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Sunday, September 4 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost / After feast of the Dormition

Epistle I Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel Matt. 19:16-26 tone 3rd

3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee Hour in the church basement

Saturday, September 10

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, September 11 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost / Beheading of St John / Fast day / Usekovanije

Epistle I Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel Matt. 19:16-26 tone 4th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; **Divine Liturgy at 10 am.** A service for the beginning of church school year / Introduction class for parents and students. Lenten luncheon in the hall

Upcoming Feast days and events:

September 21 – Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina
25 – Kolo Lifeline Fundraiser in Lansing, IL

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercolote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, Steven Pyevich, Steva Iacsin, Milorad Stamenkovich, Nicholas Malinovich, George Cizmas, 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 Millie Skoryi, +Arthur Schumann, given by Jack/Dolly Book; +Arthur Schumann, given by Mike/Nancy Cora; +Arthur Schumann, given by Jonathan/Laura Cora; +George Rydman, given by Gayle Shimek; +Milorod Ristich, given by Ely Grubisich;

After Labor Day we will again **start Sunday Liturgies at 10 am**, but weekday services will remain at 9 am and Saturday vigils at 5pm with weekday vigils at 6 pm. This summer was just an experiment to see how well Divine Liturgies at 9 am work.

The American Serbian Social Club and Cultural Club will host a Lenten luncheon on September 11, to celebrate the beginning of church school. Join us for lunch in the upper level of the social center.

September 25 is the Kolo Lifeline Fundraiser in Lansing, IL, and the 115th anniversary of St Nicholas Orthodox Church in Joliet, a former Russian Church that was the same church for Russians and Serbs until 1928 when St George Church was first organized. Both events are important, so please mark your calendar and strive to support them.

The 2022/23 church school will resume on Sunday, September 11, 2022. After the liturgy, there will be an invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the teachers and students and an introduction class. Parents please enroll your child/children in the church school program. Enrollment forms are mailed to all parents and the forms are also available in church basement on the table next to the Culture Club bulletin board.

About once a month, Fr Alex will have a catechism meeting with church school students, parents, and all who are interested, on a Sunday after the liturgy. On that Sunday there will be no church school class. The reason for this is to include our parents and parishioners who also want and/or need to increase their knowledge regarding their Orthodox faith. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 18 after the liturgy. After receiving the prosphora, please remain in the church. This will not be a classical church school class but rather a discussion and dialogue.

The Forty Day Blessing of a mother and a newborn baby takes place before the Divine Liturgy or any other time in the narthex and essentially consists of prayers of joyful thanks for the safe delivery of mother and child. The service blesses the mother who has been absent from the sacramental life of the Church for forty days and formally presents the newborn child to the Church family for the first time. During the 40 days between the birth of the child, the mother and newborn should refrain from regular sacramental life/attending church services.

In imitation of Christ's forty-day blessing (Luke 2:22-38), the parents of the newborn bring the baby to the church in order for the child to be dedicated to the Lord.

This beautiful tradition is practiced throughout the Orthodox World. The parents become a symbol of the Virgin Mary and Joseph, while the priest symbolizes St. Symeon who held Christ in his arms at the time of the presentation.

When a baby is born the parents should inform the parish priest to come to the hospital to say prayers for the mother and baby a day after birth. Eight days after the birth special prayers of naming the baby should be said by the priest in the parent's home and finally the 40 days prayers are said in the parish church.

Baptism of an infant can be done any time after the birth, but usually parents wait until after the 40 days so the mother can attend the service as well. Waiting for a long time to baptize the baby is not recommended. Every baptized baby should be brought to Holy Communion regularly and the preparation for confession will start as the child is 7 or 8 or at any time a parent thinks he/she is available to start preparation for fasting and confession.

Од Септембра 11, недељне литургије ће опет почети у 10 ам. Овога лета смо пробали да видимо како ће ранија литургија лети да успе пошто су летњи дани дужи. За неке одговара а другима не, нарочито за родитеље са децом и старијима који су навикли за време литургије у 10 ам. Најважније је да дођемо на молитву на време, да не каснимо у цркву а почетак литургије није толико важан.

Родитељи упиштите вашу децу у црквену школу недељом. Ако нисте добили уписницу у пошти, јавите се свештенику. Црквена школа почиње у недељу 11 септембра.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!