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**Sunday, September 26 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday before Exaltation**

*Epistle Gal. 6:11-18; II Cor. 1:21-2:4 Gospel John 3:13-17; Matt. 22:2-14 tone 5<sup>th</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Choir Slava -St Cassiane, slava rite in church. Catechism meeting with priest, students, parents and parishioners after the services in church. Coffee hour in lower level of church.

Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

**Monday, September 27 – The Universal exaltation of Holy Cross / posno day / Krstovdan / postan dan**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

**Sunday, October 3 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after Exaltation**

*Epistle Gal. 2:16-20; II Cor. 4:6-15 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1; Matt. 22:35-46 tone 6<sup>th</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee hour in lower level of church.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

October 14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Pokrov Bogorodice, Slava of the New Gracanica Monastery  
16 – Serbian Patriarch Porfirije will serve the Hierarchal Liturgy in the Holy Resurrection church in Chicago  
24 -- 3Kolo Fundraiser for Lifeline

**We are praying especially for:** Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Odena Harper, Mary Basarich, Donna Moses, 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): Peter Laketa Jr, given by Annette O'Leary; +James Shimek, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Paul and +James Shimek, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich; +James Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic; +James Shimek, given by Fr Ned and Stevan Lunich; +James Shimek, given by Ely Grubisich;

**Fr Alex will use part of his annual vacation from September 27 until October 14.** Fr Ned will serve Sunday's liturgies. Please call him for all emergencies and other spiritual needs. While away from the parish, Fr Aleksandar will not have access to emails.

**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 26 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.

Next month we may have a meeting either on Saturday or on any other weekday evening to make Koljivo or Zito to demonstrate how we make it and explain the reason we make it. Again, parents and other parishioners are welcome.

**Remember the eve of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross Vigil** and procession of the decorated cross and veneration this year is on Sunday, September 26 at 5 pm. Mark your calendar to attend and bring your family. 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.

**Joliet Kolo and the two Lansing Kolos** invite you to Pasta Fest & Wine Tasting on October 24th in our Social Center. This fundraiser benefits the Lifeline Humanitarian Org. All proceeds will help those less fortunate in Serbia, Metohija, Kosovo and Republika Srpska. We hope parishioners and friends can join us to do something positive for those less fortunate. Appetizers & wine tasting begin at 12:00. Dining at 1:00. Lots of fun planned for all. Please RSVP (call/text) to Danielle at 630-709-7437 to attend. If you can't make it, please consider a donation. Checks payable to Lifeline Chicago. Also, we're still seeking volunteers on October 23rd and October 24th so let Danielle know if you can help.

**We will get more out of the services** if we pray rather than merely attend them. Allow the hymns to enter your heart, and make their words your own. Remember that the services are not a time for private prayers but for sharing in the common worship of the Church.

**Holy (Theophany) water** that you have in your home should be used throughout the year with faith and prayer when ill, tempted and other various infirmities.

**Prayer before Partaking Holy Water**

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints. Amen.

If you don't have Holy Water in your home, please bring a bottle to church and ask the priest to give you some for your home use.

**Отац Александар ће бити на годишњем одмору** од Септембра 27 до Октобра 14. Отац Недељко ће служити недељне литургије и бити замена за све духовне потребе у том термину. Позовите Оца Недељка ако вам нешто затреба.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**