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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, 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.

Thursday, September 10 Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Friday, September 11 – Beheading of St John the Baptist / fast day / Усекованије св Јована – постан дан
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, September 12 – St Alexander of Neva / Св Александар Невски

Prosporas baking in social center kitchen at 2 pm. We can have up to 10 people in kitchen. Please call Fr Alex if you would like to learn to make and bake prosporas. Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, September 13 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle II Cor. 1:21-2:4 Gospel Matt. 22:2-14 tone 5th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.
Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon teachers and students – introduction class.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

September 20 – St Cassiana the choir slava

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 Scoryi, Jack and Dolly Book, 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) +Helen Sebastian, given by M/M Vyt Paukstys; +Peter Katic, +Ceba Severns, +Judy Lockwood, +Milan Laketa, + Dolly Zeilinski, +Mildred Stapinski, +Paul Shimek, +Mavis, +Milos and +Sam Konjevich, given by Sophie Anderson; +Peter Katic, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Judy Lockwood and +Peter Katic, given by Ely Grubisich; +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek; +Peter and +Velma Budimlija, given by M/M Mike Cora.

Memorial donations for +Peter Katic may be given to one of his beloved monasteries – Monastery Dragović in Dalmatia. Please use this link to donate <https://gf.me/u/yvf8iy>

"Christ our God, Your kingdom is an everlasting one and Your lordship is over all. You have made all things with wisdom and have established proper times and seasons for our lives. We give thanks to You in all circumstances and for all things.

Lord, bless the beginning of our Church year with Your goodness. Grant that this liturgical year be for all of us a year of grace.

Make us worthy with purity of heart always to praise you. Lord, glory to You! "

Matin Hymn, September 1 / 14

Do you know why the first day of September marks the beginning of the Church year? We are accustomed to think of January 1st as the beginning of the year. But the tradition of computing the start of a new year with autumn was common to the lands of the Bible and to all the lands around the Mediterranean. The summer harvest was at an end, the crops were stored, and people prepared for a new agricultural cycle. It was an appropriate time to begin a new year.

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.

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!