

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)

Sunday, September 1 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle I Cor. 9:2-12 Gospel Matt. 18:23-35 tone 2nd

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee hour in hall. Priest/parents meeting

Wednesday, September 4 Choir practice at 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 7 Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, September 8 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost *Epistle I Cor. 9:2-12 Gospel Matt. 18:23-35 tone 3rd*

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Invocation of the Holy Spirit for the beginning of school year. Introduction class in church.

Upcoming feast days/events:

September 11 – Beheading of St John / fast day / Усекованије Св Јована

15 – ASSC / culture club luncheon / Kolo sestara meeting

21 – The Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, Helen Sebastian, Mirjana Lecic, 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: +Delores Malinovich, given by Sue Kljaich; +Michael Kljaich, given by Sue Kljaich; +Mildred Stapinski, given by M/M Kirk Stapinski; +Mildred Stapinski, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Mildred Stapinski, given by Judy Lockwood and family; +Mildred Stapinski, given by Art and Olga Schumann; +Nikola Susich, given by Anka Laketa; +Mildred Stapinski, given by Pat Mancke and family; +Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich; +Mildred Stapinski, given by Steve Malinovich;

Looking to support your church? The social center is always looking for people to help with event set-up, waitresses, kitchen help and dish washers. Please see Tana Petrich if you are interested.

Steve Iacsin has moved to Michigan to be with his son during his stroke recuperation. His new address is: Steve Iacsin, 1121 Park St SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Part II

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, 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. 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.

After the Liturgy it is not appropriate to stay in church and visit and loudly talk because the prayers after communion are being read. The place for visiting and conversations is downstairs where the coffee is or in the hall. As you leave the church please turn back facing altar and bow down and cross yourself. There are a special prayers at the entrance in the church and before leaving church. Please remember them from your prayer book. Hope this will help.

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.

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