

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 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

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Monday, September 21 – Nativity of the Theotokos / Mala Gospojina / Рођење Пресвете Богородице

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, September 26

Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, September 27 – The Exaltation of the Precious Cross / Fast day / Krstovdan / постан дан

Epistle 1st Corinthians 1:18-24 Gospel John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 10 – Memorial Saturday / Zadušnice / Задушнице

14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Покров Пресвете Богородице

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Iacsin, George Cizmas, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Milorad Ristic, 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; +George Rydman, given by Ely Grubisich; +Peter Laketa, given by Annette O'Leary; +Sam and +Louise Orlovich, given by Kathy, Bill, Madison and Garrett Harper.

Please be advised that there will be no pomens on Sunday, September 27 since it is a Major Holy Day.

Nest Sunday is the Exaltation of the Cross, it is a Major Holy day. Please plan to attend the vigil on Saturday. Prepare yourself to partake of holy communion on Sunday.

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. We pray for the protection of people during the hurricane.

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.

Holy Mysteries never have been stopped in our church. Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Liturgy. Communicants should put their head back and open their mouth wide to receive communion so the spoon does not touch their lips. Confession is on Saturdays after the vigil or on Sunday and other Holy Days, 30 minutes before any Divine Liturgy. Confession and communion can also be taken at any other time in church or at a parishioner's home. There is no reason to be without the saving Mysteries! Please let Fr Alex know which way you would like to receive confession and communion. To be a member in good standing of an Orthodox church, a faithful parishioner should be in good standing in his/her Sacramental/liturgical and financial obligations.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and this is always a fast day. The faithful are required to properly venerate the decorated cross in the middle aisle. Cross yourself and make a full prostration twice, kiss the cross, and make another prostration. Please do the prostrations in pairs; the oldest person kisses the cross first. You are welcome to take a piece of fresh flower or basil from around the cross. If you are unable to do full prostrations, please do the best you can or just bow down. Plan now to attend the vigil on the eve of the Feast to participate in a beautiful evening service and procession - bringing out the decorated cross. After the vigil, you can confess.

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!