the Slava ritual at the hall. The luncheon will be in the lower level and parishioners have the option to eat in or do carryout. The meal includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, bread, & dessert. if attending, RSVP with a text or call to Danielle at 630-709-7437 by Wednesday, August 25th 8:00pm. Include the number of meals you desire and whether you plan to eat at the hall or do carryout. At will donations for the meals will be appreciated by the Kolo.

The Dormition fast was established as preceding the great feasts of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Dormition of the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks—from August 1/14–August 14/27 (old style/new style). The Dormition fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was “blessed among the women”, and she was chosen to “bear the Savior of our souls”. Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels.

Rejoice! O Virgin Theotokos! Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls! (**Memorize it**)

Госпојински пост ће почети у суботу 14 августа и траје две седмице. Овај пост који је по важности одмах после Часног поста, посвећујемо Пресветој Богородици нашој Заступници и Небеској Царици. Потрудите се да постите и телесно а и духовно. Појачајте молитве, праштање и контролу свакодневног живота. Припремите се за исповест и св причест који су врхунац и право испуњење поста.

Деца која иду на факултете изван парохије треба на њиховим кампусима да траже православну организацију која окупља све православце а зове се Orthodox Christian Fellowship и да јој се активно прикључе.

На Преображење и у недељу 22 августа, светиће се ново грожђе и воће. Верници се моле да донесу у цркву чинију опраног воћа да се освети. Касније можете поделити са другима и понети кући.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!