

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

“Come and see”

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.

Wednesday, September 30 – Sts Faith, Hope and Charity and their mother Sophia

Saturday, October 3

Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 4 – Apodosis of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross / Оданије Крстовдана

Epistle Gal. 2:16-20; II Cor. 6:16-7:1 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1; Matt. 15:21-28

Tone 8th

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

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 10 – Memorial Saturday / Zadušnice / Задущнице

14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Покров Пресвете Богородице

27 – St Parasceva / Sv Petka

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, Matthew, for all who are afflicted by a 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!

The fresh flowers in the church today were donated by the Joseph Orlovich Jr family. Puno hvala.

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.

Attending Sunday Liturgy and other worship services is only for those who feel safe and healthy and with observing required social distance. Please remember that all these “rules” are not meant to keep us from church, but to serve as a bridge to bring us there. As our Lord Himself says: “The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.” While not always to our liking, the Church’s “rules” are always meant to help to bring us to the life in Christ our God, and thus we should always take them as such

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.

We thank our dedicated parishioners for their continued donations in this trying time; the parish still has bills and it is only by the sacrificial offerings that we can continue to meet our financial responsibilities. If unable or uncomfortable, please mail your donation to the church.

Attention Amazon Shoppers - You can now shop at AmazonSmile to support St George SOC Joliet. The direct link is <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/>, or just go to AmazonSmile and add St George as your charity. Support us every time you shop. Amazon will donate 0.05% of the purchase price on eligible products to St George SOC.

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.

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!