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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, Choir meeting.

Wednesday, September 14 – St Simeon Stylite / Ecclesiastical New Year Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, September 17- Fr Aleksandar will serve the liturgy in East Moline

Sunday, September 18 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Prophet Zacharias and Elizabeth, the parents of the Forerunner

Epistle II Cor. 1:21-2:4; Heb. 6:13-20 Gospel Matt. 22:2-14; Matt. 23:29-39 tone 5th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Fr Alex will have a class/discussion with students, parents and parishioners after the liturgy. Coffee hour

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, +Milorad Ristich, given by Jack/Dolly Book; +Arthur Schumann, given by Mike/Nancy Cora; +Arthur Schumann, given by Jonathan/Laura Cora; Fr Milos and +Jelena Bugarin, +Stojka Markovic, given by Jelena Bugarin; +George, +Joann Jovanovich, given by Holly Gojic and family; +Milovan and +Gospava Kisich, given by Dave/Olga Deschamps;

Thank you: Don Laketa donated \$200 to Fr Ned Scholarship Fund. It is greatly appreciated.

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. They will have a parish picnic after the liturgy. Both events are important, so please mark your calendar and strive to support them.

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 church. This will not be a classical church school class but rather a discussion and dialogue.

Reminder to all parishioners: If you have moved or you are planning on moving, please provide Fr. Aleksandar with your new address. If you changed your email, mobile phone or if you don't have your landline anymore, please let him know as soon as you can so he can update the church records. Thanks

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.

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All Orthodox faithful are encouraged to prepare and receive Holy Communion more often. Christ is giving us His Precious Body and Blood in every Eucharistic Service, Liturgy, out of His great love for humankind to all repented sinners and not because we are "worthy". Repent and pray daily and receive the Gift which God gives you for the remission of your sins and unity with Him and all saints. Receive the life which only God gives.

Just a friendly reminder to our retired parishioners to make an effort to attend Feast Days Services during the week days, especially if you reside in Joliet or not too far from the church.

Да подсетимо све наше пензионере да планирају доћи у цркву за Празнике преко недеље, Литургија преко недеље почиње у 9 ам.

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!