

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, August 30, 12th Sunday after Pentecost / Kolo slava celebration/ Прослава кола сестара слава
Epistle I Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel Matt. 19:16-26 tone 3rd 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.
Parastos for deceased sisters, blessing of slava kolač. Pick up lunch only. Preorders only.

Saturday, September 5 Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, September 6 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost *Epistle I Cor. 16:13-24 Gospel Matt. 21:33-42 tone 4th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.*

Upcoming Feast days and events:

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

21 – The Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospoјina / 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, Millie Skoryi, Jack and Dollie Book, for all who are afflicted by coronavirus, and all in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering, 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; +Radmila Djuric, given by Dragana Rizzi; +Judy Lockwood, given by Fr Alex Bugarin family; +Helen Sebastian, given by M/M Vyt Paukstys;

A private funeral service for the newly departed + Peter Katic will be at St. Sava Monastery on Monday, August 31 at 11 m. Burial will take place in Serbia. May his memory be eternal.

The fresh flowers for church were donated by the Joseph Orlovich family and Steva Lukin family.

The 2020/2021 church school year will start on Sunday, September 13. After the Liturgy, there will be a service of the invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the teachers and students and the introduction class will follow. After that Sunday, the students/teachers will be dismissed after Holy Communion and classes will continue in the classrooms. Teachers and students are required to maintain social distance and to wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Students will not share their materials. All church school parents have received the registration form and a letter of explanation. We would like to get the forms back from parents by Sunday, September 6 to give us some time to get more organized for the classes.

Because of the pandemic, we are aware that some parents may choose not to bring their children to church school, at least this semester. Online classes will be provided. Please talk to either Fr Alex, Gayle, or any of the teachers for more information. Parents are asked to wait for their children in the church vestibule or outside. At this time, we still will not have coffee hour after the liturgy.

Orthodox boys starting at 7 years of age and up should serve as altar servers on every Sunday Liturgy and other services. Hand sanitizer is available in the altar. If you as parents decide your son should wear a mask; it is good. Please bring your son(s) to church on time.

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.

Holy (Theophany) water that you have in your home should be used throughout the year with faith and prayer when ill, tempted and other various infirmities.

Prayer before Partaking Holy Water

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints. Amen.

If you don't have Holy Water in your home, please bring a bottle to church and ask the priest to give you some for your home use.

Црквена школа – веронаука, почиње у недељу 13 септембра и одржаваће се сваке недеље. Деца и учитељице ће отићи са литургије после причести на часове. Родитељи се умољавају да сачекају децу или у притвору цркве или напољу. Због пандемије организоваће се часови за децу и преко интернета online. За више информација позовите о Александра.

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!