

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, 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 – church school introduction class.*

Monday, September 14 – Ven Simeon the Stylite / Ecclesiastical New Year / Црквена Нова Година

Saturday, September 19 – The miracle of St Arch Michael at Colossae Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, September 20 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost / St Cassiana (Kasiani) / Choir slava
Epistle Gal. 6:11-18; II Cor. 4:6-15; Eph. 6:10-17 Gospel John 3:13-17; Matt. 22:35-46; John 15:17-16:2 tone 6th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Blessing of kolač and koljivo

Upcoming Feast days and events:

September 21 – The Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina / Рођење Богородице – Мала Госпојина

27 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross / Krstovdan / fast day / Крстовдан – постан дан

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Iacsin, George Cizmas, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Milorad Ristich, Nikoleta Jasnic, 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) +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek; +Peter Katic, given by Anka Laketa and family; +George Rydman, given by Genevieve Ostoich.

The funeral service for +George Rydman will be on Wednesday, September 16 at 11 am at Tezak Funeral home. Visitation and pomen will be on Tuesday at 7 pm. May his memory be eternal!

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>

Let us pray for the preservation of our brothers and sisters in California and Oregon, for abundant rain to be sent down upon them, that Almighty strength and Divine aid be granted them for overcoming the consequences of the catastrophic wildfires that has befallen them.

Our church Kolo is selling \$10 raffle tickets to benefit Lifeline Chicago after liturgy over the next few weeks. Please see Danielle Serdar or Helen Malinovich to purchase a ticket. Remember our annual fundraising for Lifeline has helped those in our homeland including orphans, special needs children and adults, women's shelters, hospitals and schools. Past projects completed with your donations improved the health and well-being of the more vulnerable populations in Serbia. Please buy a ticket or two or make a monetary to Lifeline Chicago so we can continue to help those in need. If you have not been attending church due to COVID, you can call Danielle at 630-709-7437 with any questions.

"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.

Get your orders in today for the Shish-Kabob Curbside Luncheon. Orders can be picked up Sunday, Sept. 20 between 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. -- deadline to order is 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Call or text Tana Petrich, (815) 207-0737, to order. \$15 cash only: 2 pork kabobs, rice, cole slaw, 2 slices french bread with butter, dessert.

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!