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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 23 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle I Cor. 4:9-16 Gospel Matt. 17:14-23 tone 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Blessing of grapes and other fruits.*

**Thursday, August 27** Vigil / confession at 6 pm

**Friday, August 28 – Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos / Velika Gospojina – Велика Госпојина**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Saturday, August 29** Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, August 30 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Kolo slava celebration/Прослава коло сестара слава** *Epistle I*

*Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel Matt. 19:16-26 tone 3<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Parastos for deceased sisters, blessing of slava kolač.*

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

September 13 Beginning of church school / Почетак црквене школе за децу – веронаука

21 – The Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina / Рођење Богородице – Мала Госпојина

**We are praying especially for:** Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Iacsin, George Cizmas, Christopher, George, Randall, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Milorad Ristich, Jack Book Jr, 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 M/M Jack Book Sr; +Jelica Bugarin, given by Fr Alex Bugarin family; +Millie Stapinski, given by Edward Stapinski; +Millie Stapinski, given by Greg Stapinski; +Millie Stapinski, given by M/M Kirk Stapinski, +Millie Stapinski, given by Andrew Stapinski; +Millie Stapinski, given by M/M Steve Wojcik; +JoAnn Orlovich, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Radmila Djuric, given by Dragana Rizzi; +Kimball Mancke, +Sam and +Nick Kupresin, given by Ely Grubisich; +Michael Kljaich, given by Millie O’Leary, Annette O’Leary, Nadine O’Leary and Josh Potts; +Michael Kljaich, +Delores Malinovich, +Michael O’Leary and +Judy Lockwood, given by M/M Phil Rowe; +Judy Lockwood, given by Fr Nedeljko Lunich;

**Kolo will celebrate their 90th Slava, Velika Gospojina on August 30th.** Parastos and Slava rite will both take place in the church. Following, a meal will be available for curbside pickup. If you prefer, you will have the option to eat in at the Social Center. Parishioners must call or text their orders to Tana Petrich at 815-207-0737 by Wednesday, August 26th at 8:00 pm. Let Tana know the number of meals and whether you will pick up your food curbside or eat at the hall. The meal includes Chicken Paprikash, a salad, bread and dessert. There is no set fee for the meal so all will donations will be appreciated when you pick up your meal(s).

It is very common for all sisters to prepare to partake of holy communion for the Kolo Slava. You can receive holy communion on Sunday, August 30 or on the feast day of Dormition, August 28

**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 14–August 27. 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)**

The essence of the fast is expressed in the following Church hymn: “If you fast from food, my soul, but are not purified of the passions, in vain do we comfort ourselves by not eating. For if the fast does not bring correction, then it will be hateful to God as false, and you will be like unto the evil demons, who never eat.”

**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.

**Our parish is in need of a person/s to bake prosphora.** Prosphora, holy bread for the Eucharist, is a special bread that should be made and baked prayerfully, with great respect and solemnity. In our Serbian tradition, only older ladies/men will bake the prosphoras, and we should continue to practice this tradition. If we do not have any volunteers, then the task will be offered to any parishioner. Fr Alex is planning to offer classes/instructions in our kitchen for all who would like to learn to bake prosphoras. Please let him know if you are interested by the end of August.

We gratefully thank Sophie Anderson for baking prosphoras for many years for our church.

**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. Thine 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!**